



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

YASS PARISH

November. 2023 NEWSLETTER

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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.

The Blessing of A Storm



How different are summer storms from winter ones!

In winter they rush over the earth with their violence; and if any poor remnants of foliage or flowers have lingered behind, these are swept along at one gust. Nothing is left but desolation; and long after the rain has ceased, pools of water and mud bear tokens of what has been. But when the clouds have poured out their torrents in summer, when the winds have spent their fury, and the sun breaks forth again in glory, all things seem to rise with renewed loveliness from their refreshing bath.

The flowers, glistening with rainbows, smell sweeter than before; the grass seems to have gained another brighter shade of green; and the young plants which had hardly come into sight have taken their place among their fellows in the borders, so quickly have they sprung up from the showers. The air, too, which may previously have been oppressive, has become clear, and soft, and fresh.

Such, too, is the difference when the storms of affliction fall on hearts unrenewed by Christian faith, and on those who abide in Christ. In the former they bring out the dreariness and desolation which may before have been unapparent. The gloom is not relieved by the prospect of any cheering ray to follow it or of any flowers or fruits to show its beneficence. But for the true Christian soul, "though weeping may endure for a night, joy comes in the morning." A sweet smile of hope and love follows every tear; and tribulation itself is turned into the chief of blessings.

LECTIONARY READINGS- October 2023.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Wednesday Nov 1	All Saints Day	Rv 7:9-17	Ps 34:1-10, 22	1 Jn 3:1-3	Mt 5:1-12
Nov 5	Pent 23 [31]	Jos 3:7-17	Ps 107:1-7, 33-37	1Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:1-12
Nov 12	Pent 24 [32]	Jos 24:1-3a, 14-25	Ps 78:1-7	1 Thes 4:13-18	Mt 25:1-13
Nov 19	Pent 25 [33]	Jgs 4:1-7	Ps 123	1 Thes 5:1-11	Mt 25:14-30
Nov 26	Christ the King or the Reign of Christ	Ez 34:11-16, 20-24	Ps 100	Eph 1:15-23	Mt 25:31-46

Prayer Points for November

Prayers for our visiting and guest minsters and our special thanks for your time.

Prayers for those facing medical tests and operations.



Birthdays and Special Events for November.



Anniversaries.

Owen & Suzie Graham. 50 Years. Congratulations on your Golden Anniversary.

Russell & Bev Mills

Grant & Natalie Rayner

Dates for your Information.

Sunday 5th November
 Wednesday, 8th November
 Sunday 12th November

Hymn Fest St Andrews Yass.
 Church Council Meeting.
 Frontier Services presentation by UCAF 10 am
 followed by **Annual Parish Meeting**
 BBQ lunch afterwards.

December.

Sunday 10th December

Lunch in Hall after the Service

Sunday 10th December,

The Community Carols will be held at Victoria Park.

ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

Stewards:

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DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
Nov 5	Hymnfest	-----	-----	Sue Demoor & Ann & Chris	Ann Ranyard
Nov 12	Frontier Services (UCAF)	UCAF	UCAF	UCAF	Sandra Henshaw
Nov 19	Rev Anne Ryan (HC)	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw		Ruth Thompson
Nov 26	Rev John Braakman	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson		Barb Rayner

UCAF NEWS

UCAF members will conduct the service on 12th November based on an Order of Service from Frontier Services.

There will be a retiring offering for Frontier Services. Following the service, the **Annual Parish meeting** will be held in the hall and then there will be a barbecue lunch.

Please put your name on the list in the porch at the church if you are coming. Please indicate if you can bring a salad or sweet.

Yass Parish.

November 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			MT At Warmington Lodge		Playgroup 9.30am-11-30am	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Yass 10am Hymnfest Service Rye Park 5pm HC			Church Council Meeting		Playgroup 9.30am-11-30am	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Yass 10am Frontier Service Retiring offering Parish Meeting & Lunch					Playgroup 9.30am-11-30am	Santa Paws
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Yass 10 am HC Rye Park Afternoon service for Order of St Luke.		Services TEG 11am GWL 2pm			Playgroup 9.30am-11-30am	
26	27	28	29	30		
Yass 10am						

Notes

Sunday 12th Annual Parish Meeting and Lunch afterwards.

Sunday 19th Healing Service conducted by Order of St Luke.