



QUC News

A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

SUPPORTING BENNIES



St Benedict's Community Centre are always looking for donations of basic food items to give away to people in need.

Another donation they really appreciate are Coles and Woolies store vouchers (even in small amounts of \$5 & \$10). These are wonderful to empower people to be able to do their own shop and have the luxury of choice that the rest of us have.

Specific fuel vouchers are also HIGHLY DESIRABLE (again small amounts: \$5 & \$10 are helpful). \$20 and \$50 are great if people can afford to give more on the odd occasion. These fuel vouchers are what Bennies doesn't get donated much and it's what they need for people when they need extra support to eg. get to a funeral out of town etc.

Donations can be dropped directly to St Benedicts, 21 Brigalow St Karabar. Opening hours are 9am-2:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

QUC's Response 'Bennie's Basket' Food Pantry

Church Council has decided to re-introduce a food pantry to benefit St Benedict's, this has now commenced.

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, tin 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.

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

QUC Banners

Our new Worship Sub-Committee has been established to make some new banners for the church. They have called themselves "Material Girls" and have started work on the first new banner for the church foyer/entrance.



It will be declaring "All Are Welcome Here" and will have a background of pieced squares of coloured fabric. Thanks to everyone who donated a fabric square.



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. There is no need to check people in any more)
- ✝ 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)
- ✝ Grounds roster - mowing, whipper snipping etc. (This is done as a team.)

If you are unable to attend but would like to still participate with our new audio-visual system 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. 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.

Zoom Worship

For those not able to get to church for whatever reason, you can join us on Zoom each Sunday from around 9:15am via [this link](#). The new audio-visual equipment has enabled a much more engaging experience. It is common to get up to 10 people join us each Sunday.

It has also enabled us to livestream funerals. We hosted one of these in recent weeks.

If you want to see how it all works speak with Ian Gray



The next Jumble Sale is being held on Saturday 25 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.

From the Safe Church Officer

Working with Children and Vulnerable People

Can you please send your current WWCC and WWVP numbers to Jo Shilling at joshilling@bigpond.com so they can be added to our register. This needs to be done to keep compliant.

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the July 2022 newsletter are due by Sunday 26 June for publication Sunday 3 July 2022. Please email to news@quc.org.au

News from the Wider Church



**Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY**

Dwelling in Love

The 16th Assembly is the triennial decision-making meeting of the national Council of the Uniting Church, which guides the life of the Church and its advocacy over the next three years.

It was held in May on the Sunshine Coast. If you want to read about this recent assembly visit:

<https://uniting.church/16thassembly/>

What Australians really think about Jesus and the Church today

You are invited to a free webinar by NCLS on 'What Australians really think about Jesus and the Church today'. There are two sessions at 11am and 7pm on Thursday 9th June.

The webinar is presenting the just released results of the annual Australian Community Survey and latest research insights into Australian spirituality. The Australian Community Survey compares the attitudes of church attenders and the wider community on a range of social issues, tracks spirituality and religiousness, and evaluates how the Australian community views churches in society.

Webinar: [What Australians really think about Jesus and the church today - NCLS Research](#)

In the webinar you'll discover:

- which groups of Australians are most open and engaged
- the difference that factors like age and gender can make
- what this means for the mission of your congregation and the broader Australian church.

Dr Ruth Powell will share latest results from the Australian Community Survey while Karl Faase will provide his reflections on the implications of these findings for ministry and mission.

Appeal for Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since independence in 1948. There are devastating shortages of food, medicine and fuel, as well as power cuts across the country. [UnitingWorld](#) has launched an appeal. Tax deductible donations to assist Sri Lanka may be made to tel: 1800 998 122, posted to UnitingWorld, PO Box A2266, Sydney NSW 1235, or given by funds transfer to Account Name: UnitingWorld Donations, Account number 182657, BSB 032-014, Bank: Westpac - King Street, Sydney NSW, reference Sri Lankan Emergency. Then please send an email to info@unitingworld.org.au with the amount, state that your donation is to be directed to "where most needed" and provide your name, address and phone number for your receipt.



The recent election highlighted that action on climate change is important to a large proportion of our population.

The Uniting Church believes that God is the Creator of the world in which we live and move and have our being, and that God calls us into a particular relationship with the rest of creation – a relationship of mutuality and interdependence which seeks the reconciliation of all creation with God.

[Visit the Uniting Church website for more information.](#)

Uniting Earth

We are so excited to announce our brand-new Uniting Climate website and Facebook page! www.facebook.com/unitingclimate. These will now be the main sites we share information and content about the NSW/ACT Synod Climate Action Strategy. Earlier this year we held a UCAN reflection and planning session. People asked for more support on advocating for action on climate and these digital campaign tools are a response to this call!

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.	Heather Irons

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.