



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 (RSVP to Sue Camm by 2 April)
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.

From the Worship Committee

In 2022 the Worship Committee re-introduced the former practice of sending birthday cards to children baptised in our church, for the first five years of their lives.

The Committee is grateful to Merran Toone, whose artistic ability created these cards. Thank you Merran.

From the Chair of Church Council

Council discussed a number of issues at its March meeting, including arrangements for the Holy Week services, a number of requests from the Worship Committee and notification from the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) of a development application it has received for land in Rutledge Street opposite the church.

Council agreed to provide funding for a 6.00 pm meal prior to the 7.00 pm Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday (6 April). To assist with catering, congregation members planning to attend the meal should advise Sue Camm by Sunday 2 April.

Council agreed to a request from the Worship Committee that a candle table be reintroduced at QUC, providing members of the congregation with an opportunity to light a candle during the worship service should they wish to so. Council also considered a request from the Worship Committee to reintroduce a prayer book at QUC in which people could record requests for prayer. Council noted that, in view of privacy considerations, people could only ask for prayers for themselves, not for others, and agreed that any congregation member wanting prayers for themselves should pass this request to our minister, Apelu. Apelu would then convey this request to the person preparing the Prayers of the People for that week.

QPRC has provided the church, as a neighbouring landowner, with the opportunity to comment on a major commercial and residential development

proposed for Rutledge St on the land adjacent to the new QPRC offices. Council intends to respond to QPRC noting the need for it to consider carefully the implications of the proposed development for parking, shading of adjoining landowners and the heritage nature of the area.

We saw another very successful Jumble Sale and Shed on 25 March, despite unhelpful weather. The Meet our Neighbour sausage sizzle was held in conjunction with the Jumble Sale and was warmly welcomed by those who attended. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Jumble Sale, Shed hospitality and the sausage sizzle; it is great that QUC can interact with our local community in these ways.

Two sad pieces of news. Long term member of QUC and good friend to many of us, Yvonne Wallace, passed away on 19 March after a long illness. Yvonne was a very active member of the congregation over many years being involved in a wide range of activities, including, especially, the Adult Fellowship and Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child.

Those of you who have been attending QUC for many years will also be saddened to hear of the sudden death of the Brett Furner from a heart attack on 5 March. Brett served as a supply minister at QUC for approximately six months in 2006, after the departure of the Rev Simon Hansford, and was greatly valued by many congregation members for his warmth, sense of humour and insightful preaching. Brett's "celebration of life" and memorial service will take place on Monday 17th April at Coolamon Uniting Church at 2pm. All welcome. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Beyond Blue. Afternoon tea will be served in the hall afterwards.

We are still looking for someone to fill the role of Congregational Secretary. If you think you could help QUC in this way please speak with Apelu, Martin Harris or myself.

Ian Robinson
Chair of Church Council



The next Jumble sale is on Saturday 22 April.

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.



Interfaith Dialogues - The Voice and Reconciliation: Is it possible to speak authentically of love and justice in an unjust world?

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture is presenting four public Interfaith Dialogues, hosted by Profs Stan Grant and Anthony Maher. The discussions will include a panel of six faith leaders from different religions. Each panelist will briefly engage with introductory remarks addressing the above questions followed by a Q & A hosted by Stan Grant between the panel and the audience.

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When: Wed, 17 May 2023 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street Barton, ACT 2600

More Info and Tickets:

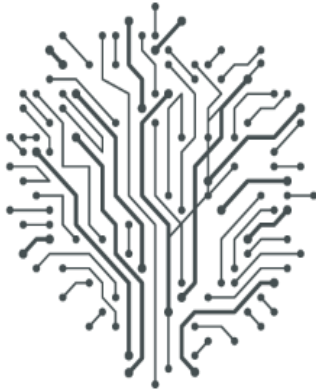
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Next Newsletter

Contributions for the May 2023 newsletter are due by Sunday 23 April for publication Sunday 7 May 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**](#)

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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.

- 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**

- Cash** (or Cheque) offering put in the offering box each Sunday.
- 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.