



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

August 2025

## From Apelu

A number of our people are unwell: Glen Hudd; Steve Adams, Ron Greer, and David Forbes.

Also, a number of our old folks like, Gwen Fardon, Howard Doust, and Glenise Webb are having difficulties of various sorts due to aging, and Graham and Alida Bell are mourning the passing of Alida's mother, and Margaret Irvine is mourning the passing of her ex-husband.

Please pray for the above named and all our members.

Bible Study has resumed for the third term.



The next Jumble Sale for 2025 will be on  
Saturday 23 August.

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)

## UC National History Conference

You are invited to register for the UC National History Conference to be held at Canberra City Church on 3-5 October 2025.

The theme is about our church offering a 'prophetic voice' having spoken up on issues affecting Australia. Speakers will look at the impact of the church's influence in the past and give a focus to the present and offer inspiration for the future.

Please visit our website  
([www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/](http://www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/)) for information and registration.

Enquiries: Rev Ivan Roberts 0422 648 191

## 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

## From Church Council

Our chilly winter grinds on! But we have made it to August and the days are slowly getting longer, if not yet warmer! Regrettably, but understandably, the cold weather, illness and winter holidays have all impacted adversely on attendance at Sunday morning worship over the last few months. Hopefully participation will pick up as the weather improves; meeting together regularly is a vital part of maintaining an active church.

Church Council did not meet in July (-a concession to the cold winter nights!-) so there is not a lot of Council business to report this month. Council has now signed a new two year rental agreement with Uniting and is seeking to update our User Agreements with our other major tenants: Queanbeyan Players, Empire Dance and Perform Australia. Council is also looking to increase our rental charges from January 2026 to better cover the costs of maintaining our property. As I have commented previously, income from renting out our property makes a very important contribution to our budget.

On the issue of the budget, it will come as no surprise to anyone that our energy bills, maintenance bills, Council rates and insurance are all increasing substantially. Our insurance bill for 2025/26 is in excess of \$19,000! Ouch!

Council is looking for volunteers to assist with two specific tasks. Firstly, after many years of faithful service, Howard has retired from counting and banking church monies. On behalf of the whole congregation, Council would like to express its deep gratitude to Howard for all the years he has performed this essential task. This task involves meeting with one other member of the congregation (currently me) to count and bank the monthly collection and income from the Jumble Sale and Shed and (once a year) the Spring Fair. It usually takes about 90 minutes once a month.

The second area in which we would like a volunteer is someone to collect the mail from our Post Office box once a week and to take care of the church office – ensuring it is kept (approximately) tidy and the photocopier is working. At present the office is a bit of a shambles because no-one has responsibility for it. After an initial clean up (in

which a few of us could help), I don't expect this task would require very much time at all.

If anyone feels they could assist with either of these two tasks, please let me or any Council member know. Thanks.

While on the subject of contributing to the work of the church, Council is conscious that at the church elections in March next year, most of the current members of the Council (including me) will be retiring. There's still six months to go, but I urge everyone who can to consider if they might be able to contribute to the running of the church by serving on Council. This is an important but, generally not onerous, role and it is satisfying to be involved in the life of the church in this way.

Despite the rain and cold wind, we had another successful Jumble Sale and Shed on 26 July. Numbers attending were a little down on normal (not surprisingly given it was such a bleak day) but we still raised an amazing \$1434 at the Jumble sale and \$78.40 was donated at the Shed. A highlight of the morning was the "Let's Meet Our Neighbour" soup provided by Jo Shilling and her family – absolutely yummy soup that cheered everyone up on a cold and bleak day. Thanks Jo! If you haven't come along to Jumble in recent months, pencil it in for this month; it's a great way to support the church's engagement with the community and you're sure to find something you absolutely must have (even if you don't need it) at a bargain price!

Stay warm!

Ian Robinson

On behalf of Church Council

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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		Grace Tielu <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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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](#).

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### Next Newsletter

Contributions for the September 2025 newsletter are due by Sunday 24 August for publication Sunday 31 August 2025. Email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).