



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church November 24

From our Minister Apelu

- Christmas Lunch at the manse on 7th of December. Details to follow in my Friday email when we are closer to the date.
- Bible Study is on a 3-week break.
- I will be going on annual leave from the 4th to the 18th of November



The next Jumble sale is on Saturday 23 November.

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

From the Chair of Church Council

The main story from the past month has been the mini-Spring Fair held on Saturday 26 October. A million thanks to everyone involved in making this event a very happy and successful day. So many people put so much effort into preparing and conducting the Spring Fair, which is a major opportunity to engage with the Queanbeyan community: making cakes, jams, and craft items, potting plants, sorting jumble, cooking for the café, running the sausage sizzle, preparing the church grounds, counting money, advertising– the list goes on and on. Special thanks to the Queanbeyan Community Choir who enhanced the morning with a great performance.

At the time of writing this we haven't counted how much money was raised; this will be advised once calculated. While we don't yet know the financial result, we do know that it was another very happy

day which provided a lot of pleasure (and many bargains!) to many in our community – and that is a great outcome.

Council would also like to thank Glen Crawley and his offsiders for their work in spreading mulch under the big trees on our property. We are very fortunate that Glen has a contact who supplies good quality mulch free of charge. The mulch covers areas where the grass won't grow and so makes the grounds look tidier, as well as preserving the trees by retaining moisture in the soil. But it is a lot of hard work to spread this much mulch, so many thanks to the willing workers.

We have received a letter from the Synod Stamp Committee thanking us for our continued contribution of used stamps to the Committee, which has raised \$21,700 from the sale of these stamps so far this year – amazing! You can leave your used stamps in the box in the shelving at the back of the church. Special thanks to Gwenyth Fardon who co-ordinates QUC's contribution to this ministry.

We are again participating in the Tear Fund Useful Gift Shop this Christmas. This is a chance to do some of your Christmas shopping by giving a donation to a very worthy charity. Tear Fund certificates are the ideal gifts for those people who are hard to buy for or who have more than they need! Last year QUC raised \$1,800 for Tear Fund in this way so let's hope we can do as well again this year. Robyn Robinson will be selling the Tear Fund gifts on Sunday mornings throughout November and the first two Sundays of December. So share the spirit of Christmas in a meaningful way and buy up big!

Finally, there will be a Congregational Meeting after church on Sunday 24 November. The main purpose of this meeting will be to present the financial results for 2023-24 and the budget for 2024-25. Our Treasurer, Col Imrie, is currently overseas and so won't be able to attend this meeting, but luckily, he has done all the hard work and left us with a full set of papers to consider.

Ian Robinson on behalf of Church Council

Volunteer Shortage at Sleepbus Can You Help?

Sleepbus, a fully volunteer-run organisation, is urgently seeking volunteers to help maintain its vital services. Currently, a volunteer shortage has reduced the number of nights they can operate, impacting their ability to provide safe sleeping spaces for those in need. With more helping hands, they hope to continue offering their full support to our community.

How You Can Help: If you're interested in volunteering or know someone who might be, your support could make a world of difference. Volunteers are crucial to ensuring that Sleepbus can keep running without disruption.

Sleepbus Services in Queanbeyan: For those in need of safe sleep, Sleepbus operates at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Boarding is available between 8:30 pm and 10:00 pm.

Contact Details: For more information or to get involved, please contact Natalie Genoni, Service Coordinator, at:

- Email: slumberjack@sleepbus.org
- Phone: 0460 335 945

You can also visit www.sleepbus.org for more details.

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.

You are invited to a Community Service of Solace

**Wednesday
4th December
2024**

**Queanbeyan
Uniting Church
Rutledge St**

**5.30pm Sausage Sizzle
6pm Service
Followed
by Supper**

**Please join us.
Contact 0455 034 285 or
113greencars@gmail.com
for further details.**

If you are missing a loved one,
or grieving for any other
reason, we invite you to join us
at a special gathering
to honour and commemorate
those who have passed or
to help start the healing
process of any hurt
that you may be
experiencing in your life.
There will be time to reflect
on treasured memories
of loved ones
or just to reflect on
what is on your mind.

* You are invited to hang a
decoration on the
Christmas Tree as a sign of
remembrance of those
you miss so much.

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.

For more information visit www.quc.org.au/giving



Find us on 

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.

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the December 2024 / January 2025 newsletter are due by Sunday 24 November for publication Sunday 1 December 2024. Email to news@quc.org.au.

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