



## From the Chair of Church Council

Well, we have had our first frosts, so there is no denying winter is here!

In the past month, Church Council was contacted by the Uniting Church National History Society drawing our attention to the existence of the society, its purpose and the opportunity to become a member of the society – see the separate article in this Newsletter. Some pamphlets on the society are available on the table at the back of the church for anyone interested. The society is keen to get the name of a contact person at QUC, so if there is anyone in the congregation with an interest in history who would be happy to be nominated as the QUC contact point for the society, please contact me.

At its May meeting Council had a brief discussion on the desirability of re-establishing a Pastoral Care group which could provide support and practical assistance to those members of the congregation facing difficulties. Caring for each other is a key element of the Christian life and should be at the heart of the life of the church. As most of you will know, QUC has had such groups in the past and Council is keen to reinvigorate this ministry. If you have a heart for pastoral care, please contact Apelu or any member of Church Council.

As those of you who were at church on Sunday 19 May will know, we have returned to our pre-covid practice of coming forward to receive communion rather than having it served in the pews. However, anyone who would prefer to be served while remaining seated should notify Apelu and we will ensure this preference is met.

Our Treasurer, Col Imrie, represented QUC at the annual Presbytery Treasurer's meeting last month. Among other things, this meeting proposes the level of the annual contributions each parish is asked to make towards the running costs of Synod and Presbytery, based on an assessment of the parish's capacity to pay. For the financial year 2024/25 the Presbytery Treasurer has proposed a modest increase in QUC's annual contribution to Presbytery (increased by \$540 per annum) and Synod (increased by \$24 per annum). Based on Col's advice that these increases were affordable, Council has agreed to increase our contributions to Presbytery and Synod by the amounts involved.

On Wednesday 22 May, Apelu conducted Rickie Lindkvist's funeral at QUC, with over 90 family and friends attending. Thanks to all involved in the conduct of the service and the (abundant!) afternoon tea which followed; it was a lovely tribute to Rickie.

Saturday 25 May saw another very successful Jumble Sale, Shed and 'Let's Meet Our Neighbour' barbeque. Many thanks to all those involved in these very important interactions with the Queanbeyan community.

Ian Robinson, on behalf of Church Council.

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The next Jumble sale is on Saturday 22 June.

The Team sort goods on a Tuesday morning. They are always keen to welcome new helpers.

For more information contact Greg Toone  
0412 060 465 or visit  
[www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale](http://www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale)

## Bennie's Food Basket



Congregation members are invited to bring along a grocery item or two each week to be placed in a basket at the church. Once a month these items will be passed on to St Benedict's.

Bennies has provided the following advice; UHT milk, CEREAL (only Weetbix, cornflakes & Rice bubbles), tinned tuna large or small, Spaghetti and Baked beans, 2 min noodles, Pasta; Spaghetti or Spiral, Baby food or formula. But DEFINITELY NO tinned beans or lentils. See the noticeboard for more details.

Church Council sees this as a practical way in which QUC can assist St Benedict's in its valuable work in our community and encourages those who can do so to participate in this scheme.

**Volunteers wanted**  
**Listen. Learn. Tell their story.**

Spend 16 weeks learning reminiscence therapy and engaging with an aged care resident with dementia.  
Capture their unique spirit by crafting a short digital story.

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KNOW ME Dementia Project

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Learn about dementia and reminiscence therapy in weekly training and then use your skills to engage with an aged care resident with dementia.

Our flexible commitment of just one hour per week over 16 weeks fits seamlessly into your busy schedule. All you need is a love of people, a computer and internet connection, vaccinations and an aged care police check.

The program will run from 1 July to 19 October. The program is being run at Imlay House in Pambula, Hillgrove House in Bega and Warrigal ACT and Queanbeyan.

Register your interest by 31 May here: <https://bit.ly/44PKNYn> to be part of ground breaking research while experiencing the joy of making a positive difference.

For more information, email our friendly team at [aceu.smp@anu.edu.au](mailto:aceu.smp@anu.edu.au)



Come and see Sue and her band FULL HOUSE play at the Burns Club in Kambah on Saturday 1st June from 7 pm.

## Rosters

We are preparing to do the next few months rosters from the beginning of July. The following roles are needed to maintain our worship and our property:

- ✝ Flower arrangements for the worship space (currently once a month)
- ✝ Welcomers (this requires the greeters to arrive early and welcome people)
- ✝ Bible Reader (Apelu will email you the reading)
- ✝ Prayers of the people (a format can be given to follow or even a prayer written by someone else could be read)
- ✝ Musicians for worship
- ✝ Audio-visual (this requires the person to arrive at 9am to turn everything on and get the PowerPoint going as well as setting up Zoom and the PA system and moving the slides forward through the songs etc) Training and support will be provided.
- ✝ Morning tea (this needs a team of 2 to 4 people each Sunday who provide the food, milk etc) (the cups etc are set up before worship and then everything cleaned up after morning tea)
- ✝ Holy Communion preparation once a month (set up and packed up afterwards)

**If you are unable to attend but would like to still participate a bible reading, or prayer can be done from home via Zoom.**

If you are willing to participate on the roster in any of these roles, please put your name on the cardboard at the church. For more information on any of these roles speak to Ian Gray or email him at [rosters@quc.org.au](mailto:rosters@quc.org.au). If you are already on the roster, we will assume you are able to continue unless you tell us otherwise. It is helpful if you notify Ian of periods of time when you will be unavailable.

For details about morning tea please contact Yvonne McKeahnie.

## Regular Ministries of QUC

Ministry	When	Contact
Bible Studies and Small Groups	Various times, weekly or fortnightly.	Apelu Tielu
Jumble Sale	One Saturday per month (usually the 4 <sup>th</sup> ), 9am-12pm.	Greg Toone
Pastoral Care		Apelu Tielu
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Apelu Tielu
The Shed	Same dates as Jumble Sale.	

If your ministry group’s details are missing, or incorrect, please email [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au) to correct them for the next newsletter.



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- Direct Giving** (encouraged) - is giving that you arrange with your own bank (can normally be set-up as weekly, fortnightly, monthly or annually) into:

**QUEANBEYAN UNITING CHURCH AT CALL ACCOUNT,  
B.S.B. 634-634, ACCOUNT NO. 100 020 066**

- Cash** (or Cheque) offering put in the offering box each Sunday.
- Weekly Envelopes** - cash (or cheque) put in the offering box each Sunday before or after worship. The envelopes are freely available to be picked-up from the back table at the church.

For more information visit [www.quc.org.au/giving](http://www.quc.org.au/giving)



### Church Office (by appointment)

For general enquiries (including [room use/hire](#)) please see our webpage [www.quc.org.au](http://www.quc.org.au)

You can contact our **Minister** Apelu Tielu 0409 550 088 or email [minister@quc.org.au](mailto:minister@quc.org.au). Apelu works from the church office on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please check with him a suitable time.

Find us on

**Chair Church Council** email [council@quc.org.au](mailto:council@quc.org.au)



If you can’t make it to church, you can join us on Zoom via [this link](#).

**To access the service, you will need to have a Zoom account and be logged in.**

### Next Newsletter

Contributions for the July 2024 newsletter are due by Sunday 30 June for publication Sunday 7 July 2024.

Email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).

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