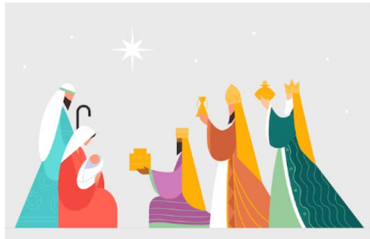




A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

Dec 2023 – Jan 2024



Advent & Christmas Services

Sun 3 Dec. - 9.30am

Advent 1 – Advent theme is Hope

Sun 3 Dec. - 6.00pm

Blue Christmas or Remembrance service

Sun 10 Dec. - 9.30am

Advent 2 & Holy Communion - Advent theme is Peace

Sun 17 Dec. - 9.30am

Advent 3 – Lessons and Carols - Advent theme is Joy

Sun 24 Dec. - 9.30am

Advent 4 - Advent theme is Love

Mon 25 Dec. - 9.00am

Christmas Day service

Sun 31 Dec. - 9.30am

5th Sunday of the month service

**Christmas Lunch at the Manse is happening on
Sun 16 Dec - 12 noonish.
All are welcome!**



The Jumble sale is now on holidays till February 2024.

For more information contact Greg Toone
0412 060 465 or visit

www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale

tearfund

tearfund “Useful gift shop”

As in previous years, a tearfund “Useful Gift Shop” will run at the back of the church on Sundays after the morning service, commencing on 12th November and concluding five weeks later on 10th December. A poster displaying the available gifts will be placed on the wall near the Office, and payment can be in cash or, with the completion of a form, by credit card.

In 2022, QUC raised over \$2,000 to help Tear Fund’s national and international missions, so every sale helps.

Thank you for your support.

From the Chair of Church Council

Well, December already - where did that year go?

For those who missed the announcement in church, the 28 October Jumble Sale, Shed and mini-Spring Fair raised \$4,689.72, which was an excellent outcome. Again, sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of the morning.

In the past month Church Council has renewed our lease agreement with Uniting for another two years to June 2025, at an increased rental rate. This arrangement provides us with \$30,000 a year and is a very important contributor to our budget, so we are very pleased that Uniting is continuing to use our property.

Saturday 25 November saw the final Jumble Sale and Shed for 2023. Despite the threatening clouds, the rain held off and we raised a little over \$1,900 - a great finale for the year. No doubt some of this success was attributable to our very own radio DJ, Greg Toone, who was interviewed about the Jumble Sale on ABC radio early on Saturday morning! There was a Christmas theme to the morning with most of the helpers wearing appropriately Christmassy hats, supplied by the ever creative Merran. It was a very happy morning with everyone in a great mood - even the grumpy old bloke who had to wear a Santa Clause hat all morning!

Our final "Let's Meet Our Neighbours" sausage sizzle for the year was also held in conjunction with the Jumble Sale and Shed and 125 sausages were given away to grateful customers. Many thanks to the volunteers who organise and staff this initiative.

Many of you will have noticed that the Outdoor Chapel proposed by the Worship Committee is taking shape under the avenue of trees at the back of the church. Thanks to Glen Crawley, with assistance from Rob Wilson, the cross is in place and Glen has also built two beautiful bench seats from recycled materials, with a third seat in the

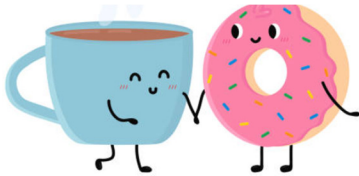
pipeline. We are hoping this area will serve as a place where people passing by will feel comfortable to sit and reflect. It may also serve as a venue for any outdoor worship activities we may hold in future.

A number of Council members have attended Safe Church training over the past twelve months. This training emphasises the critical importance of ensuring the church remains a safe place for all people and outlines measures we need to take to achieve this. As a result of this training, Council has recently decided to create a Safe Church Team to support our long standing Safe Church Officer, Jo Shilling. From now on, anyone with any concerns around their safety or the behaviour of others can approach Keturah Whitford, Lesley Hilder or myself, as well as Jo or Apelu. Sadly, we know that inappropriate behaviour can occur in the context of church and it is vital that we all remain vigilant for any signs of this.

As this is the final newsletter for 2023, on behalf of Church Council, I want to thank Apelu and Grace for their wonderful leadership of our church and I also want to thank every member of the congregation for their continued involvement in and support of Queanbeyan Uniting Church. So many people help in so many ways, often largely unacknowledged – thank you for everything you do. Let's pray that we can continue into the future worshipping our God, sharing His message of peace and love with the community around us and supporting each other.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and blessed Christmas.

Ian Robinson
On behalf of Church Council



Morning team helpers needed!

We currently need a few more volunteers to help with the preparation and service of morning tea after Sunday morning worship. If you'd like more information please contact Yvonne McKeahnie in person or send her an email y.mckeahnie@hotmail.com.

Bennie's Basket' Food Pantry



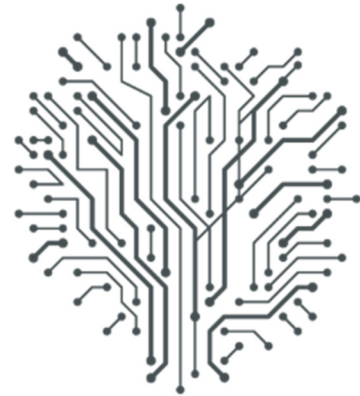
Congregation members are invited to bring along a grocery item or two each week to be placed in a basket at the church. Once a month these items will be passed on to St Benedict's.

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.

Ian Robinson
Church Council Chair

Ministries to connect with



SALT BUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

<https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/>



20 National Circuit, Forrest ACT 2603

www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

For all the latest concert dates and other information:

[CLICK HERE](#)

To receive regular updates via newsletter,
please email us your details at:
wesleymc@music.wesleycanberra.org.au

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 th), 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 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



Find us on 

Church Office (by appointment)

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

You can contact our **Minister** Apelu Tielu 0409 550 088 or email 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



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 February 2024 newsletter are due by Sunday 28 January for publication Sunday 4 February 2024. Email to news@quc.org.au.

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