



**A Good News / Good Neighbour Church**

**March 2026**

## From our Minister Apelu

### Special Services in March

9:30am Sunday 8 March – Harvest Service – bring something that can be shared or used for food donations to St. Benedict's



### Holy Week

7pm Monday 30 March - Devotions

7pm Tuesday 31 March - Devotions

7pm Wednesday 1 April - Devotions

6:30pm 2 April - Maundy Thursday

9am 3 April - Good Friday

6:30am Sunday 5 April - Sunrise Service (outdoor)

9:30am Sunday 5 April - Easter Service



The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 28 March.  
The team sort goods on a Tuesday morning and are always looking for more helpers to assist.

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 are passed on to St Benedict's.

### St Benedict's Community Centre



### Donations of Food

We would appreciate the following items:

Tinned Meat Dishes (Irish Stew, Beef and Vegetables)  
Pasta  
Spaghetti Sauces  
Single Serve Microwavable Soup or Meals  
Tinned Vegetables (Peas and Corn, Potatoes, beans)  
Cup a Soups  
Tomato & Barbeque Sauce  
Cereals  
Noodles  
Long Life Milk  
Tea Bags  
Coffee  
Muesli Bars  
Vegemite, Honey, Jam  
Toiletries (Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bodywash)

**Thank you**

## Church Council

Well we seem to have made it to March in record quick time! Summer is officially over, although I guess there will be a few more hot days before we settle into the delightful calm of Autumn.

Church Council met for the first time this year on 9 February and agreed to hold a Congregational meeting on Sunday 29 March for the election of Church Office bearers. We are looking for 5 new Church Councillors to replace those who will be retiring, a Congregational Secretary (-a position that has been vacant for a few years now-) and a Presbytery Representative. Nominations opened on Sunday 1 March and will close on Sunday 15 March. Candidates will be announced on Sunday 22 March and the election held at the Congregational Meeting on 29 March. Nominations can be made on-line or using hard copy forms at the back of the church. Council urges everyone to consider this issue seriously; office bearers play a vital role in the effective running of our church.

Council has also launched the Congregational survey, seeking your ideas on what our church does well, how we could do things better and what new things we could sensibly do to further our mission. Again, Council would urge everyone to think prayerfully about this issue and respond to the survey. QUC has a long and proud record in serving this community, but there may be new ways of doing some things which we should think about, accepting the constraints imposed by our small congregation and limited resources. Ideally, Council would like all responses by early this month so we can look at them and report back to the Congregational meeting at the end of the month.

Council is happy to report that \$849 was raised for the Christmas Bowl Appeal at our Christmas Day service; an excellent outcome.

Council has been advised that the Empire Dance School, which has been renting our property for a number of years, will shortly be moving to new premises. The dance school has been growing and now needs more space than we can offer. This will see a significant reduction in our rental income in the short term, but Council is hopeful new tenants will be found over the coming months.

Finally, Council was very happy to note that we have had several new members join our congregation in the last few months. It is always great to have new faces and, if you haven't had a chance to meet these people yet, we encourage you to do so and make them very welcome.

Ian Robinson  
On behalf of Church Council



### **An Ecumenical prayer gathering in Queanbeyan to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2026**

Ian Gray received the first information about setting up an ecumenical group to prepare for a service to celebrate the Season of Creation in August 2025 and he passed the information onto me. It came from Elenore Karpfene, part of a Caring for Creation Group at St Gregory's Parish. I believe Apelu Tielu, our minister was also sent the same information as were all the Queanbeyan Churches.

In the end Elenore & Nick Pelle met with Apelu and I at the Uniting Church on Saturday 23 August and a plan was set for the service to be held at the St Gregory's Senior School Campus in Macquid St on a Saturday in September. I was away and could not participate but Apelu was involved in the service and some members of our congregation attended – sorry I'm not sure who they were.

Another prayer meeting was organised by Elenore for Nov. 29th, but I did not attend, where a name for this group was discussed and an initial idea was 'Queanbeyan United in Prayer' but it did not indicate what the group was praying for – God's creation!

A prayer and planning meeting was held on Saturday 17th January 2026 in the parish meeting room at St. Raphael's church - attended by myself and 6 others, representing the Catholic, Uniting, Anglican & another Church whose name I have forgotten but at present they meet in the C3 building but are going to move into the Axis Youth Centre building!

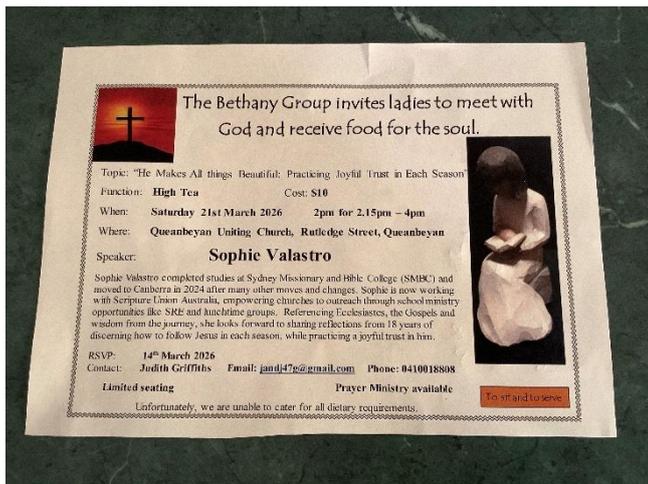
A date has been set for the Season of Creation 2026 Service – Saturday 3rd of October and the Uniting Church has been asked to host it as we have outdoor (preferred) and indoor space available for refreshments and if the weather is inclement.

The symbol for 2026 is immersion in Living Water, Ezekiel 47:9-12.

Many ideas for the service were discussed at the gathering on the 17th January with an emphasis on involving young people in some way – through scripture classes; through

banner making on the day and a desire for music was supported. Please indicate to me if you are interested in attending the prayer/planning meetings which seem to be held monthly on Saturdays at about 2.30pm. A date was set for the next meeting, but I do not seem to have written it down anywhere! I will keep the congregation notified of upcoming meetings.

Alison Crawley  
agcrawley@gmail.com or 0429 978 492



## Important: Required Password Reset for your Elvanto Account

Congregation members who use Elvanto – the software program where our rostering and directory details are stored – will have received an email from **Tithely Support** this week – prompting you to change your password. This is a legitimate email and you will need to reset your password to use Elvanto.

## From the wider church

### Stepping into the 3P Future by Sharon Flynn

In February, the Chair of the 3P Transition Commission wrote to all Presbyteries to gather the threads of work undertaken in the Commission’s first three months. That letter now forms the basis of a broader conversation with the whole Synod as we move from twelve Presbyteries to three.

This is a significant moment in the life of our Church. It carries administrative detail and technical change, but it is also pastoral, relational and spiritual. It affects office bearers, lay and ordained staff, volunteers and congregations across the state.

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## EVIL UNLEASHED

*Evil Tamed*

FOUR CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

**28 MARCH 2026**

- Challenging presentations with an opportunity for discussion and feedback.
- Open to interested lay people, church leaders and clergy.
- Morning tea, light lunch and afternoon tea included in the registration fee.

**SPEAKERS**

Rev Dr Bruce A. Stevens  
9:00am – ‘Towards a Psychological Perspective on Evil’

Dr Amy J. Erickson  
11am – ‘A Biblical-Theological Exploration of Evil’

Rt Rev Dr Stephen Pickard  
1.30pm – ‘Institutional and Societal Manifestations of Evil’

Rev Dr Ockert Meyer  
3.30pm – ‘Evil makes us human: The remarkable unremarkableness of Evil.’

**TICKET & INFO**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJDZE>

**LOCATION & ENQUIRIES**

Wesley Uniting Church  
20-22 National Circuit  
Forrest

02 6295 3680  
[office@wesleycanberra.org.au](mailto:office@wesleycanberra.org.au)

## Regular Ministries of QUC

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

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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](http://www.quc.org.au/giving)



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### 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.

**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 April 2026 newsletter are due by Sunday 9 March for publication Sunday 5 April 2026.

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