



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

October 24

From the Chair of Church Council

As there was no Newsletter last month, this report covers the events of August and September; a fair bit seems to have happened in the last few months.

Thankfully, the major plumbing problems in the old buildings have now been resolved and a new concrete parking space and footpath have been installed between the old church and the hall. The total cost of this work (plumbing and concreting) was just under \$20,000, a major unexpected expenditure cost. Many thanks to Glen Crawley for organising this and for arranging the installation of a new instant hot water service in the kitchen. While on property matters, Council would also like to thank Andrew Flahive for extending the range of our wi-fi so that the EFTPOS terminal can now operate from the desk in the Jumble Shed, making it much more convenient for the Jumble team to take cashless payments.

At its September meeting, Council received a report from the Treasurer, Col Imrie, which noted that QUC had run at a deficit of \$9,033 in 2023-24 and was currently expected to record another deficit of around \$14,000 in 2024-25. Council agreed that these deficits were manageable given current resources but noted that deficits could not be sustained indefinitely and that QUC would need to focus on improving its revenues. We expect that full financial details for last year and the budget for the current year will be provided to the congregation at a congregational meeting later this year.

Council is very pleased to report that Grace Tielu, Gillian Seeley and Robyn Robinson have formed

the nucleus of a new pastoral care group for QUC. The details of how this group will operate are currently being developed. Any member of the congregation who would like to participate in this group would be very welcome; please do not hesitate to contact one of the existing members if you think this is an area in which you could assist QUC.

On 15 September the congregation met over morning tea to discuss the one-page mission planning document Council had prepared mid-year. A copy of this document was included in the August Newsletter. This was a useful and productive meeting in which congregation members could respond to the ideas in the document and make suggestions about other things that QUC could consider doing.

The meeting was generally happy with Council's description of why QUC is here and how we seek to behave but suggested that we should emphasise that QUC is a safe place for all people. It was also noted that we could work harder at welcoming visitors and newcomers to our church. In this context, it was observed that birthday cards are sent to children baptised at QUC for the first five years of their lives.

In a discussion of what we do at QUC, people noted the importance of the Jumble and Shed activities in building wider relationships with the Queanbeyan community. Representatives of the Jumble team are now attending meetings with representatives of other Presbytery Op Shop groups to share ideas and experiences. Jumble continues to focus on assisting those in need and on sustainability. One member of the congregation was sending clothing to indigenous communities in the Outback and it was thought

that this might be an activity in which QUC could become more involved.

A number of suggestions were made with respect to other things QUC might do, including:

- Increased co-operation with other local churches and Christian groups, including the Gideon Society;
- Activities around special celebrations like Mothers' and Fathers' Day;
- Activities for children during school holidays;
- A wider mission to disadvantaged people;
- Pastoral care (-as noted above work in this area is currently in progress);
- A new notice board at the back of the church listing QUC activities to ensure everyone is aware of what is coming up (-this suggestion has already been implemented);
- More contributions to the monthly Newsletter so that the congregation is better informed and engaged, with some hard copies of the Newsletter being available each month; and
- Re-examining our administrative structure and thinking further about how we balance the activities of the church with the need to rent our property.

Council found this discussion very useful; it will feed into the further work we will be doing to advance our mission planning. Any member of the congregation with further ideas on these issues is encouraged to share these with Apelu or Council.

The next Jumble Sale and Shed, on 26 October, will also be our Spring Fair, with plants, craft, jam and cooking stalls. While the Spring Fair is no longer as grand an affair as it has been in the past, it is still an important opportunity for us to engage with the community and to raise funds. I

encourage everyone who can to get involved in helping with the Fair; it is a lot of work, but it is also a happy day. There is a sheet at the back of the church for volunteers to list where they can help out.

Ian Robinson, on behalf of Church Council.



The October Jumble sale / mini Spring Fair is on Saturday 26 October.

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

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.

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.

From Apelu

1. Bible Study is continuing with a study of the Minor Prophets. They are called minor prophets, simply because their books are short compared to others like Isaiah and Jeremiah.
2. I'll be on annual leave for two weeks in November, from the 4th to the 18th.
3. This year's church Christmas BBQ/Lunch is on Saturday the 7th of December. More details to follow.

Looking for volunteers Yarralumla Arts & Crafts Show 1,2,3 November



Our spring Arts and Crafts Show at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre, Denman Street, Yarralumla will be on Friday 1 November to Sunday 3 November 2024. The show is a wonderful celebration of community with the craft, art and musical talents of our community on display.

The show supports local artists and crafters to sell their wares and allows us to contribute to community causes. Funds raised by the show have been donated to a wide range of organisations including: Companion House for Refugees, Canberra Refugee Support, Orange Sky Laundry, Spinal ACT, National Cancer Council, Cancer Council ACT, Newborn Intensive Care Foundation and Caring for Kiriwina. Last year we distributed \$8,500 to community causes.



Running the show is a big undertaking both in planning and over the show weekend. We are looking for volunteers to join us in helping to continue to run this show and also to join our committee.

If you are interested, please contact Lynne Thomson by email lynne@thomzone.com or on 0419461880.

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 November 2024 newsletter are due by Sunday 27 October for publication Sunday 3 November 2024. Email to news@quc.org.au.

Read Presbytery, Synod, Insights and previous QUC newsletters at www.quc.org.au/news/news