



## May 2019 Newsletter

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*The QUC Vision: **The Whole of Creation Reconciled and Renewed***

### Reflections from John

Since I have come into your midst in Queanbeyan, we have been getting to know one another. I have appreciated meeting with people, to share something of their lives and learn something of their faith. It has been good to “find my place” within this community of faith.

Together, we have travelled the Lenten pathway, engaging week-by-week with our Wilderness Journey. During Holy Week, we met with more intensity, recalling the steps of the pilgrims as they climbed to the Holy City and celebrated Passover. This was to be the last meal of Jesus.

Over Easter, we remembered how Jesus was betrayed and arrested. On Good Friday, we heard of the denial and the trials, we recalled his death and burial. The cross loomed large in our gatherings. We sat in the silence of the in-between time on Easter Saturday; and we came to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, to hear the good news: He is not here! He is risen!

How do we now live, as people of the resurrection? How do we serve as faithful disciples, day by day, as the followers of the Risen One? What are the signs of this in our lives: the signs that we have confidence in the gracious love of God? the signs that we know the reality of redemption? the signs that we trust in the way ahead that is set for us by the Spirit?

On Easter Sunday, I said in my [sermon](#):

Psychologists—those who study the human mind—tell us that people in our times are more likely than ever before to be depressed. Our deepest yearning is to be happy, to feel appreciated, to have assurance that we are valued, that we are loved.

Sociologists—those who study human societies—tell us that people in our times feel disconnected, isolated, and cut off from one another. Our common yearning is to be a part of a group, to feel that we belong. We need to know that others need us.

What this analysis often leads to, is a sense that people today are looking for certainty—we want to be grounded in a group, we want to be part of the tribe, we want to be loved and appreciated, we want to know the assurance of our beliefs. But this analysis also tells me, that the Christian Church has a much-needed gift to offer our contemporary society. Fellowship together can be healing and transformative.

In the weeks after Easter, we have the opportunity to consolidate our common fellowship and deepen our sense of belonging—belonging to one another, as people within Queanbeyan Uniting Church; and belonging to God, as people who trust in the way of Jesus, who live by the guidance of the Spirit, who serve the God of grace.

In the weeks after Easter, we are invited to continue our walk, to tread the next steps in the journey, as we move forward together as a community. In May, we will have opportunity, in our Sunday worship services, to put behind us what has happened in recent years. For many people, there has been a sense of chaos, disruption, disturbance, upheaval. It has been a time when communication has been fractured and relationships have been broken.

We need to name these things; we need to lament these things; and we need to leave these things in the past. We cannot undo the past, nor can we revisit the last. It is what it is. Leaving the past behind will require courage—and commitment—and grace—and persistence. I will be inviting each of us to commit to this process during May.

We need to commit to one another. We are the body of Christ in this place. God has called each one of us to share in the fellowship of this community of faith. Each one of us is a valued person within the Queanbeyan Uniting Church community. Each one of us is gifted with the ability to carry out those ministries to which we are called. The Spirit has moved amongst us, to enable us to be the Body of Christ.

The Uniting Church affirms that we are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal. It is in the spirit of this affirmation, then, that we commit to one another and to this community of faith, for whatever the future holds for us. I want to invite you, not only to focus on this during our Sunday worship services, but also to take part in a small group, where we will engage at a deeper level with how we might move ahead, together, in faith. (There are details of these small groups elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Being a pilgrim people means stepping into the future. And stepping into the unknown is a scary thing to do. Moving ahead without absolute certainty involves risks. That is the call that sits before us, in this season after Easter. We have looked back. We have journeyed together. We will let go of what needs to be left behind. We will commit to one another, and to God, as we

move forward. And we will trust in what the Spirit will reveal to us, as we move on together.

Once again, I remind you of some words that I offered in my sermon on Easter Sunday:

In our faith, we have no clearcut, unquestionable dogma; we have no unchangeable given, no unarguable declaration. We have no absolute assurance, no certainty set in concrete.

Rather, we have an invitation to trust; a call to walk the way of faith, with openness; an invitation to delight in the mysteries which God unravels before our eyes, in our own lives; a call to search, to explore, to ponder; and perhaps then, to encounter, to marvel, and to rejoice. He is not here. He is risen.

Let us step out, with trust and hope, in the pathway that lies ahead of us.

Rev Dr John Squires

QUC Intentional Interim Minister

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## Sermon Recordings

Most weeks you will find the sermon uploaded along with the transcript on our website; [www.quc.org.au](http://www.quc.org.au)  
<http://queanbeyan.unitingchurch.org.au/sermon>

## Reflections from Amy.....

For those of you who follow the local rule regarding heaters and ANZAC Day, the time has come!

It's funny how we have these little rules that help us mark time.

Perhaps you are one of those who check when daylight savings changes around the time of the NRL grand final, because they're often not far apart.

Perhaps you know someone who tells you every year when the shortest and longest days of sunlight in the year are going to be.

Perhaps you learn to leave an extra 10 minutes to defrost your car in the morning when you see snow on the Brindabellla Ranges.

Another obvious one is Easter.

There was a time when you remembered Easter was coming because hot cross buns would come on sale in the supermarket (but they were out in February this year!).

The thrifty among you might remember to go and get next years' eggs on sale on Easter Monday or Tuesday (fair trade of course!).

We've just finished Easter Sunday as I write this.

Some of us only ever show up to church around Easter. Others who usually would attend sometimes go and

spend time with their loved ones, taking advantage of the public holidays this season brings.

Some families have done either one of these every year in living memory and Easter would not feel the same if it were otherwise.

If you know any families with little ones, especially first time parents, you may have the opportunity to see new rules and traditions established. Perhaps a couple agrees on whose family they visit at Christmas. Perhaps parents teach their children that every Sunday night the family gathers for a meal together. Perhaps we pick a branch of blossoms in the first day of Spring.

I want to suggest that in this gap between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday (9th June) is a good time for us to consider our rules and traditions. Especially as QUC considers the Intentional Interim process this year.

What are traditions particular to our congregation?

Do we know why they're there?

Do we have room for new markers in our church year?

Of course we will all have different answers to these questions.

In this time between Easter and Pentecost, I invite you to think on these questions for yourself. Consider how you make rules and traditions in your own life that help you respond appropriately to the season.

But for now, I wish you warm and quiet indoor moments where you have space to consider in amongst the MAYhem of the month to come..

Amy

Amy Junor – Youth and Community Pastor, [pastor@quc.org.au](mailto:pastor@quc.org.au)

## Chapel Service

Resumes for Term 2 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 8:45-9:15am

## Odd Job Assistants Required

QUC puts out a monthly newsletter. I am looking for someone to assist with photocopying and collating it, normally around the end of each month. The job should take between 1 and 2 hours. You can even come in before the Sunday service and knock it over ready for distribution.

I am also looking for someone to take ownership of keeping the corner sign up to date. It is not a big job and can be done at a time that is convenient for you. We can give guidance about what needs to be changed and when.

If you can assist or would like more information speak to Ian Gray [guccouncil@gmail.com](mailto:guccouncil@gmail.com) or 0408 252 447.

## Safe Shelter 2019

As we move into winter, the [Queanbeyan Safe Shelter](#) is underway again on Tuesday nights until the 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday nights for June, July and August, providing emergency overnight accommodation to the city's homeless population. We can always use more volunteers.

We would appreciate donations to help us purchase swags. The swags cost \$90 each and are our biggest expense.

For more information contact June Lawrence at [flowerofscotland45@gmail.com](mailto:flowerofscotland45@gmail.com)



## Safe Shelter Volunteers Evening

On the 16<sup>th</sup> April the Mayor joined an evening to thank the volunteers for their faithful service in caring for some of the most vulnerable in our community. What stood out and was



encouraging was that most of the volunteers and management team are not members of QUC, but of the wider community. Also present were Rotary and the CWA who support Safe Shelter by raising funds and local café's who provide a free breakfast to the guests before St Benedict's opens at 9am. Pictured are the Mayor, Tim Overall, and committee member Milly Killaly who was the MC for the evening. Daniel Killaly, the current chair of SS is looking for someone from QUC to take over his leadership role. Ideally he would like someone younger (but not a requirement) so he can train and mentor them. Daniel's comment was that you don't have to do too much as there is an active leadership team already in place to provide support.

## Board Games Group

Meeting monthly on a Friday night 6:00-9:00pm at the church.

Board Games and good company!

Bring \$5 to help with pizza for dinner, any snacks you'd like to share and your favourite board games (or your most obscure ones!) Bring a mate and hang out. Meets most months. For more info speak to Alex or Amy



## QUC Jumble Sale and Shed

Held on the 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Funds raised help our mission to support those in need in our community. Come along and grab yourself a bargain, meet a friendly face, have a free quality coffee with a piece of cake, slice, or whatever else is the speciality of the day 25 May, 22 June, 27 July, 24 August, 28 September, 26 October (Community Fair - TBC), 23 November.

If you are looking to make a donation of items for the Jumble sale please first read our – [Jumble Sale Donation Guidelines](#)



The next Messy Church will be to celebrate and explore Pentecost and then there won't be another one until Advent where we will explore Christmas.

Messy is a less formal way of meeting as a church community. The music, story and activities are presented so that children and families can participate. It's a great time to build relationships across generations, and beyond our congregation, as we share a meal together, with all welcome to attend.

Carrie, one of our young mum's posted an excellent blog about the Easter Messy titled "Church should be messy". She starts off writing, "Tonight we attended Messy Church at

<https://carriethistime.wordpress.com/2019/03/31/church-should-be-messy/>

The session will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 4pm- 6.30pm. For further information, and if you are able to assist with catering, craft, music or games please contact Rosemary on 0417 898 918 or [rosemary2@inet.net.au](mailto:rosemary2@inet.net.au)





## Friendship Group

Our Friendship Group will meet again on Thursday 2nd May. Please be at the church by 1.30 pm, as we will again "car pool". Our outing this month is to the Arboretum in Canberra, where we will buy Afternoon Tea, view the magnificent Bonsai display and drive around the grounds looking at the 94 different forests. YOU and your family or friends are invited to join us as ALL are welcome. Hoping to welcome you.

For more info contact Yvonne Wallace on 0414 869 423.

## Update from the Congregational Chair

I trust this newsletter finds you well. I find mid-autumn my favourite time of the year. The change of season is distinct: the colours in the trees glorious, the mornings crisp yet the days still often sunny and warm. April in particular is a busy month with school holidays, Easter and ANZAC Day all falling within and a sense that one must make the most of the last of the good weather before winter. Nonetheless, and more so because of this, I also find it a time of great reflection.

As a Nation we commemorated ANZAC Day. Hopefully we reflect on all which that means: on the waste and pain of war; on the sacrifice made; on how fortunate we are to live in Australia, a free and prosperous country; on the ANZAC legacy and values of mateship, fairness, selfless service and courage to which our national identity aspires; and, last but not least, on how we might continue to bring meaning to such sacrifice and honour the ANZAC legacy by upholding those values and creating an even fairer Australia for all. In the ANZAC legacy I sense much of God's hand at work.

At Easter we are confronted by the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Particularly as Christians I believe this drives us to reflect again upon what this means to each of us individually, collectively as God's people, and for the broader world. What message of renewal and new perspective on faith do we taken from this Easter?

The crucifixion of Christ reminds us we live in a broken world and we are part of that brokenness, with the price of sin weighing on us. That God reached out by sending Christ, allowed him to be crucified for our sins and resurrected him, breaking the power of death over us, is God's ultimate gift of grace and declaration of love to each of us and all peoples.

We are reminded that God's gift of grace and new life is received through faith, not earned through works. In accepting we are called to confess our sins and in faith live out this gift of new life as Christ's disciples in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit: to love and worship the Lord with all our heart, mind and soul; to love our neighbour in the broadest sense and treat them as we

would want to be treated; to share the good news of God's gift of salvation in Christ; to correct injustice; to care for the poor; and to bringing about healing. In so doing we work towards God's purpose of making whole his creation and realising his Kingdom here on Earth.

As I ponder and reflect on this, confessing how short of the mark I feel my discipleship often falls, I'm reminded that to focus on the new, the future, often means making room for change by letting go of the old, the past. As we proceed through the Intentional Interim Ministry process over the remainder of this year I ask myself what do I need to let go off to be able to move forward: what hurt, what loss, what prejudice, what pain or fear do I need to leave on the cross that I, and we collectively as a congregation, might be more effective for God? You might like to ask yourself this same question?

A special thank you to John, Amy, the Worship Team, those on music, and all the other unnamed helpers who's effort made possible the wonderful Easter program this year. Also a special thanks to all those, some recently at very short notice, who volunteer to putting on morning tea after our services. I would like to acknowledge how important an opportunity I believe morning tea is to building congregational bonds and welcoming our visitors.

Church Council met this month on 10 April. The focus was on finalising the Easter program and establishing the Transition Team to support the Intentional Interim Ministry process over the remainder of the year. To this end those available members from Church Council and the Transition Team also met before the meeting to share a meal and hear from John his intentions moving forward. Currently the Transition Team consists of Rev. John Squires, Iris Talbot, Ruth Adams, David Warren, Alex Bickford and myself with assistance from others to be sought on an as required basis. The first planning workshop for the Transition Team was scheduled for 01 May. Other Church Council business also included discussion on Church signs and banners and a request from the President of Rural Australian's for Refugees to use Church premises for their AGM in July, which as per previous requests was favourably considered.

On the issue of banners, I understand at times in the past some members have expressed concerns about QUC publicly supporting particular social justice issues. Please note banners are displayed with the approval of Church Council and Church Council makes these decisions consistent with its understanding of QUC's mission focus and the broader Uniting Church's biblical position on such matters.

For background and information on our current banners please read the words supplied below from one of our Church Council members:

"John Squires and Amy Junor joined in the Enough Is Enough protest rally at Garema Place on Palm Sunday, 14 April. We had advertised this rally through our newsletter and Facebook page, as well as by the banner near the roundabout outside the Rutledge Street entrance.

Amy and John were part of a very large crowd that gathered on the day. There were a significant number of Uniting Church ministers and members from many congregations within the Canberra Region Presbytery, led by our co-chairs, Professor John Williams and Delia Quigley. There were also people from other Christian denominations (Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Quakers, Baptists and Pentecostals) and other faith communities, as well as concerned community groups.

Taking part in this rally is consistent with Uniting Church policy, which has been seeking a more compassionate and humane policy towards refugees and asylum seekers for over two decades. The National Assembly has approved policy statements in this regard on a number of occasions. Uniting Church members across the country have long been active in caring for refugees in our communities as well as advocating for a change in policies, through regular meetings with federal members.

Many Uniting Church people (including John Squires) have taken part in actions involving non-violent civil disobedience at the offices of local members in recent years, advocating for refugees and asylum seekers, through the Love Makes A Way movement.

People right across society know, and appreciate, the commitment that the Uniting Church has, to support refugees and asylum seekers through advocacy with politicians alongside fostering personal relationships and providing practical support. Many people have affirmed the church for our public stand and our practical work.

Our Church Council recently agreed that we need to make clear what the Uniting Church believes, and what we advocate for within society. The banner that declares that "all are welcome here" is one such expression of our commitment.

This congregation is one of hundreds of Uniting Church congregations, right across Australia, that are displaying a banner such as this. These banners make clear our commitment to "welcome the stranger", as Jesus instructed us (in Matthew 25). In this, Jesus continued the prophetic call to welcome the strangers, sounded throughout the history of Israel. The early church also ensured that hospitality, and welcoming strangers, was to the fore in their communities of faith. This is a thoroughly biblical commitment.

In displaying this banner, we are advocating for justice in our society and seeking to ensure that we act with compassion in our national life."

If you have questions or concerns about our banners, please make sure you discuss them with either the Congregational Chair, myself, our Church Council Chair, Ian Gray, the Rev Dr John Squires or Pastor Amy Junor.

Yours in Christ,

Martin

Martin Harris - QUC Congregational Chairperson  
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## Pause for Reflection.....

### ANZAC Day Praying

God who works for peace,  
We can't seem to find it in ourselves.  
We can't seem to share with others,  
At least not enough,  
And not consistently.  
We thrive on upset with our neighbours.  
Our resent builds to division,  
When fed with greed, envy, and the corruption of power,  
The potential for war becomes ripe.  
When war breaks out then suffering is assured.  
The young are sacrificed in fighting.  
One battle leads to another.  
Innocents and innocence suffers.  
Many are killed, injured and maimed  
As the price of war is paid.  
We weep at the devastation.  
We lament that war is sometimes required.  
We appreciate the courage and valour which soldiers exhibit  
We condemn atrocities and collateral damage.  
We honour the sacrifice of all who take up the call,  
Especially the fallen, the wounded and emotionally scarred.  
May we ever work for peace with you.  
May war be ever the last and desperate option.  
May truth defeat propaganda.  
May compassion deflate greed.  
May reconciliation replace enmity.  
May love undo hate.  
And may we,  
Each individual  
Each community  
Each nation  
Each alliance  
Be united for the common good  
And strive for a world of peace,  
For war does little good,  
Yet causes great suffering  
For such is the way of violence.  
Lest we forget  
Lest we forget  
- Jon Humphries





## Renewal of the Whole of Creation

*As we mark Easter, the hope of the resurrection reminds us of our vision of a world reconciled, where all people and all creation can flourish.*

This week we encourage Uniting Church members to reflect on our vision for the [Renewal of the Whole Creation](#) as outlined in our recent statement [Our Vision for a Just Australia](#).

Our hope is that as a nation we seek the flourishing of the whole of God's creation and work together, as Government, churches, businesses and the wider community, toward a sustainable future.

In the lead up to the election, we are encouraged to think about what policies and actions will help protect our planet into the future, in particular how we can respond to the current climate crisis.

Australia faces significant climate change impacts such as rising sea levels, extreme heat and drought, while our neighbours in the Pacific and elsewhere already suffer the devastating effects of rising greenhouse gas emissions.

Despite this, Australia continues to rely on fossil fuels and our emission levels are rising.

Government policies are failing to support the necessary transition to renewable energy despite strong public support for this to change.

The document includes a number of key actions important for us as a nation:

A national climate policy that drives down greenhouse gas pollution, including no new coal or gas mining in Australia and investment in renewable energy.

Just and sustainable transition for communities currently dependent on fossil fuel industries for employment, towards more environmentally sustainable sources of income.

Equitable access to renewables for all Australians.

### WE CALL FOR:

**"A NATIONAL CLIMATE POLICY THAT DRIVES DOWN GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION, INCLUDING NO NEW COAL OR GAS MINING IN AUSTRALIA AND INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY.."**

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Policies which support people and nations that are most vulnerable to climate change.

Creating a culture where the desire to protect and sustain our environment overrides the desire to consume.

The document includes "Witness from the Bible" with helpful references to understand our responsibility to care for creation and not to exploit our natural resources.

"The exploitation of the earth, which often sees the poorest disproportionately suffering the results of despoliation and climate change is a manifestation of the sin of greed against which the biblical witnesses strongly warn (see for example Job 20: 12 – 29; Proverbs 1: 10 19; Matthew 23: 25 – 26; Luke 12: 15 – 21)."

It also references statements made by the UCA. In 1991, the Uniting Church stated in its document, The Rights of Nature and the Rights of Future Generations: "We express the conviction that those who live today share responsibility for the ability of future generations to live in dignity, we support the attribution of rights not only to humans but also to nature, God's creation."

More recently, at the 15th Assembly in 2018, the Uniting Church renewed its commitment to act on climate change.

Among a number of things, it resolved to

encourage Uniting Church members, synods, presbyteries, congregations, agencies and schools to:

- Listen to and learn from the voices of vulnerable people across the world who are experiencing firsthand the impact of climate change;
- Tell stories of best practice across remote, rural and urban areas

You can read some of these stories of lived experience [here](#).

Recently [thousands of people took part in demonstrations in London](#) to demand action on climate change.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams took part in the protests and said at a meditation the night before that humans had declared war on nature: "We are here tonight to declare that we do not wish to be at war. We wish to make peace with ourselves by making peace with our neighbour Earth and with our God," he said.



## Initial Inception Meeting- Repair Cafe

You are invited to take part in an initial inception meeting to discuss the idea of hosting a repair café here in Queanbeyan during the upcoming Festival One in November.

### What is a Repair Café?

Repair cafés are free meeting places where people share tools and skills to repair all kinds of items including toys, furniture, clothing, bicycles and, computers. They are organised by and for local residents and held at a fixed location where tools are available and where they can fix their broken goods with the help of expert volunteers.

Repair cafes aim to reduce waste, to maintain repair skills and to strengthen social cohesion.

### Who can be involved?

Anyone who can repair ANY general household items.

**Meeting time and location:** 28th May 9.30am

256 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

### More Information

Contact Cameron Pensini, Sustainability Project Officer  
Queanbeyan- Palerang Regional Council  
Tel: 02 6285 6546

# Wider Church News

## Australian National University Combined Christian Churches Chaplaincy Association Inc.

Come and discuss religion and politics: **So, what should the next government do?**

Come and listen to speakers offer ideas about what some significant religious figures, past or present, might have to say to the incoming Australian government. What do you think about questions such as:

- How might religious belief shape policy and administration — and should it?
- Why might people from the distant past or far away have anything to say about the choices for tomorrow's Australia?
- Is there a spiritual dimension to all areas of government?

8.00 p.m. Wednesday 1 May 2019 Burgmann College chapel Daley Road, Australian National University

A reception with finger foods and drinks will be held from 7.00 p.m. A donation on the night— and an RSVP beforehand — would be appreciated if you wish to attend this reception.

RSVP [macknight@ozemail.com.au](mailto:macknight@ozemail.com.au) or 02 6251 6446

For an information flyer for this event, [CLICK HERE](#)

## Biblical Culture Immersion

with Elizabeth Raine & John Squires.

Saturday 24th August, 10am - 3pm



Want to understand your bible better? Then travel back in time to first century Palestine in a hands-on experience of some tastes, sights and sounds of a Christian Jewish household. Join in the traditions of hospitality, customs of the time, and household rituals and tasks. Explore the hidden world of the biblical woman - she had significant authority and power, especially over domestic ritual and the education of children. Get familiar with the language of the Old Testament, and learn the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic. Explore the ancient art of storytelling, participate in ancient middle eastern music, and discover how food and biblical history are intertwined, and how meals were intricately linked with the practice of religion, particularly at the Feast of Passover - a time of celebrating freedom.

This is a family event -children are welcome and will learn ancient games and simple cooking. Elizabeth and John, former teachers at United Theological College, are expert Biblical scholars and infectious, passionate, experienced communicators.

**Venue:** Tuggeranong Uniting Church, 1 Comrie St, Wanniassa.

**Cost** (including all food): \$30/\$25 concession/\$10 children 6-12 yrs.

**Booking:** phone 6231 0488 or 0400 245 006, email [tucadmin@tuc.org.au](mailto:tucadmin@tuc.org.au).

## Stamps



The Stamp Committee volunteers raise funds for the work of the Uniting Church, particularly the work of Uniting, Uniting Mission and Education and Frontier Services by selling stamps in bulk to stamp dealers and by keeping stock books of stamps to sell to collectors.

With a decline in the number of letters being sent, they often struggle to meet the demand for used stamps. Leave used stamps in the labelled boxed in the bookshelf in the CAST area.

## *A Midwinter Day's Tale of Christmas in July*



Philostrate, Master of the Revels, Peaseblossom his delicate fairy wife and Witch Hecate cordially invite you to attend on Saturday 13th July at Tuggeranong Uniting Church

Join with our jovial Shakespearean troupe this July, to rejoice in the spirit of the season. The Midwinter faeries are ready with pantomime to entertain you, and an enchantingly good time complete with boar's head and Wasseil is guaranteed for all. Philostrate will ensure all proceedings are decorous, and Fairy Peaseblossom guarantees the sumptuous three course banquet will delight the palate. Witch Hecate will be on hand to haunt you with humour. And of course, Father Christmas will visit. Come dressed as your favourite Shakespearean character.

Festivities will start at **6.00pm** at the Tuggeranong Uniting Church in Comrie St, Wanniassa

Cost is \$30/\$25 per person/concession  
RSVP 6 July to Kerry [tucadmin@tuc.org.au](mailto:tucadmin@tuc.org.au) or ph. 6231 0488

### 2019 Midwinter Arts and Crafts Show

The Yarralumla Midwinter Arts and Crafts Show is a favourite, local art and craft event featuring local artists, crafters and musicians. We always welcome new exhibitors, and the contact address is below.

This year we will be celebrating our 40th show. Visitors to the show will enjoy a large array of art and craft, food and entertainment.

There is no better way to spend time out of the cold Canberra weather with much to see and buy, great entertainment and delicious refreshments.

The opening times for the show are:

- Friday 28 June (10.00 am to 8.00 pm)
- Saturday 29 June (10.00 am to 5.00 pm)
- Sunday 30 June (12.00 noon to 5.00 pm)

The show will be officially opened at 5.30pm on Friday followed by a fashion show featuring designs exhibited at the show.

There will be concerts throughout the day on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. Performers coming to this year's show include Canberra Community Voices, Gospel Folk, Lady's Mantle, Vintage Ukes and Andante Andante.

Funds support community programs. Last year the show supported the work of Spinal ACT, Red Nose, Companion House, Canberra Refugee Support, Paperworks inc, Caring for Kiriwina, the Hay family in South Africa, Uniting Church Moderator's Drought Appeal and Kairos Outside.

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

Contact Lynne Thomson 0419 461 880

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### Congratulations to Rev Alistair Christie

On Sunday, 5th May, Wesley Uniting Church in Forrest will be marking the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Alistair Christie as a Minister of the Word in the Presbyterian and now Uniting churches. Alistair is known to many at QUC. He was ordained in Bourke, NSW on 7th May 1969. Alistair will celebrate the occasion by leading Wesley's worship at both services next Sunday, 9.00am and 10.30am. Alistair's ministry has included parish, presbytery, synod, assembly and ecumenical positions, not least being Moderator of the NSW-ACT Synod 2002-2004.



### The Walk to Emmaus Weekends for Men and Women in 2019

Have you heard about the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus is a refreshing three-day experience designed to strengthen the faith of Christians and to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian service in their homes, churches and places of work. The Emmaus movement is ecumenical with Christians from many different denominations working together in loving unity to bring the message of God's grace to His people.

The next Walks to Emmaus in the Canberra region for 2019 are:

Men's Walk - Thursday 30 May to Sunday 2 June  
Registrations close on Thursday 16 May  
Women's Walk - Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 June  
Registrations close on Thursday 30 May  
Both walks are at the Greenhills Centre.

Registrations are now open for this year and if you would like further information please contact the registrar on [canberramonaro@emmaus.org.au](mailto:canberramonaro@emmaus.org.au), or look at the website at [www.canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](http://www.canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au)



## Regular Ministries of QUC

Ministry	When	Contact
Bible Studies and Small Groups	Various times, weekly or fortnightly.	Warren Hilder
Chapel Service	Sundays, 8:45 to 9.15am during school term.	Robyn Robinson
Choir	Ad hoc	Suzanne Prowse
Friendship Group	First Thursday of every month, 2pm.	Yvonne Wallace
Jumble Sale	One Saturday per month (usually the 4 <sup>th</sup> ), 9am-12pm.	Vacant
Men's Breakfast	Currently having a break	Ian Gray
Messy Church	First Sunday of the month, 4-6pm. (see special notice)	Rosemary Robinson
Night Church	select Sundays 6pm.	Amy Junor
Nursing Home Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 11-11:30am.	Robyn Robinson
Pastoral Care Coordination Team	Sue Forbes, Alida Bell, June Lawrence, June Dolby, Olwyn John Squires and Amy Junor	Anne Cook, Iris Talbot,
Prayer Group	Tuesday Mornings	See Ian Gray
Refugee Advocacy/Justice Issues	varies	Vivian Harris
Safe Shelter	Resumes next year as the weather cools down	June Lawrence
Schools Ministry (Scripture)	Regularly during School Term	Amy Junor
Sunday Morning KUCA	Sunday Mornings, during NSW school term, as part of 9:30am worship service.	Amy Junor
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Amy Junor
The Shed	Same dates as Jumble Sale.	Heather Irons
Youth Group	Friday, 7pm, fortnightly during school term.	Amy Junor

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