

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 Box Full of Buttons

My cousin Christie's husband gave her a box of used buttons. The following are her thoughts about the box full of buttons.

Christie writes... "I see so many things when I look at these buttons. First and foremost, I think of my sweetheart who thought of me when he came across them. He knew I'd love them. He knew I'd be as proud of them, as if they were silver or gold.

They were a wonderful surprise and I've already spent a great amount of time looking over them. I could never pick one favourite. Each one, beautiful in its own way.

Thank you Mr. Poole, for thinking of me. I think about what the clothes must have looked like from which they came. No doubt, some from women's dresses, baby clothes, and men's shirts. Where did they go, what did they see? Did the lady wearing these buttons stand in front of a wood cook stove 3 times a day? Did a little one take her first steps in a dress adorned with those?

Someone took the time to remove them from their garments before disposing of them. Some of these buttons are so old, they started to crumble when handled. Some are as strong as when they were made. Some are worn and scratched. Others are shiny and bright. Many are soiled and need a little TLC. Some are still carrying the thread that attached them to the garment.

This got me to thinking. Aren't we a lot like these buttons? All so very different. Some of us needing just a little TLC so we can shine again. Others looking bright as a new coin. Some of us are bound by threads we just can't seem to get free from. Oh, but God! He can cut those threads away. Like an old button, he can clean us up and give us purpose again. He can see the beauty in each individual, no matter the flaws. I'm thankful for His grace and love because I fall short every day. I'm glad to know He loves me, just as I am." –

Christie Launius Poole "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."
(1 Corinthians 12:18)

Lectionary Readings.

DATE	DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Sept 3	Pent 14 (22)	Ex 3: 1-15	Ps105:1-6 23-26, 45b	Rom 12: 9-21	Mt 16:21-28
Sept 10	Pent 15 (23)	Ex 12: 1-14	Ps 149	Rom 13: 8-14	Mt 18: 15-20
Sept 17	Pent 16 (24)	Ex 14: 19-31	Ps 114/Ex 15 1b-11, 20-21	Rom 14: 1-12	Mt 18: 21-35
Sept 24	Pent 17 (25)	Ex 16:2-15	Ps 105: 1-6 37-45	Phil 1: 21-30	Mt 20:1-16

Prayer Points for September

- For blessings for all the visiting preachers
- For those who are ill or facing surgery we wish you strength and recovery.
- For all our traveller's safe return.

CONGREGATION MEETING.

A Congregation meeting will be held on 17th September 2023. At this time an election will be held for one Elder and one Church Councillor. The terms of Cheryl Maxwell Elder and Christine Anderson Church Councillor have been completed.

Nomination forms and information sheets will be available in the foyer from 27th August 2023. Nominations and agenda items should reach Christine Anderson by 3rd September 2023.

Christine Anderson
Congregation Secretary



Birthdays and Special Events.

September Birthdays.

Grant Rayner
Owen Graham Jr
Jane McMahan (Graham)
Hugh Graham

Anniversaries

Richard and Cheryl Maxwell.

Rye Park Happenings.



Congratulations to Garry and Lillian Southwell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Family and friends gathered together on Sat 24th June to reminisce on their 50 years of travel and family happenings. It was a celebration worth celebrating and we wish them God's Blessings in the future.

NOTE. Combined Service 3rd September has been Cancelled, will to be on held 24th

WORSHIP ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION
September-2023

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
Sept 3	NO SERVICE	COMBINED	SERVICE	CANCELLED.	
Sept 10	Rev Christine Moi Moi HC	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Gordon & Sandra Henshaw	Ruth Thompson
Sept 17th	Owen & Suzie Graham	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Ann & Chris	Ruth Thompson
Sept 24th	Combined Service	St Clements			

Stewards: Ken & Brenda Bush

Counters: Gordon Henshaw and helper

Duty Elders: Suzie Graham

Dates for your Information.

Saturday 9th September.

The Baptist church are holding a Safe Talk suicide prevention training session.

Sunday 5th November

Hymn Fest St Andrews Yass.

Sunday 12th November

Annual Parish Meeting

Service for frontier Services.

Sunday 10th December

The Community Carols will be held at Victoria Park.

The combined Youth Group is going well, it is held at the Vine church, but they are always looking for assistance with food.

There is a Praise and Worship service on the **1st Saturday evening** each month from 7-8pm at **Trader and Co** and all are welcome.

News from our Travellers.

Thompson's

My last report from Ruth in early August, was that they were at Middleton. A small town 175 Klms from Winton. They caught up with some friends at The Long Waterhole near Winton (photo Attached) and had some broilga's visit at Kyuna, had a lovely camp at Boulia with lots of birds and a lovely view of the river.

Enjoy the rest of your trip Ruth and Kerry.



Rayner's

We are in Perth at present about to do the normal tourist things like Kings Park, Rottneest etc.

We had a lovely tour down the Coral and Turquoise Coast. Spent a few days at Geraldton and went to see the HMAS Sydney11 memorial. We have managed to see Dolphins and Seals and some beautiful cliffs and white sand beaches along the way and a few wildflowers. It has been cold over here so the wildflowers are not fully out yet, but we have got the idea of what it would be like in full season.

The story of the HMAS Sydney11

It was lost in 1941 after a battle with the German raider HSK Kormoran in the Indian Ocean off Denham and Geraldton. A full war complement of 645 crew were lost. The wreck was not located until 2008.

Geraldton and Denham both have memorials to the Sydney.



We did a tour of New Norcia Monastery, which is Australia's only monastic town, established by the Benedictine Monks on the banks of the Moore River. It has 6 monks still in residence and employ about 40 other people. Everything that they sell and do in the village is used to maintain the buildings and grounds. They have a bakery, which bakes fresh bread daily and also produced their own olive oil.

It was interesting to hear how they worked with the local Aboriginals and built houses for them to live and a school for the children.

Hope everyone is coping with the cool weather, looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

God Bless all.



September

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Yass Parish Uniting Church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	2
3 NO Church Service	4 Morning Tea Warmington Lodge.	5	6	7	8 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	9 Baptist Church. Training
10 Yass 10am	11	12	13	14	15 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	16
17 Yass 10 am Rye Park	18	19 TE Gardens 11am Warmington Lodge 2pm	20 Church Council 7.30pm	21	22 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	23
24 Combined Churches Service St Clements 10am	25 UCAF 2pm	26 Items for Newsletter	27	28	29 School Holidays.	30