



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church February 2025

## From the Minister

1. Bible Study resumes on the 5th of March. This will be Lent Studies.
2. The first meeting of the Worship Committee is on the 4th of February.
3. Lent begins on the 5th of March, and we have an Ash Wednesday service that day.
4. The Worship Committee is planning a pancake evening on Tuesday, the 4th of March, but will confirm this in its meeting in February.
5. I will be away on the third weekend of February. Rev Anne Ryan will lead worship and Communion on the 16th of February.

Thank you Apelu

## From Church Council

Well, here we are again pushing into a new year! Time certainly gets by!

Church Council didn't meet in December or January (-time off for good behaviour!-), so there is not a lot to report on this month.

As is our usual practice, the collection taken at the Christmas morning service is donated to the Christmas Bowl, a charity which provides assistance to refugees and displaced persons around the world. I'm delighted to report that last year's collection amounted to \$774 - a great outcome.

The major achievement of the last few months has been the repainting of the church hall. Many thanks to Glen and Ruth who organised the working bee and to those members of the congregation who were able to help out. With all the right equipment and a good number of helpers, the hall was transformed in three days. Thankfully, no-one fell off a ladder, knocked over

a paint tin or stepped in a roller tray - a minor miracle! Special thanks to Wendy and Col Imrie for supplying very welcome morning teas.

## Before...



## After...



The hall looks so much brighter and smarter with its new coat of paint. Subject to the ever-present

budget constraint, Council is hoping to make further improvements to the old buildings over the coming year. These buildings are used extensively by the community, and we want them to be as functional and presentable as they can be.

More thanks to our dynamic property duo (Glen and Ruth) and their offsidiers for a thorough clean-up of the storage areas around the church (-it is simply amazing the junk that accumulates in the church over the years – almost as bad as my garage!-) and for spreading mulch around the grounds.

A reminder that we are looking for some new Church Councillors as well as a Congregational Chair and Secretary at the Congregational meeting scheduled for March. These are not onerous roles, but they are important to the smooth running of the church. Please give prayerful consideration to whether you may be able to help out in this way.

Ian Robinson

Chair Church Council

## 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 will be 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.



## From the Pastoral Care Team

As reported at the November Congregation meeting, the reactivated Pastoral Care Team now has nine members. The team noted that pastoral care is a vital part of the Christian life and the responsibility of every member of the church, although it should never be intrusive or imposed on those who do not wish to receive it.

The team is exploring a range of options to enhance existing pastoral care networks, including the minister making regular contact with parishioners; encouraging everyone to get to know and care for others, with the team serving as a contact point for anyone needing specific care; pastoral care training; active welcoming of new people; opportunities for prayer and healing ministries; and, increased social interaction amongst congregation members.

As we move forward in 2025, we do encourage anyone to make comment/contribute ideas to the Team. We will keep you informed as new strategies are implemented to enhance support and care.

Grace Tielu, Robyn Robinson and Gillian Seeley on behalf of the Team



The first Jumble Sale for 2025 will be on Saturday 22 February.

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)

## The Church as a Prophetic Voice in Australian Society - Past, Present and Future

National Conference 3-5 October 2025

UNITING CHURCH NATIONAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Email: [ucnhs2025conference@gmail.com](mailto:ucnhs2025conference@gmail.com)

Society Website: <https://uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/>

### CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite papers, of twenty (20) minutes in length, that address the conference theme. Papers may focus on the period covering the life of the Uniting Church (1977-2025) but may also refer to the history of the three denominations that formed the Uniting Church, or indeed of other denominations. While some may deal primarily with the work and achievements of church agencies, services and programs, we are also encouraging all papers to engage with some of the following questions:

- How, through their public presence, have the church/churches acted prophetically, both domestically and/or internationally, i.e. in ways that challenge and critique the surrounding culture in the light of gospel values?
- What alternative approaches have they offered in relation to range of issues, e.g. welfare, justice, equality, social inclusion, racism, the common good vs individual rights etc.?
- What changes in political, theological, sociological stances have driven different approaches over time?
- What have been the pluses and minuses, gains and losses resulting from these changes?
- Has the church failed to act prophetically at some times and in some circumstances, and what has driven this failure and resulted from it?
- How is the church preparing to maintain/strengthen its prophetic witness in the future?

Please submit proposals for a paper, with an abstract of no more than 300 words in length, by the end of March 2025 to the email address above.

Rev Ivan Roberts Convenor, Conference Planning  
Group UC National History Society

December 2024

## 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 <sup>th</sup> ), 9am-12pm.	Greg Toone
Pastoral Care		Apelu Tielu
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Apelu Tielu
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.

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### Church Office (by appointment)

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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 March 2025 newsletter are due by Sunday 23 February for publication Sunday 2 March 2025. Email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).

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