



**A Good News / Good Neighbour Church** **March 2025**

## From Church Council

Council met on 10 February and agreed that we would hold a Congregational meeting after morning worship on Sunday 23 March 2025. The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct elections for QUC office bearers, get updates from our Treasurer and the Pastoral Care team and agree a Mission Statement (see below).

The terms of two of our current Church Council (Col Imrie and Trevor Parsons) end in March 2025. The remainder of the Council (Nicole Alexander, Heather Irons, Andrew May, Ian Robinson, Gillian Seeley and Keturah Whitford) were elected for two years in March 2024 and so are only mid-way through their current term. (Our minister, Apelu, is, of course, a permanent member of the Council while he is in placement at QUC.) I'm very pleased to report that Col and Trevor are happy to stand for re-election this year. If Col and Trevor are re-elected that will mean all members of the current Council will continue in 2025. However, Council is still looking for two new members to assist continuity when a number of existing members (me included) step down in March 2026. In addition, we are looking for someone to take up the position of Congregational Chairperson, Congregational Secretary and Presbytery Representative. We were unable to fill the first two of these positions in 2024 and I am hopeful we will receive some nominations this year. They are important positions, but not onerous ones.

Nominations for all positions open on 23 February and close on 9 March and can be made using the on-line nomination form or hard copy nomination forms available at the church. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider these positions and to nominate people you consider would be suitable for these roles.

Council also agreed at its February meeting that a draft Mission Statement for QUC should be distributed to the congregation for further comment. The draft Mission Statement, set out separately in this Newsletter, builds on the draft circulated in the August 2024 Newsletter and discussed by the congregation on 25 September 2024 and attempts to take into account views expressed at that meeting. The draft seeks to outline who we are, how we aim to behave, what we do and the broad focus of our future mission. As such, the document is intended to be a template against which we can assess any future mission activities when these arise. At this stage, the document does not attempt to identify specific future mission activities; these will need to evolve over time as opportunities arise.

Council is hoping that you will read through the document and pass any further comments or suggestions you have back to me or one of the other Council members prior the 23 March Congregational meeting so that the congregation can formally endorse the Mission Statement at that meeting. I would be grateful if your comments could be provided well ahead of the Congregational meeting, as we don't want to spend time in the meeting itself discussing drafting changes to the document. If there are any substantive concerns with the draft statement, Council will, of course, reconsider it.

Finally, I am very happy to report that the first Jumble Sale and Shed for 2025, held on 22 February was extremely successful, raising just short of \$2,500 – a magnificent effort by all those who work so hard to make these events happen. Very well done!

Ian Robinson

Chair Church Council

## From the Worship Committee

At its meeting on 4 February 2025, the Worship Committee agreed to conduct:

- A “Pancakes at the Manse” evening on Tuesday 4 March, the night before Ash Wednesday. Everyone from the church is invited to enjoy some sweet pancakes as dessert for their evening meal, starting at 6.30 pm at the Manse, 6 Amaroo Place;
- An Ash Wednesday service at the church on Wednesday 5 March, commencing at 5.30pm; and
- A Thanksgiving service on Sunday 9 March, where everyone is invited to bring some home grown produce or something suitable for St Benedict’s. During the service you will be asked to bring your offering down to place it on the table at the front of the church in an act of gratitude for all that we have been given. After the service the produce will be shared between Home and St Benedict’s.

Lent Bible studies will commence on Wednesday 5 March. The first daytime study will be held at the manse, commencing at 10.30 am and followed by lunch. The evening study will be held at Col and Wendy Imrie’s house (15 Park St) commencing at 7.30 pm.

## 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.



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

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)

## Yarralumla CRAFT DESTASH Market

Saturday 15 March, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre, Denman St,  
Yarralumla, ACT

Gold coin entry

The Yarralumla CRAFT DESTASH Market is a trash and treasure market specialising in craft materials - fabric, wool, papercraft, buttons, embellishments, ribbons, craft magazines, stamps and much more!

Refreshments available.

For more details, contact us at:

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

Facebook: Midwinter Arts & Crafts





## The Bethany Group invites ladies to meet with God and receive food for the soul.

Topic: **Made for His Glory**

Function: **High Tea**

Cost: **\$10**

When: **Saturday 15th March 2025** 2.00pm for 2.15pm – 3.45 pm

Where: **Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan**

Speaker: **Amy Bainton**

Amy grew up in the Queanbeyan Region, and after spending this last year in Sydney, has returned with husband Alex. Amy is a nurse working in Canberra Hospital. She has been part of Renew Anglican Church, Tuggeranong since it was planted in 2017. She spends time enjoying being creative with family and friends, and looks forward to sharing how being made by God has shaped her thinking for life, work and our purpose.

RSVP: **8th March 2025**

Contact: **Judith Griffiths** Email: [jandj47g@gmail.com](mailto:jandj47g@gmail.com) Phone: **0410018808**

**Limited seating**

**Prayer Ministry available**

Unfortunately, we are unable to cater for all dietary requirements.



**To sit and to serve**



## 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.	

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.



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](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 April 2025 newsletter are due by Sunday 30 March for publication Sunday 6 April 2025. Email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).

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