

**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
YASS PARISH**



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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.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

[Romans 12:2](#)

Reflection: It begins with a transformed mind

God's guidance takes place in a transformed mind. When you ask Jesus to forgive your sins, lead your life and fill you with the Holy Spirit, you are transformed. Whilst destructive old habits may take a while to die, you are nonetheless made new in a profound way (2 Corinthians 5:17). Crucially, this also means that a line of communication is built between you and God.

There are huge pressures on Christians to "water down" their faith in today's society. The West is letting its Christian heritage slip through its fingers, and in consequence, is losing its civility. Society wants to conform you to its standards. You will have no doubt discovered that it takes a degree of tenacity to go against the flow (Matthew 7:13-14) and doing so can be costly.

Jesus makes it clear, however, that he expects us to bear our share of the persecution that comes with being a "misfit" (Matthew 10:38)

So, please don't be 'conformed to the pattern of this world', for if you do, God

won't confide in you. Fundamentally, guidance is all about who leads your life.**Prayer:** Dear Father, so much that is negative seeks to clutter my mind. Please renew it so that everything in it contains the aroma of Christ... for I want to understand the will of Christ. *Dr Nick Hawkes.*

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS:

DATE	DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
6/11	Pent 22	Hag 1:15b-2:9	Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98	2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17	Lk 20:27 - 38
13/11	Pent 23	Is 65:17-25	Is 12	2 Thes 3:6-13	Lk 21: 5-19
20/11	Christ the King	Jer 23: 1-6	Lk 1: 68-79	Col 1:11 - 20	Lk 23: 33-43
27/11	Advent 1	Is 2:1-5	Ps 122	Rom 13:11-14	Mat 24: 36- 44

Church Council News: The AGM of Church Council was held on 12th October Office Bearers remain the same: Chairperson, Barry Banks: Deputy Chairperson, Owen Graham: Secretary, Ruth Thompson: Treasurer, Lesley Cox: Safe Church Officer, Sue Demoor.

Prior to the meeting members of Church Council and Elders met with Rev Andrew Smith, Presbytery Minister – Congregation Futures. We discussed the possibility of Yass joining with Goulburn and Crookwell to form Southern Tablelands Region of the ACT Presbytery. We discussed the possibility of employing 1 or 2 Ministers of the word to facilitate Ministry in the Region. The clear benefits of this are 1. This would enable a consistency of presence of a Minister 2. By having a team approach to ministry this would allow a greater breadth of giftedness to draw on and would offer more variety in the life of the congregation. 3. It enables to whole region to benefit from having access to a Minister and allows us to do together what we can't do ourselves. Each centre cannot afford a full time minister and we can't find part-time persons. Yass would still have visiting preachers but we would have support from the employed ministers as well. *(Ruth Thompson – Secretary – Yass Parish Church Council)*

WORSHIP ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

November-----2022

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	Morning Tea	Flowers
Nov 6th	Rev Christine Moimoi	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Ruth & Kerry	Ruth
Nov 13th	Owen & Suzie Congregation meeting	Team	Team	Ann & Chris	Sandra
Nov 20th	Rev Anne Ryan	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Sandra & Gordon	Ruth
Nov 27th	Rev John Braakman	Chris Anderson	Della Armour	Della & Ray	Barbara

Stewards: Richard and Cheryl Maxwell

Duty Elder: Della Armour

Counter: Gordon Henshaw

THE YASS CONGREGATION:

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 13th November. At this time elections will be held for the positions of Elder and Church Councillor.

Elders whose terms are completed: Della Armour, Owen Graham, Suzie Graham.

Church Councillors whose terms are completed: Lesley Cox, Sue Demoor, Ruth Thompson, Phil Willis, Marcia Stuart.

These people and others in the congregation are eligible for election to the position of Elder (3 vacancies) and/or Church Councillor (5 vacancies).

Information and nomination forms are available in the foyer.

Please notify me of any other business.

Christine Anderson

Congregation Secretary

Prayer Points for November:

We pray for the people of Tonga as they are still in the recovery phase following the tsunami;

For all those in our congregations who are ill, those who are facing surgery, tests, ongoing treatment and those who are anxious;

For the families of Afghanistan; for the continuing upheaval in Ukraine and for the families affected;

For people to be willing to take office in our congregational Task Groups.



During November UCAF are asking for donations to assist the work of the Mustard Seed Pantry in Gungahlin. This activity of the Gungahlin congregation assists disadvantaged families in the ACT and by supporting the Pantry at Christmas time they have a little extra to help others. Why the ACT? Because we want to support a mission of a Uniting Church congregation. There will be a collection box in the foyer.

UCAF NEWS

UCAF members continue to supply morning tea for the residents of Warmington Lodge on the first Wednesday of each month. A small group is allowed to present a worship service each month but still no general visiting. The next UCAF meeting will be held on Monday 21st November at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

(Ruth Thompson for UCAF members)



**TO OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT 6 PM
UCAF WILL HOST A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP OVER A MEAL OF COLD
MEAT AND SALADS AND THE COST WILL BE \$5.00 PER HEAD.
WE WILL HAVE A TIME OF DEOVCTIONS AND CAROL SINGING
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS**

Parish Calendar: NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Elder's 2pm	2 Morning Tea GWL	3	4 Playgroup 9.30 –11.30	5 8am Men's breakfast at Vine Church
6 10am Yass HC Rye Park 5pm	7	8	9	10	11 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	12
13 10am Yass Congregational Meeting	14	15 Services TEG 11 am GWL 2 pm	16	17	18 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	19
20 10am Yass Rye Park 5 pm	21 UCAF 2pm	22 <i><u>Dec/Jan</u></i> <i><u>Newsletter</u></i> <i><u>Items due</u></i> Property C'tee 3 pm	23	24	25 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	26
27 10am Yass	28					