

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA YASS PARISH



## NOVEMBER 2021

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*As part of God's people we are called by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ, within our community through regular worship, faithful witness and humble service.*

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### Mark 12: 28-34

Jesus teaches that loving God and loving one's neighbour as oneself are the greatest commandments and that, indeed, "All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matt 22:40)

Likewise, James says that loving one's neighbour as one loves oneself is the royal law. "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right" (James 2:8). James is not advocating some kind of emotional affection for oneself. Rather the command is to pursue the spiritual health and physical wellbeing of one's neighbour (all within the sphere of our influence) with the same intensity and concern as we naturally do for ourselves.

In Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan, he explains who our neighbour is. (See Luke 10:29-37). Priests are ministers at the altar; they teach people the laws of God. Levites are charged with the care of the tabernacle and the Temple. So the priest and the Levite, who passed by the injured man, are "Temple people," religious authorities. But they show more concern for the routines, rituals and forms of their religion than for the person who is in dire need of help. They lack internal godliness and obedience to God's truth.

The Samaritan, who is not a "Temple person" is the one who fulfils the royal law by caring for the injured man.

In our busy world, we too need to avoid being mere "church people," going to and rushing out of church without ever interacting with people whose lives intersect with ours, finding no time to show active concern for those whose needs we could meet. God calls us, instead, to love and care for our neighbours as we love and care for ourselves.

Contributed



## Rye Park News



Rye Park is happy to be reopening with a clearer vision of where we are going, at least in the short term. Following a Congregational meeting at Rye Park on October 17th the following decisions have been made.

- \* This Sunday - House Church at "Wattle Grove" (October 31st) @ 5pm.
- \* Due to our small numbers our services will now be held fortnightly on the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
- \* All services during the summer months will be held at 5pm followed by a light meal.
- \* We are exploring a sharing arrangement with the small Uniting congregation in Boorowa. Rye Park attending in Boorowa when no service here & them coming to us.
- \* Although we feel the need to become self- sufficient, we would still appreciate & welcome any Yass Teams or visiting Ministers who are able to help out.
- \* These arrangements will be reviewed before the start of winter.

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### **WORSHIP ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION November**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>BIBLE READER</b>	<b>PRAYERS</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
Nov 7th	Rev Christine MoiMoi	Chris Anderson	Della	Ann & Chris	R. Thompson
Nov 14th	Owen & Suzie	Team	Team	Sandra & Gordon	L. Glover
Nov 21st	Rev Christine MoiMoi	Tim Holmes	Ruth	Ruth	R. Thompson
Nov 28th	Rev Dr John Braakman	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Della & Ray	B. Rayner

**Stewards:** Isobel Wykes and Margaret Henderson  
**Counters:** Gordon Henshaw and helper  
**Duty Elders:** Della Armour and Cheryl Maxwell

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**Prayer Points for October:** (They may often be the same, but continuing prayer is needed).

For containment of the Corona Virus outbreaks as they occur;

For Afghanistan;

We give thanks for all members of our congregations at Yass and Rye Park.

We give thanks that some are able to see family and friends after quite some time.

We pray for students who are facing their Year 12 exams after two years of unprecedented interruptions.

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**UCAF news:**

UCAF met on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Arrangements for the Service supporting Frontier Services and the barbecue lunch were finalised.

Thank you to everyone who support the service and lunch on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

*(Ruth Thompson for UCAF members)*

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A little boy sitting in Church and looking at the Honour Roll.  
He asks the minister “what does all the names mean”. The minister said:  
“That’s a list of all the people that died in the services” The little boy thought  
for a moment and asked “Was it in the morning service or the evening service”

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In Football you have a referee

In Cricket you have an umpire

What do you have in Bowls

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Gold fish

### Lord, I Need Your Touch

Lord, I know they say there's nothing like a mother's touch  
And sometimes a hug from Dad, makes everything okay"  
But now Lord there's only one thing that can bring me through this valley.  
Oh I need a touch, Lord I need Your Touch today.  
Lord I need your touch, I long to feel your Spirit near.

Shelter me from the storms that rage and calm my every fear.  
Oh Dear Lord if you would touch me now, I know I'll make it through  
somehow And so I won't ask much,  
Oh but Lord I need your touch.

You touched a crippled man and made him walk again.  
You touched blinded eyes and made them see.  
And even death, it had no power when You raised your Mighty hand.  
Oh Lord, I need to feel that touch in me.  
Lord I need your touch, I long to feel Your Spirit near.

Shelter me from the storms that rage and calm my every fear.  
Oh Dear Lord If you would touch me now, I know I'll make it through  
somehow.  
And so I won't ask much, oh but Lord I need your touch.  
Oh Dear Lord if you would touch me now,  
I know I'll make it through somehow.  
And so I won't ask much  
Oh but Lord I need your touch.

**Parish Calendar: NOVEMBER 2021**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Elders 2pm	<b>3</b> MT at GW Lodge 9:45	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Yass 10 am HC Rye Park 5 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Yass 10 am Congregational meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> TEG Service 11am GWL Service 2 pm	<b>17</b> Property Committee 7:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Yass 10 am Rye Park 5 pm	<b>22</b> UCAF2pm <i>December Newsletter Items due</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	<b>27</b>

<b>28</b> Yass 10 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
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