



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

November 2025

From Apelu

The Christmas Lunch at the Manse will be on the 6th of December.

Please see Apelu if you can help.

The meeting of the NSW Synod a few months ago approved a proposal to reduce the number of Presbyteries to three. The Canberra Region will not join George's River, Illawarra, and the Riverina to form a very huge presbytery. At the annual retreat of the ministers earlier this month, the ministers from all the four Prebyteries were at the Retreat.

From Church Council

Well, here it is November; the end of the year is closing in fast! Only seems a few weeks ago we were settling into the year!

The highlight of the past month was the Jumble Sale and Spring Fair on 25 October. We were blessed with a perfect day and good crowds. While we don't have the full financial results at the time of writing this report, the indications are that it was a financially successful morning. More importantly, it was a very happy morning with great fellowship and a lot of satisfied customers from the community. The performance from the Queanbeyan Community Choir was a real highlight. Council is extremely grateful for the massive amount of work so many put in to make the day so successful: preparing the grounds; providing the cakes, jams, plants, craft and morning teas, cooking sausages, sorting the jumble, serving on the day, setting up and packing up, counting money – the list is endless. A thousand thanks to all involved. QUC can be justly pleased with this ministry to the Queanbeyan community.

The next Congregational Meeting will be held following the morning service on Sunday 16 November. The main focus of this meeting will be to hear the Treasurer's financial report for 2024-25 and approve the budget for 2025-26, a report on pastoral care, as well as reflecting on possible future directions for QUC. These are important issues. As a former public servant, I am well aware that meetings are not always rivetingly interesting (!), but sometimes they are important. We only hold two congregational meetings a year and they do provide a valuable opportunity to stay involved in the running of the church. I urge to attend if at all possible.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, Robyn Robinson will again be conducting the Tear Fund Useful Gift shop before and after Sunday worship for six weeks. This is an opportunity to make a donation to the charitable work of Tear Fund in third world countries by buying a gift card to give someone for Christmas. In a country where so many of us already have more than we need, it is very appropriate to be giving gifts which support others in real need. QUC has been a strong supporter of this project in recent years and I am confident we will be again.

Ian Robinson
On behalf of Church Council

From the Worship Committee

Instead of our usual Christmas card letter box drop, this year we are having a Christmas bookmark letter box drop.

These bookmarks will be available from 23 November, wrapped in bundles of ten, for distribution to our community.

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



Childrens Service

Sue Camm will be organising the Children's Service this year on 7 December 2025.

Due to the small number of children in our congregation, she has called upon her music students to perform the play: "An Unexpected Christmas". Rehearsals will begin in late October.

Merran Toone has been wonderful in sourcing most of the props needed, however, the wooden manger previously used in our Christmas displays, cannot be located; despite Robin Robinson attempts to find it in all the known places. If anyone does know of its whereabouts, please touch base with Sue.

It would be appreciated if people could chip in to create a lovely morning tea on the day. There will be 18 young actors and their families - not quite a cast of thousands, but definitely a hint at feeding the five thousand!!

tearfund Useful Gifts

The Tear Fund Useful Gift Shop will operate as usual at the back of the church for the six weeks from Sunday 2nd November to Sunday 7th December, inclusive. Cash or card can be used to purchase a gift card, with the money going to help those in need around the world. In the past, the stall has been supported very generously and I trust it will be again. Thank you.

Robyn Robinson, on behalf of Tear Fund



The next Jumble Sale for 2025 will be on Saturday 22 November.

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

Thank you from Ian

Thank you for all those who supported me doing the Oceans to Outback, a month-long challenge to raise vital funds for the Royal Flying Doctor service.

Throughout October, I cycled 300km (my goal was 247km) and raised almost a \$1000.

You can still donate at

<https://www.oceanstooutback.org.au/fundraisers/iangray>

Yarralumla Arts and Crafts Show 2025

Yarralumla Uniting Church is excited to be hosting the 45th Yarralumla Arts and Crafts Show, a much-loved community tradition.

The show is one of Canberra's favourite community art and craft events, offering a wonderful opportunity to support local artists, crafters and makers. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of art, handmade wares, and delicious refreshments, along with entertainment from local choirs and musicians.

The opening times for the show are:

- Friday 31 October (10.00 am to 5.00 pm)
- Saturday 1 November (10.00 am to 5.00 pm)
- Sunday 2 November (12.00 noon to 4.00 pm)

Concerts will be held on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons with performances from Andante Andante, Dante Musica Viva Italian Choir, Lady's Mantle, the Canberra Men's choir and Ian Le.

Proceeds from the show support community initiatives. This year funds will go to Spinal ACT, Canberra Refugee Support, Caring for Kiriwina and other community organisations.

The venue for the show is the Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre on Denman St in Yarralumla.

<https://www.facebook.com/midwinterartsandcrafts>

Contact Lynne Thomson 0419 461 880
yarracrafts@gmail.com



Wesley Uniting Church Forrest Celebrates Seventy Years

November 19th, 1955, saw the opening of the Methodist National Memorial Church in Forrest. The current congregation – Wesley Uniting Church - will mark this occasion with a Service on Sunday, November 16th at 10.00am.

The Preacher will be a former minister, the Rev'd Dr Peter Walker. People with past associations with Wesley are especially invited to join us. A light lunch will follow the Service.

Speak Out
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Did you know that you can raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out'?

Concerns can relate to anything that has not felt right in any of our congregations, services, or entities, and are handled by our independent partner Core Integrity, who provides the Speak Out service. Core Integrity are there to listen, understand, and help you through the reporting process. Core Integrity will only ever share with the church details of any information you provide with your consent.

We know it can be difficult to Speak Out, but help is available. No concern is too big or too small, too recent or too far in the past to report. You will always be treated with respect and compassion when you choose to Speak Out.

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1800 951 145

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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		Gillian Seeley 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



Find us on 

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.

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the December 2025 / January 2026 newsletter are due by Sunday 30 November for publication Sunday 7 December 2025. Email to news@quc.org.au.