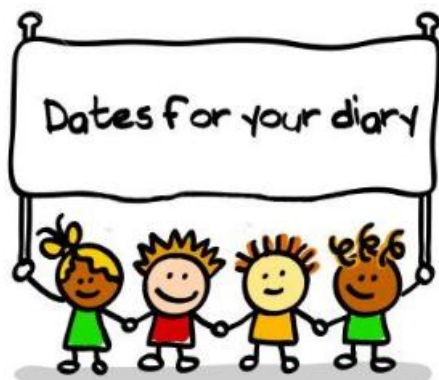




A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

September 2026



Things on in September

- 1 September – 7:45pm Worship committee
- 2 September – 10am Bible Study at the manse
- 2 September – 11:15am Pastoral Care
- 6 September – morning tea in the 'New' kitchen
- 9 September - 10am Bible Study at the manse
- 16 September - 10am Bible Study at the manse
- 22 September – 7:30pm Church Council at the Grays
- 23 September - 10am Bible Study at the manse
- 26 September – Jumble Sale and The Shed / Meet Your Neighbour BBQ
- 30 September - 10am Bible Study at the manse

Things on in October

- 3 October – Living Water Season of Creation combined service at Queanbeyan Baptist Church
- 11-25 October National Church Life Survey
- 24 October – Monster Jumble Sale / Spring Fair!!

Things on in November

- 22 November – Congregation meeting / Shared lunch

Church Council

Church Council met on Tuesday 18 August, initially with Greg and Merran Toone representing the Jumble Sale team. They shared some of the history of the Jumble Sale, how it operates, the volunteers involved and the people who come along.

The discussion highlighted that Jumble is about much more than raising funds. It is a place of fellowship, mission and outreach, providing affordable goods, encouraging reuse and recycling, and offering an opportunity to express God's love to those they meet, "a Beacon of God's Light in our Community!"

Church Council affirmed that the Jumble Sale is an important part of the mission and life of our church. The following article provides a little more insight into what happens through Jumble, the contribution it makes and some of the opportunities and challenges ahead.

The remainder of our meeting was mainly focused on the Mission Planning workshop held after worship on 17 August with Synod. We felt the morning went very well and it was encouraging to see so many people actively participating and thinking about the future of our church.

We hope to receive Synod's report within the next month and will share this with the congregation. The intention is then to establish a Mission Planning Task Group to work through the report and help develop a mission plan for the church. If you are interested in being part of

this group, please speak with me or another member of Church Council.

At our next meeting on 22 September, Church Council intends to review the rental rates for groups using our facilities.

Dave Warren
Chair, Church Council
council@quc.org.au

Congregation Meeting - Sunday 22 November

Our next Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday 22 November at approximately 11.00 am, following the morning service.

The meeting will be followed by a shared lunch for those who would like to stay and enjoy some time together.

An agenda and further details will be provided closer to the date.

Jumble Sale, More Than a Bargain

This is a short summary of the report Greg and Merran Toone recently shared with Church Council about the life and work of our Jumble Sale.

Jumble has been part of Queanbeyan Uniting Church since 1992. Around 20 volunteers help sort, price and prepare donated goods, with the team meeting regularly during the month as well as working around each sale. Importantly, many of the volunteers are not members of our congregation. Over time, the team itself has become an important place of friendship, fellowship and mutual support.

Jumble provides affordable goods for people in our community, helps useful items find another home rather than going to landfill, and provides opportunities for connection. It also works alongside other church activities. The Shed offers free morning tea and a place for people to meet, while Meet Your Neighbour is held with BBQs in Mar, May, Sept and Nov, and soup in July. With more volunteers, there is potential for this to become a monthly activity.

A typical Jumble Sale raises around \$2,000, making an important contribution towards the running of our church.

The team also meets by Zoom with people involved in other Uniting Church op shops. Each shop operates independently and in its own way, but the meetings provide an opportunity to share ideas, learn from one another and support each other through common challenges.

With more op shops operating locally, donations are being spread more widely, so good quality items are always welcome to help keep fresh stock coming through.

Our volunteer team is also ageing. Many have served generously for years, and keeping this important ministry strong into the future will depend on others becoming involved as they are able. Even a small contribution can help share the load.

[Read more about the history of Jumble](#)



The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 26 September.

The team sort goods on a Tuesday morning and are always looking for more helpers to assist.

URGENT REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Jumble Sale team is desperate for helpers for the September Jumble Sale as a few of our regulars will be away.

If you are able to help set up from 7.30am in the morning or help pack up from 12pm that would be great!

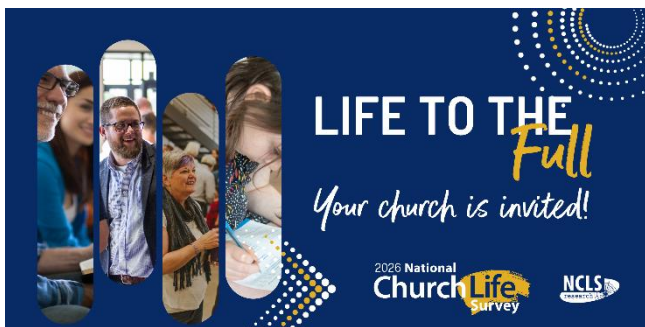
Also, someone is needed to set up the tables for The Shed Morning tea team.

This can either be done on Friday afternoon or early Saturday Morning before 9am.

For more information contact Greg Toone 0412 060 465 or visit

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

National Church Life Survey



Queanbeyan Uniting Church will be taking part in the 2026 National Church Life Survey (NCLS) from Sunday 11 October to Sunday 25 October.

The NCLS is conducted every five years, alongside the Australian Census, and has been surveying Australian churches since 1991. It gives people across the congregation an opportunity to share their experiences, views and hopes for church life.

The results will help us better understand the strengths and health of our congregation and will also help inform the future mission and focus of QUC. NCLS research also draws on Australian Census information, helping churches understand the demographics of their wider community and consider how they connect with the people around them.

More information about completing the survey will be provided in October.

Monster Jumble Sale / Spring Fair Help Required

This year's Spring Fair is being held on Saturday 24 October. It's time to start thinking about how you can help. Any time you can give either setting up on the Friday, helping man a stall on the Saturday or cleaning up afterwards will be very much appreciated.

In the meantime here's a list of suggestions on how you can begin preparing now:

For the Jumble Sale Shed

Now is the time to do your spring cleaning and sort those clothes / toys / kitchen items / books etc that are no longer required, ready to donate.

For the Cake Stall

Now is the time to practise those cake and cookie recipes, and start adding some extra flour, sugar and butter to your grocery shop each week, ready to cook up a storm.

For the Craft Stall

As the cooler weather draws to a close, grab that crotchet hook, those knitting needles, or dig out that sewing machine and let your creativity fly! Hand made goods are always popular.

For the Jams & Pickle Stall

Gather the last of your winter produce and cook up some vege pickles. Maybe your citrus trees are currently loaded, whip up some marmalade or lemon butter.

For the Plant Stall

We always appreciate the many plants that are donated for sale at the mini-Spring Fair. This year we are particularly hoping for donations of "potted colour" and vegetable/herb seedlings.

Here are some ways you can help:

1. At the beginning of October buy a small tray of vegetable/herb seedlings or flowers from a nursery or hardware shop.
2. Pot them up into individual, small pots. Use a paddle pop stick (or similar) to label each pot (this is important - especially with tomatoes, customers are very keen to know what they're buying).
3. Enjoy looking after them for a few weeks as they grow taller and stronger.
4. Joyfully bring them down to the church the night before, or early morning of, the Spring Fair.
5. Look on with great satisfaction as our many loyal customers stock up on the plants you grew!

If you need any assistance please contact Ruth Adams. (catch up with her after church on Sundays if you'd like to help) She usually has potting mix to spare, and lots of small pots that can be used. Another item we have found very popular in recent years is garden art. So, if you have a cherub, or a garden gnome, or a cute little rusted metal flower please donate it to us -we'll help find its' new forever home.

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.

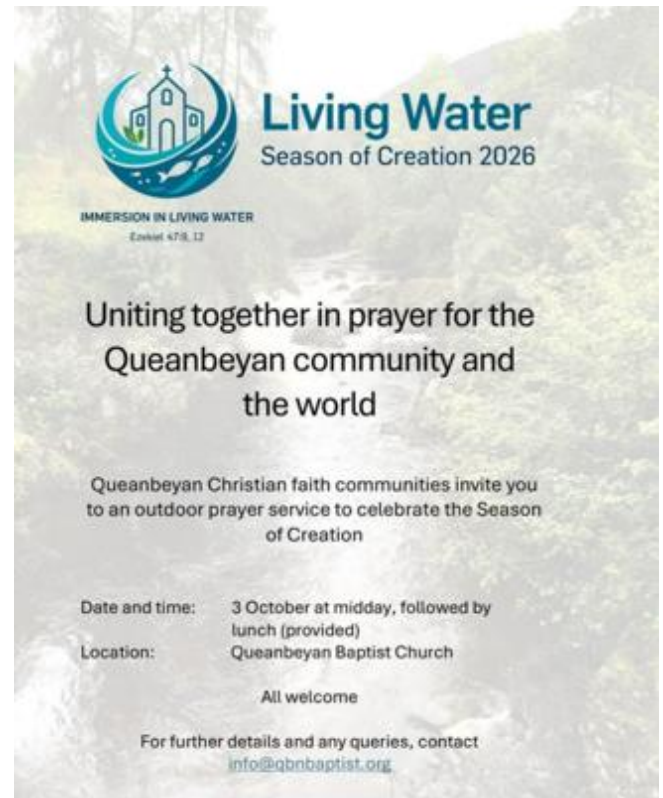
Suggested items to donate are tinned meat dishes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, single serve microwaveable soup or meals, cup a soups, tomato and BBQ sauce, cereals, noodles, long life milk, tea bags, coffee, muesli bars, vegemite, honey, jam, toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash)

Any spare bibles?



Andrew's parents, Wendy and Peter Flahive, belong to a church which collects bibles that are no longer needed by their owners, and passes them on to visitors without a bible to keep.

If anyone has a spare bible (other than the King James version), please give them to Andrew to give to his parents when they return in September.



Season of Creation 2026: Living Water

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world mark the Season of Creation, a time to pray, reflect and act in response to God's gift of creation and our shared responsibility to care for it.

The 2026 theme is Living Water, inspired by Ezekiel 47:9 and 12. In Ezekiel's vision, a river flows from God's sanctuary, bringing healing, restoration and new life.

Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli invites us during this season to "pray, learn, act and advocate", and to reflect on how we care for creation and stand alongside communities affected by environmental degradation and climate change.

Throughout September, you might like to set aside some time for personal reflection, prayer and practical action. The Uniting Church has gathered a range of resources that can help us reflect on the theme of Living Water and consider how we might respond. [Watch Rev Charissa Suli's Season of Creation message](#) [Explore the Season of Creation 2026 resources](#)

Regular Ministries of QUC

Ministry	When	Contact
Bible Studies and Small Groups	Various times, weekly or fortnightly.	Apelu Tielu minister@quc.org.au
Jumble Sale	One Saturday per month (usually the 4 th), 9am-12pm.	Greg Toone
Pastoral Care		Gillian Seeley pastoralcare@quc.org.au
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Apelu Tielu minister@quc.org.au
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.



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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



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Church Office (by appointment)

For general enquiries (including [room use/hire](http://www.quc.org.au)) 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

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