

From Apelu

The wider church is encouraged to focus on prayers for God's Creation from 1 September to the 4th of October. To honour this initiative, our worship service on the 14th of September will follow the theme: Peace with Creation. The theme is the chosen theme for this year's prayers for creation.

The churches in Queanbeyan are organising a Community Prayer Service for midday on the 4th of October. The venue is 15 Macquoid Street.

From The Worship Committee

Many of you will remember the Prayer Book that sat on a lectern at the back of the church. People wrote their prayer requests in it and the person rostered for Prayers of the People added these requests to their own prayers. When the need for privacy became a concern, the Prayer Book ceased to operate.

The Worship Committee and the Pastoral Care Group would like to see something similar being available for prayer requests, acknowledging the continuing need to respect people's privacy. On the advice of the Church Council, a Prayer Pad will commence operation in September. This will remain on the lectern, as before, but requests can only be made for either personal prayer or for generic prayers (such as poverty, conflict, governments, carers etc.) ie no prayers for named individuals.

The person rostered for Prayers of the People will detach the sheet for that day, meaning that nothing is left on the Prayer Pad from week to week and it won't need to be locked away when other groups use our space during the week. We hope that this is a valuable/helpful addition to our worship services.



The next Jumble Sale for 2025 will be on Saturday 27 September.

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

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.

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 QUC News September 2025

From Church Council

Well, the daffodils are out so there is some hope that this long cold winter is drawing to a close! Spring is such a pretty and such an encouraging time of the year!

There's not a great deal to report from Church Council this month. Council has renewed QUC's agreement with Perform Australia for their use of our property and we are still waiting for responses from the other two major users, Queanbeyan Players and EPA Dance. Once these agreements are finalised we will be up to date on our User Agreements.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with counting money (once a month) and for collecting the mail and keeping an eye on the state of the church office. Neither of these tasks is onerous. If you think you can help out in either of these areas please let Council know.

With spring approaching it is time to start thinking about our mini-Spring Fair which will be held in conjunction with the 25 October Jumble sale. While our fairs these days are fairly modest compared to earlier years, they are still an important fund raiser and outreach to the community. Some of our members make an enormous contribution to this event, which is wonderful, but I encourage everyone to think about how they might help – cooking, potting plants, crafts, jams, helping on the day – there is no shortage of opportunities to get involved. And, maybe, someone has an idea of something new we could do to enhance the fair. Time to start planning!

We had another happy and successful day at the Jumble and Shed on 23 August with the weather being a bit more agreeable than at the last couple of Jumble sales. Jumble raised an amazing \$1,758.60 and the Shed provided hot drinks and yummy tucker to those attending. A thousand thanks to all those who work so hard to make these events the success they always are.

lan Robinson
On behalf of Church Council



Prayer Vigil for Gaza - in the style of Taizé

Members of the Canberra community are invited to gather in prayer for peace in Gaza at a Prayer Vigil in the style of Taizé on Sunday 31 August 2025, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at Yarralumla Uniting Church, Denman Street, Yarralumla.

The Taizé tradition, with its meditative chants, prayerful silence, and gentle candlelight, creates a space of stillness and solidarity. In the midst of the ongoing suffering in Gaza, this vigil will be an opportunity to lament, to hold those affected before God, and to pray for peace and justice.

All are welcome – whether you are familiar with Taizé worship or simply seeking a quiet and prayerful space in which to respond to the deep pain of our world.

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Yarralumla CRAFT DESTASH Market Saturday 13 September, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 2025

Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre, Denman St, Yarralumla, ACT Gold coin entry

Devonshire teas and other refreshments will be available.

The Yarralumla CRAFT DESTASH Market is a trash and treasure market for craft materials fabric, wool, papercraft, buttons, embellishments, ribbons, craft magazines, stamps and much more! It's a great opportunity if you are looking to buy craft materials.

Our market is about selling your excess arts and crafts materials to a fellow craftsperson. It's all about giving someone else the opportunity to make something fabulous from what you bought too much of in the first place.

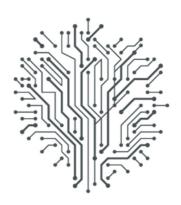
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https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/



20 National Circuit, Forrest ACT 2603

For all the latest concert dates and other information:

www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

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

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Regular Ministries of QUC

Ministry	When	Contact
Bible Studies and Small Groups	Various times, weekly or fortnightly.	Apelu Tielu
		minister@quc.org.au
Jumble Sale	One Saturday per month (usually the 4 th), 9am-12pm.	Greg Toone
Pastoral Care		Grace Tielu
		pastoralcare@quc.org.au
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Apelu Tielu
		minister@quc.org.au
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



Church Office (by appointment)

For general enquiries (including <u>room use/hire</u>) 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 <u>this link</u>.

To access the service, you will need to have a Zoom account and be logged in.

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the September 2025 newsletter are due by Sunday 28 September for publication Sunday 5 October 2025. Email to news@quc.org.au.

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