



## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA YASS PARISH



**MAY 2022**

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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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### REFLECTIONS: For Example.

“For example,” two simple words that I’m sure many of us have used many times over the years. Mr Google tells us that the expression means;” used to introduce something chosen as a typical case.” and can be expressed in six other ways; as, for instance, such as, like, e.g., or thus.

Examples are a part of everyday life. Our daily living is an example to other family members, for friends and neighbours, workmates and associates. It is a criteria by which we can be judged, and how we can judge others.

In my younger days (thanks for the memories) the word “mentor” was not a commonly used word. The dictionary describes it as a noun to mean, “an experienced and trusted adviser” and as a verb “.to advise or train (someone, especially a younger colleague).

The word has gained more recognition these days especially when related to sportsmen and women. Many players/competitors are portrayed as “mentors” who younger people tend to look up to or to model/style themselves on. Social media is, it appears, to be the ideal medium for such mentoring.

To me, mentoring is really the setting of examples. Examples on how to play, how to react or respond to a challenge, how to live. Each one of us sets examples for others to look at and hopefully respond to. As I look back over my life, I realise that who I am today is very much the result of the examples set for me by my parents. I hope that my daughter and son and my granddaughter and grandson are looking at me in the same way, that my example has helped them be who they are and how they live life.

Some of the most examples of essential life lessons and wisdom do not come from a book or a classroom. They are lessons that come from people close to us. Many of these people concern themselves with the heart and spirit. They teach us about the world and the best way to live in it.

Our greatest teachers are usually those who did not volunteer for the job. They are parents and friends, spouses and children. Much great wisdom is learned best from the example of those closest to us.

And the remarkable fact is this: we can be a great teacher. We can teach powerful lessons every day of our life. We teach them simply by the way we live; by the way we respond to the world; and, by the little decisions we make, by the examples we set. Do you stop and wonder -- who's watching and learning from you and I?

In his letter to the people of Philippi Paul asks of the Philippians to “Keep on imitating me, pay attention to those who follow the right example that we have set for you.” The early Christian church was founded on examples! Examples set by Jesus and followed up by the disciples and countless millions over the years.

So, as we journey along our Lenten highway, let us take time to stop and consider the question: Is my daily living a good example to others? Is my life one that could be regarded as a “mentor” to others especially those younger than us? Good examples are needed so much in today’s world. A world where bad examples of living are flooding social media, newspapers and television.

Most people, these days, talk about values and what they believe to be right and wrong. But, I believe, that our REAL values can be seen by the way we live. It is the things we do and the choices we make and the examples we set that show what we truly believe. Make each day an example setting day. Amen. (GMP)

## May 2022 LECTONARY READINGS:





| Date                                       | Day      | FIRST READING     | PSALM  | SECOND READING | GOSPEL       |
|--|----------|-------------------|--------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May                        | Easter 3 | Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) | Ps 30  | Rev 5: 11-14   | Jn 21: 1-19  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May<br><i>Mother's day</i> | Easter 4 | Acts 9 :36-43     | Ps23   | Rev 7: 9-17    | Jn 10: 22-30 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Easter 5 | Acts 11: 1-18     | Ps 148 | Rev 21: 1-6    | Jn 13: 31-35 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                       | Easter 6 | Acts 16: 9-15     | Ps 67  | Rev 21: 10-22  | Jn 14: 23-29 |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Easter 7 | Acts 16: 16-34    | Ps 97  | Rev 22: 12-14  | Jn 17: 20-26 |



**WORSHIP ROSTER ST ANDREWS  
CONGREGATION**

**MAY 2022**

| <b>DATE</b>                                | <b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>                        | <b>BIBLE READER</b> | <b>PRAYERS</b> | <b>Morning Tea</b><br> | <b>Flowers</b><br> |
|--|--|---------------------|----------------|---|---|
| <i>1<sup>st</sup> May</i>                  | Barry Banks HC                               | Chris Anderson      | Team           | Ruth & Kerry  |   |
| <i>8<sup>th</sup> May<br/>Mother's day</i> | Ruth Thompson                                | Team                | Team           | No Morning Tea  | L Glover  |
| <i>15<sup>th</sup> May</i>                 | Combined Service<br>No Service at St Andrews | Yass Memorial Hall  | -----          | Vine Church BBQ   |   |
| <i>22<sup>nd</sup> May</i>                 | Rev John Braakman                            | Gordon Henshaw      | Sandra Henshaw | Ann & Chris   | R Thompson  |
| <i>29<sup>th</sup> May</i>                 | Rev Nikki Coleman                            | Suzie Graham        | Owen Graham    | Sandra & Gordon   |   |

**Stewards:** Ray & Della Armour    **Counters:** Gordon Henshaw.  
**Duty Elders:** Della Armour

## *A Mother's Day Prayer*

*Dear Lord,*

*Please watch over  
and support all mothers  
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much  
they are loved and appreciated  
on Mother's Day and every day.*



## ***Special Celebrations.***

### ***Birthdays.***

Ron Veness and Garry Southwell from Rye Park.

Geoff Townsend, Barb Rayner, Jan Powell, Lesley Cox, Ian and Esmay Armour and Cheryl Maxwell.



## ***Notices:***

### **Death of Rev Ken Rogers**

Ken's daughter, Karen Eades, has let us know that Ken died on 10th April, unexpectedly, due to a haemorrhagic stroke. He was living in Maitland, collapsed, and died in hospital about 6 hours later. He was 84. Ken retired from full time ministry in 2005.

Ken was our minister from 1983 to 1988. In his memories in the Centenary book produced by Brian Carruthers he recalls that at this time we were still struggling with our new identity of the Uniting Church. Telecare was introduced by the Elders under the leadership of Dawn Bickford. This enabled easier contact with members of our congregation and ran for many years.

It was a busy time with a much larger congregation.

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### **COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

The Combined Churches of Yass will be holding a service at the Memorial Hall at 10:30 am. There will NOT be a service at St Andrew's. The Vine Church is doing a barbecue and the Uniting Church ladies are asked to bring a plate of slice.

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**CANASSIST** are holding a Big Morning Tea on Tuesday 17th May from 9:30 am in the Len Waters Room in the Linton Village.

The Room is at the top of the Independent Living Units and is accessed from Glebe Street. Please come along and support CanAssist to support local cancer patients

Ruth T

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# May 2022 Yass Parish Calendar



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                          | Thursday | Friday                    | Saturday |
|---|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1   | 2        | 3                                   | 4                                  | 5        | 6                         | 7        |
| Yass HC 10am<br>Rye Park HC 5pm   | UCAF 2pm |                                     | Morning Tea<br>Warmington<br>Lodge |          | Playgroup<br>9.30-11.30am |          |
| <i>Mothers Day,8</i>  | 9        | 10                                  | 11                                 | 12       | 13                        | 14       |
| Yass 10am<br>Rye Park/Boorowa<br>10.30am                                    |          |                                     | Church<br>Council<br>7.30pm        |          | Playgroup<br>9.30-11.30am |          |
| 15  | 16       | 17                                  | 18                                 | 19       | 20                        | 21       |
| No Service<br>Combined Churches<br>10.30<br>Rye Park at Wattle<br>Grove 5pm |          | TEG 11am<br>Warmington<br>Lodge 2pm |                                    |          | Playgroup<br>9.30-11.30am |          |
| 22  | 23       | 24                                  | 25                                 | 26       | 27                        | 28       |
| Yass 10am<br>Rye Park/Boorowa<br>10.30am                                    |          |                                     |                                    |          | Playgroup<br>9.30-11.30am |          |
| 29  | 30       | 31                                  |                                    |          |                           |          |
| Yass 10 am<br>Rye Park<br>Social gathering                                  |          |                                     |                                    |          |                           |          |

## Rye Park Happenings in May.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 5pm Communion Service - Rye Park Church  
 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Celebrate with Boorowa  
 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm Service at Wattle Grove.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Celebrate with Boorowa  
 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday social gathering of Rye Park and Boorowa  
 Faith communities.  
 To be held at Chinaman's Dam.

