



QUC News

A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

tearfund

Useful Gifts

Thank you very much for your generous support of the tearfund 'Useful Gifts' shop which operated in the weeks prior to Christmas.

We were able to send \$2090 to support tearfund's work of helping marginalised communities become self-sufficient, which is a very pleasing result.

Thank you

QUC Website Upgrades & Support

Our website, quc.org.au is an important first point of connection for most people before they come to QUC. Ian Gray is currently in the process of upgrading it. The new and improved website will be launched very shortly.

Church Council would like to find a couple of people who could assist with upgrading it, keeping the website up to date or assisting with writing and editing content to be uploaded. Ideally, we would also like to upload the transcript of Apelu's sermons each week.

If you are interested and would like more information please speak with Ian, guconline@quc.org.au



From the Banner Group

QUC Banner Group was formed in response to us losing all of our banners in the flooding of the church during covid. Many of the previous banners were created by people no longer here and always cheered, challenged or moved us when on display. The need for replacement banners was discussed in the Worship Committee and hence the call went out for people interested in helping to be involved. This call continues as we move forward.

The Banner Group started the task with the "Everyone is welcome" hanging, for which people were invited to bring a square of fabric special to them, all of which were included in the patchwork display. The Christmas banner followed and now we're onto the Easter creation.

An extra blessing for each of the group members has been a deepening of connections through new friendships and the use of our gifts for God's people.

If you're interested in knowing more or joining the group (all are welcome!), please contact one of us.

Blessings

The Banner Group 

From the Chair of Church Council

The scientists are yet to show it, but there's no doubt in my mind that December and January pass more quickly than any other months of the year! Here we are in February already. How did that happen?

As we all start to think about the year ahead, the most immediate task is to conduct the Church Council and Office Bearers election, to be held on Sunday 26 February. Thank you to those of you who have agreed to be nominated for these positions and for those who have made the nominations. For our size, QUC has a good supply of talented and willing people happy to serve the church in these roles; something for which, I am sure, we are all very grateful. I encourage everyone who can to come along to the Congregational Meeting on 26 February and participate in the elections.

Church Council will have its first meeting for the year on 13 February. This will be the final meeting for a number of our members who are stepping down at the end of their term and I am confident I speak on behalf of every church member in offering my sincere thanks to these people for their contribution to the Council's work. If there are any issues which anyone wishes Council to consider, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other Council members before 13 February.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that QUC is committed to being a safe church. Any member of the congregation who has any concerns about their safety in our church should immediately contact our Minister, Apelu, or our Safe Church Officer, Jo Shilling. Contact details for both Apelu and Jo are on the Safe Church notice on our notice board at the church.

Finally, Ian Gray has been doing a lot of work building a new QUC website, which will be launched shortly. The website is an important public face for the church and the existing site had become out-dated. Council is very grateful to Ian

for all his work and is looking forward to the launch of the new site.

Ian Robinson, on behalf of Church Council



The first Jumble sale of the year is 25 February 2023.

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



Bennie's Basket' Food Pantry

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, on communion Sunday, these items will be blessed as part of our offering to the work of God in our community, before being 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.

Ian Robinson

Church Council Chair

Church Safety

Whenever people connect with us they should be safe and feel that they are in a safe and caring environment. We can demonstrate our care for others by planning for safety, and addressing issues that might give rise to harm.

There are a wide range of measures in place so that we can be a church of safe people in safe places. Our approach includes the Safe Church framework operating together with work health and safety (WHS) systems so that we can be protective, careful and confident about the safety of our people.

As a church we care for the safety of others in a number of ways. The different teams such as Safe Church and Risk, all work together to support a safe church for all people. There are laws that govern the processes we need to adopt; these apply to both WHS and to how we specifically protect anyone with additional vulnerability including children – as part of ‘safe church’.

We look at these things together to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep people safe and show how we are doing this. To help in understanding this complex area, the legal requirements for the various aspects of church safety are outlined below.

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For Safe Church, we work to fulfil a range of requirements;

- [Child Safe Principles](#) (or ‘child safe standards’ in NSW legislation). As a child safe organisation the implementation of each standard needs to be clearly demonstrated.
- [Mandatory Reporting](#) (NSW and ACT legislation covering our responsibilities to report suspected child abuse and neglect to government authorities)
- [Reportable conduct](#) (NSW and ACT legislation covering the requirements for our response to an offence, conviction or allegation of child-related misconduct by a Synod worker)
- Employment-related requirements such as [Working with Children Checks/Working with Vulnerable People Checks](#), police checks, training and other measures.

All these things aim to embed a culture of church safety and to keep everyone in our care, safe.

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the March 2023 newsletter are due by Sunday 26 February for publication Sunday 5 March 2023.

To assist the editor please email to news@quc.org.au.

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 th), 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 to correct them for the next newsletter.



Your generous giving helps us fulfil our vision and mission – locally, nationally and internationally. There are a number of ways you can regularly give and/or make a once-off donation.

1. **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**

2. **Cash** (or Cheque) offering put in the offering box each Sunday.
3. **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.



Church Office (by appointment)

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

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

Chair Church Council email 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.