



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

November 2023



## Dates for your diary

**Advent Services** - Each Sunday in December as part of the 9:30am family service

**Remembrance Service (Blue Christmas Service)** - Wednesday, 6 December at 6.00pm

**Lesson and Carols Service** - 17 December at 9:30am

**Christmas Day Service** - Monday, 25 December at 9am



The next Jumble sale is on Saturday 25 November.

The Team sort goods on a Tuesday morning. They are always keen to welcome new helpers.

For more information contact Greg Toone 0412 060 465. For more info visit [www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale](http://www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale)

## From the Chair of Church Council

In the October Newsletter I reported on a Presbytery zoom session at which various congregations discussed the ways they used their property resources to further their mission. This work arose out of the Presbytery Mission Plan and aims to encourage congregations to use property to build relations with the community. At its October meeting Council noted some of the initiatives reported by other congregations, including community gardens; op-shops; holiday happenings for school children; special Christmas celebrations to which the community is invited (including Christmas in July and hosting a community dinner on Christmas Day); sewing/craft groups; weekly community breakfasts; playgroups; involvement in multi-faith activities; food relief; and, hosting stalls at community gatherings.

QUC already has a well-established ministry to the community via our monthly jumble sale and Shed café, but Council wondered if there were other initiatives we might take to better engage with our community. Clearly, any new initiative would need to take account of the limits on the available personnel and resources, and ideally, we would build on our current strengths by linking any new activity to the jumble sale/Shed activities. If you have any ideas of new ways in which QUC could engage with the community, please speak to me or one of the other Council members.

A thousand thanks to everyone who contributed to the 28 October Spring Fair/Jumble/Shed, both in making/donating items to sell and in serving on the day. It was one of those weekends where a lot

of the usual workforce was away, so special thanks to those who were able to be there and make it another successful interaction with our community. The financial outcome of the day was not known at the time of writing this article but will be advised shortly.

Thanks too, to the Banner Group for the lovely new banner in the church: a beautiful reminder of the central role of joy in the Christian life. I've never read that Jesus urged his followers to grumble and moan, but many Christians (me included) are pretty good at this! So it is very good to be reminded that we should sing for joy in our daily lives.

We are aiming to hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday 19 November at which our Treasurer, Col Imrie, will present the financial results for 2022-23 and seek the congregation's approval of the budget for 2023-24. I encourage all members of the congregation who can do so to attend this meeting so that we all have a clear idea of how the church's finances are progressing. I know this is not everyone's 'cup of tea', but it is important.

At its November meeting Council will reflect on the latest report of the Act2 Project, which was established in 2022 by the 16th Assembly of the Uniting Church. The Act 2 Project aims to examine future directions of the UCA in four broad areas: local communities of faith and discipleship; national identity; governance and resourcing; and theological culture and education.

Following extensive consultation across the church and the community, the project has released its findings on these areas and has invited church councils and congregations to reflect on the future directions and options for the UCA. The Act2 website – [www.act2uca.com](http://www.act2uca.com) – is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the future of the UCA.

Ian Robinson  
On behalf of Church Council

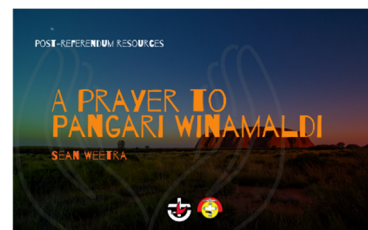
**tearfund**

## 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.



As we continue to experience and process the range of emotions arising out of the referendum result, you may find it helpful to draw on the following liturgical resources the Assembly has compiled.

This resource packet has received input from Uniting Church leaders across the nation. It contains a foreword from the President, a video from Queensland Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress leaders, three rituals, a collection of prayers, some reflection questions, and support services, particularly for First Nations people.

You can read the prayer from Sean Weetra, Chairperson of UAICC South Australia, below. Pangari Winamaldi means Creator Spirit. Access the resources by following this link – <https://uniting.church/post-referendum-resource/>

## 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

## "BLANK STARES"



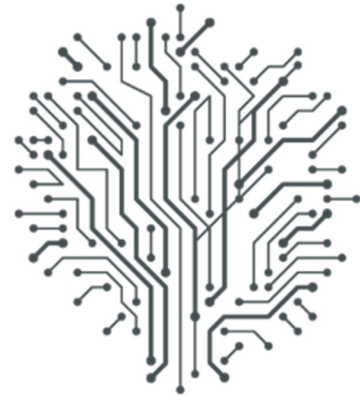
PLAYING LIVE AT

THE QUEANBEYAN SHOW  
ON  
SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

7PM-9PM

QBN SHOWGROUND  
OFF COOMA STREET

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 <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.



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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](#).

**To access the service, you will need to have a Zoom account and be logged in.**

### Next Newsletter

Contributions for the December 2023 / January 2024 newsletter are due by Sunday 26 November for publication Sunday 3 December 2023. email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).

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