



## From our Minister Apelu

Apelu is on annual leave till the 3rd of May.

### Special Services coming up

- ❖ 10 May (Mother's Day) - A commissioning service for all people in the various ministries of the church. If you are a member of the Church Council, Committee, and other services and ministries, please try and be at church this Sunday.
- ❖ 17 May - Celebrating and welcoming new members who have joined us recently

### Bible Studies

The group that meets at Church on Wednesday resumes on the 6th of May with a book study, Knowing God by J. I. Packer. Other groups will organise their own studies and time.

## From the Pastoral Care group

Many thanks to all who attended our Church Picnic on 19 April and contributed to making it such a happy and enjoyable event. The weather was perfect, the autumn colours spectacular and the company superb!



The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 23 May.

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)



Several months ago, the Pastoral Care group announced the need for someone to be available after church to support people in personal prayer if needed.

A group of seven of us were discussing this but no one felt comfortable being THE Pray-er.

So, the idea of "when 2 or 3 are gathered in Jesus' name, he will be there" was born, that we could do it together, to support each other and our congregation. After church each week, whoever is available of the group, comes to the alter and we join hands and begin praying. As others come or leave, the Prayer circle widens or closes. The praying is for about 10 minutes, but if personal prayer is asked for, it could be longer.

This is not a Holy Huddle, but a committed group of pray-ers willing to pray for individuals, our own needs and the needs of our church via the Prayer Pad. Anyone can join us on any week or write their prayer requests on the prayer pad to be further prayed for.

## Church Council

Church Council met on Tuesday 21 April as a newly elected Council.

Ian Robinson, former Chair, joined us for the first part of the meeting as part of the handover. We thank Ian for his faithful service to Church Council over many years, along with the rest of the outgoing Council members.

At this meeting, we confirmed key office bearer roles:

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- **Chair:** David Warren
  - **Secretary:** Ian Gray
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We also agreed on Council term lengths, with the aim of staggering appointments to provide continuity over time:

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- Lesley Hilder: 2 years
  - Alison Crawley: 2 years
  - David Warren: 3 years
  - Andrew May: 3 years
  - Ian Gray: 4 years
  - Col Imrie: 2 years remaining
  - Trevor Parsons: 1 year remaining
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The question of the role of elders was raised at the recent congregation meeting. Council recognises the importance of maintaining a strong focus on spiritual leadership and pastoral care, alongside governance responsibilities. We will continue to look into this and provide a considered update to the congregation in due course.

Council also discussed the new arrangement with the Seventh Day Adventist congregation, who have now started meeting in our buildings. Their first service was a blessing for them, and we are grateful for the positive spirit in which this relationship has begun. Council will continue working through the practical details of this arrangement, including formalising it through an MoU.

A rent review is also planned. This will consider current rental arrangements, the increasing costs of maintaining and insuring the property, and the need to be fair and consistent with those who use our buildings.

Council has started work on the 2026–27 budget, which will be brought to the congregation for approval before the end of the financial year.

We are also planning for three regular congregational meetings each year:

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- **June:** to consider and approve the budget
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- **November:** to provide an update, including end of year accounts
  - **March:** for elections
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At future Council meetings, we will begin inviting different ministry teams to join us for part of the meeting, including the Worship Committee, Pastoral Care, Jumble, Rentals and Property. This will help Council stay connected with the life of the church, and provide a good opportunity to hear about the opportunities and challenges each group is facing, and where they may need support.

Council has agreed to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 May at 7.30pm

Please continue to keep the Council in your prayers as we serve the life and ministry of our church.

Dave Warren  
Chair, Church Council

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## 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.

### St Benedict's Community Centre

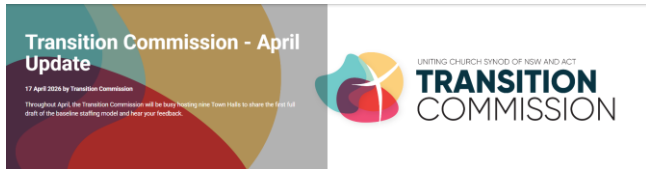


### Donations of Food

We would appreciate the following items:

- Tinned Meat Dishes (Irish Stew, Beef and Vegetables)
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauces
- Single Serve Microwavable Soup or Meals
- Tinned Vegetables (Peas and Corn, Potatoes, beans)
- Cup a Soups
- Tomato & Barbeque Sauce
- Cereals
- Noodles
- Long Life Milk
- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Muesli Bars
- Vegemite, Honey, Jam
- Toiletries (Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bodywash)

Thank you



Throughout April, the Transition Commission will be busy hosting nine Town Halls to share the first full draft of the baseline staffing model and hear your feedback.

This week we met with the Southern cluster of Presbyteries. Next week we will connect with the Northern cluster, followed by the Central cluster in the week beginning 27 April.

These Town Halls are a chance to walk through the draft model, explain the thinking behind it, and listen to your insights. Everyone is welcome, whether you are part of Presbytery staff or simply interested in where things are heading.

You can find a session that suits you [here](#).

What we hear will help shape a final proposal, which will go to the Joint Presbytery and Synod Standing Committees for discernment in May and June. Check out the full draft in the documents section of the Transition Commission [website](#).

The Commission also met with representatives from Presbytery Standing Committees on 13 April to begin co-designing governance for a 3P Standing Committee context. It was a constructive conversation and we look forward to continuing this work with Pastoral Relations Committees in May.

**More Information**

If you would like to share your thoughts or would like to find out more about the work of the Transition Commission, you are welcome to email [transition@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:transition@nswact.uca.org.au).

## CRAFT AND REMNANT SALE

at St Ninian's Market @ the Meeting Place  
Connect • Enjoy • Shop • Belong

**Fri & Sat 8 & 9 May,  
9.30am - 1pm**

<p><b>Hand made items</b></p>  <p><b>Morning tea/coffee and lunch available. Try a cappuccino or a flat white in safe and friendly surroundings.</b></p> 	<p><b>Surplus to needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sewing fabrics of all kinds &amp; lengths</li> <li>• knitting yarns</li> <li>• haberdashery</li> <li>• books, baubles and more</li> </ul>
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St Ninian's Uniting Church  
cnr Mouat and Brigalow Sts, Lyneham  
[www.stninians.org.au](http://www.stninians.org.au)  
Enquiries: Marion 0409074033

## City Chords



*Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and song.*

**Featuring**  
*Gifted pianist and organist Linus Lee  
Other soloists, ensembles and  
Tongan Youth Choir.*

**Entry**  
*Adults \$20  
Children over 5 and Students \$15  
Funds raised to be donated to  
Medecins Sans Frontieres.*

**Afternoon Tea**  
*Will be served after the performance.*

**Saturday, 9 May 2026**  
Commencing 2.00pm

Canberra City Uniting Church,  
69 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT

Free parking in underground car park.  
Entry off Rudd Street.



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## Regular Ministries of QUC

Ministry	When	Contact
Bible Studies and Small Groups	Various times, weekly or fortnightly.	Apelu Tielu <a href="mailto:minister@quc.org.au">minister@quc.org.au</a>
Jumble Sale	One Saturday per month (usually the 4 <sup>th</sup> ), 9am-12pm.	Greg Toone
Pastoral Care		Gillian Seeley <a href="mailto:pastoralcare@quc.org.au">pastoralcare@quc.org.au</a>
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Apelu Tielu <a href="mailto:minister@quc.org.au">minister@quc.org.au</a>
The Shed	Same dates as Jumble Sale.	

If your ministry group’s details are missing, or incorrect, please email [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au) to correct them for the next newsletter.



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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.

For more information visit [www.quc.org.au/giving](http://www.quc.org.au/giving)



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### Church Office (by appointment)

For general enquiries (including [room use/hire](#)) please see our webpage [www.quc.org.au](http://www.quc.org.au)

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 June 2026 newsletter are due by Sunday 25 May for publication Sunday 31 May 2026.  
Email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).