



QUC News

A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

For your calendar - Easter Services

Monday 3rd April: 7-7.30pm in the Chapel
Tuesday 4th April: 7-7.30pm in the Chapel
Wednesday 5th April: 7-7.30pm in the Chapel
Thursday 6th April: 6pm Passover Meal in the Church
Thursday 6th April: 7pm Tenebrae Service in the Church
Friday 7th April: 9am Good Friday Service in the Church
Sunday 9th April: 6.30am Sunrise Service in the church grounds
Sunday 9th April: 9.30am Easter Sunday Service in the Church.

New QUC Website

Over the Christmas break Ian Gray has rebuilt the QUC website. Take some time out to explore it and discover more about QUC, including our history and how we fit into the wider Uniting Church.

It can be found at <https://www.quc.org.au/>

The primary focus is for people looking for a church. It also contains a considerable number of resources for existing members including the transcript for Apelu's sermons and bible studies, Jumble dates, links to recent newsletters, news from the wider church and much more.

Ian would appreciate feedback, edits, and suggestions to make it easier to navigate. Talk to him in person or email quconline@quc.org.au.



"Let's Meet Our Neighbours" Sausage Sizzle

This will be held on Saturday 25th March from 9am to 12.00 noon to coincide with the March Jumble Sale and Shed. Families from the childcare centre and those people who rent our buildings will be invited to come and have a sausage with us.

As well as having these invited guests, and those who come to the Jumble and the Shed, there may be additional folk wandering past on Election Day and all will be welcome. Each child will receive a balloon with "Smile – Jesus loves you" printed on it.

The sausages will be donated and there will be a retiring offering on 12th March to cover the cost of sauce, onions, serviettes and bread.

If you can help in any way, please consult the list on the Crying Room window. As well as having cooks and servers, it would be lovely to have church people present to mingle with our guests.

Thank you for your help.

From the Chair of Church Council

Church Council held its first meeting for the year in February. The main agenda item was the arrangements for the 26th February Congregational Meeting and election of office bearers.

Council also agreed the following:

- in light of the reduced covid restrictions in the community, congregation members could now help themselves to food at morning tea after the Sunday service, rather than be served; and
- the giant Christmas tree which we have had for many years will be replaced this year with a smaller tree that will be quicker, easier and safer to put up and dismantle -no ladders required! (A smaller tree should also ensure markedly less grumbling by the Chair of Church Council in the Advent season, so that's another positive!)

This was the last Council meeting for Yvonne McKeahnie, Martha Gray and Andrew Flahive, who have elected not to stand for Council again this year. On behalf of all Council members, and the Congregation as a whole, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the contribution Yvonne, Martha and Andrew have made to the Council; they will be missed.

On a brighter note, I am delighted to welcome Gillian Seeley, Nicole Alexander and Trevor Parsons who were elected as new members of the Council at the 26th February Congregational Meeting and look forward to their active participation in the Council.

Warren Hilder has stepped down as our Presbytery representative after many years of faithful service in this role and Col Imrie has been elected to fill this position – thank you Warren and Col.

I'm also delighted to report that Martin Harris has agreed to stay on for another year as Chair of the Congregation and was elected to this position at

the Congregational Meeting- thank you Martin. However, we are still looking for a Congregational Secretary and I urge anyone in the congregation who thinks they could help out in this role to contact Apelu, Martin or myself.

Ian Robinson
Chair of Church Council



Bethany Group - High Tea

The Bethany Group invites ladies to meet with God and receive food for the soul through this ecumenical event.

Faith through the three 'C's'

Speaker: Amy Tielu

Amy is a writer, the current Lead of Service Design at the ANU, and the daughter of Queanbeyan Uniting's serving minister, Apelu Tielu. Of Filipino and Samoan heritage, Amy will be joining the Bethany group to share the story of how her relationships with family and faith have shaped her life's journey across countries, cultures, and careers.

When: Saturday 18th March 2023 - 2:00pm for 2:15 - 3:30pm

Where: Queanbeyan Uniting Church

Cost: \$10

RSVP: Judith Griffiths 0410 018 808 by 11th March 2023 (Limited seating so RSVP is required)



The next Jumble sale is on Saturday 25 March.

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

From the wider church

Uniting for the Voice

From the Presbytery Social Justice Group

The Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis and Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress Interim National Chair Rev Mark Kickett have together affirmed their strong support for a Voice to Parliament. In welcoming last week the launch of the campaign to vote Yes in the Referendum, they described the acceptance and establishment of the Voice as a critical step toward honouring the sovereignty of First Nations Australians in this land and furthering the work of truth-telling and treaty. They supported a Yes vote for the Voice because they saw it;

".. as a pivotal step toward the full implementation of the Uluru Statement, so that as a nation we can finally confront the truth of our past and present and make way for justice."

Reverends Hollis and Kickett encouraged Uniting Church people and communities to inform themselves about the Uluru Statement and what it asks of our nation, and to create respectful spaces for yarning about the impact a First Nations Voice will make.

You will find the full statement together with recommended resources about the Voice at <https://uniting.church/uniting-for-the-voice/>

In the months leading up to the referendum we will provide more material on the Voice and the key issues surrounding the referendum question in the Presbytery weekly notices and other communications.

Nathan Tyson, Director, First Peoples Strategy and Engagement, NSW-ACT Synod, will attend the 25 March meeting of Canberra Region Presybtery at North Belconnen Uniting Church to discuss the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. We will webcast his talk on Zoom, from 11:15am to 12:30; a link will be forthcoming closer to the date. All are welcome to attend in person or online.



Across the UCA right now, there is a whole-of-Church project called Act2 that is working to discern God's call for the future of the Uniting Church. It's the most important process we've undertaken in 45 years and could be transformative for our life. Through Act2, we're seeking to address our challenges and forge a faithful, sustainable future. Every person who calls the Uniting Church home is invited to join their voice with the Project, offering insights to shape our directions and recommendations, and joining together in prayer.

This week The Act2 Project team have begun communicating with congregations, faith communities across the Uniting Church sharing with them information about the Act2 Project and inviting their Church Council or local leaders to have a conversation. They may not have reached every congregation and faith community, so the information is provided here to help ensure it is distributed as widely as possible.

The project team is also asking your Church Council or local leaders to have a conversation about the Act2 Project and the role it can play in helping local communities of faith flourish into the future. There is a Church Council Pack with six questions for you to discuss and share back.

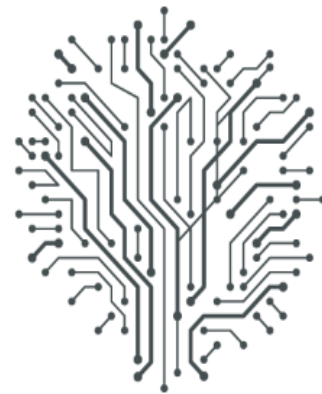
All these resources can be found by following this link – [Resources for your local community — Act2 Project \(act2uca.com\)](https://act2uca.com)

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the April 2023 newsletter are due by Sunday 26 March for publication Sunday 2 April 2023.

Email to news@quc.org.au.

Ministries to connect with



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

<https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/>



20 National Circuit, Forrest ACT 2603

www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

For all the latest concert dates and other information:

[CLICK HERE](#)

To receive regular updates via newsletter, please email us your details at wesleymc@music.wesleycanberra.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.