



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.

A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN ***Archbishop Oscar Romero. El Salvador***

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS:

	DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
2	Presentation of the Lord	Mal 3: 1-4	Ps 84 or Ps 24:7-10	Heb 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
5	Epiphany 5	Is 58: 1-9a (9b-12)	Ps 112: 1-9 (10)	1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)	Mt 5:13-20
12	Epiphany 6	Deut 30: 15-20	Ps 119:1-8	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Mt 5: 21-37
19	Transfiguration of Jesus	2 Ex 24: 12-18	Ps 2 pr Ps 99	2 Pt 1: 16-21	Mt 17: 1-9
22	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2: 1-2,12-17 Is 58: 1-12	Or Ps 51: 1-17	2 Cor 5: 20b-6:10	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-21
26	Lent 1	Gn 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5:12-19	Mt 4: 1-11

Church Council News:

Church Council met on 6th December, 2022. Church council members endorsed a recommendation that \$5,000.00 be paid to Generate Ministries for Scripture in the High School. This was confirmed by the Donation Money Working Group and has been paid. We continued to discuss the possibility of forming an alliance with Goulburn and Crookwell congregations to form the Southern Tablelands Region of the ACT Region Presbytery. Further discussions will be held. As part of this discussion Church Council members are looking at the Mission Plan and are contacting as many people as possible for their ideas.

(Ruth Thompson – Secretary – Yass Parish Church Council



Rye Park News

Services continue to be held on the First and Third Sundays at 5 pm

Sunday 29th January a Combined Churches Service will held at 11 am at the Boorowa Rotunda

WORSHIP ROSTER---ST ANDREWS CONGEGATION

February 2023

Date	Worship Leader	Bible Reading	Prayers of Intercession	Morning Tea	Flowers
Feb 5th	HC Rev Anne Ryan	Chris Anderson	Ruth Thompson	Ruth & Kerry	Ruth T
Feb 12th	Irene Lund	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Della & Ray	Barbara R
Feb 19th	Judy Wilson	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Chris & Ann	Ruth T
Feb 26th	Rev John Braakman	Chris Anderson	Della Armour	Sandra & Gordon	Ann R

Stewards: Tim Holmes and Chris Anderson

Counters: Gordon Henshaw and helper

Duty Elders: Suzie and Owen Graham

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SUNDAY 5TH MARCH – YASS COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE AT VINE CHURCH AT 10 AM

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH – MEN’S BREAKFAST AT THE VINE CHURCH

Prayer Points for February:

- Healing for members of the congregation and those we name in our hearts who are ill
- Hope and comfort for the people of the Ukraine
- For families in distress due to the famine in Africa

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UCAF NEWS

The Christmas gathering held on 2nd December was an enjoyable evening. \$475.00 was raised for The Mustard Seed Pantry in Gungahlin and we thank everyone who contributed.

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 13th February at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

(Ruth Thompson for UCAF members)

COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE

Combined Churches Service/family fun day at the Vine Church.
A family friendly service followed by lunch and kids activities.
Sunday 5 March. 10am

Yass ministers decided on this venue as it is family friendly with all the facilities needed on site.

Parish Calendar: **FEBRUARY 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Morning Tea GWL Church Council 7:30 pm	2	3 Playgroup 9.30 –11.30	4
5 Yass Combined Churches Service 10 am at Vine church Rye Park 5pm	6	7 Elders 2 pm	8	9	10 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	11
12 10am Yass	13 UCAF 2pm	14 Services TEG 11 am GWL 2 pm	15	16	17 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	18
19 10am Yass Rye Park 5 pm	20 <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Items due</u>	21 Services TEG 11 am Warmington Lodge 2pm	22	23	24 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	25
26 10am Yass	27	28				

AMAZING ANAGRAMS

Presbyterian:

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