



## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

### YASS PARISH

### August 2023 NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL CARE      phone 0408 400 542 or 6226 1132

CHAIRMAN Church Council:      Barry Banks

SECRETARY Church Council:      Ruth Thompson

TREASURER Church Council:      Lesley Cox

GUEST EDITORS:      Ruth Thompson

[krthompson54@bigpond.com.au](mailto:krthompson54@bigpond.com.au)

Barbara Rayner

[brrayner@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brrayner@bigpond.net.au)

---

*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.*

---

#### *Awesome Wonder*

The hymn writer famously wrote, “O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder thy power throughout the universe displayed then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee how great thou art, how great thou art.”

Have we lost a sense of awe and wonder in this world? For most of us, a normal day of life doesn't leave us in awesome wonder. We pass by trees and grass, see the sun and moon every day, but they are altogether ordinary, not awesome to us.

The Scriptures teach us that the natural world is not only God's creation, but God's revelation. Psa. 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” In Rom. 1:19-20, “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”

Have you ever wondered why God created everything in this world from the smallest ant to the Appalachian Mountains? The natural world is not merely the result of random, unguided processes, but is the masterpiece of God. The Bible tells us that every created thing reveals the glory of God. It is a sort of language by which God communicates with people that he exists and that he is glorious. We ought to be moved to worship, seeing God's goodness, grace, power and creativity in the things around us. Nothing is ordinary in God's world. The next time you take a walk in the forest and smell the dead leaves, sink your teeth into a delectable cheeseburger, stare out the window at the sparkling snow, play with your dog, or listen to the gentle chirping of crickets in a summer night – stand in awesome wonder and let your soul sing, “How great thou art!”. Peter Banfe



## August LECTIONARY READINGS:

	DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Aug 6	Pent 10 (18)	Gn 32:22-31	Ps 17: 1-7, 15	Rom 9: 1-5	Mt 14: 13-21
Aug 13	Pent 11 (19)	Gn 37: 1-4 12-28	Ps 105: 1-6 16-22, 45b	Rom 10: 5-15	Mt 14: 22-33
Aug 20	Pent 12 (20)	Gn 45: 1-15	Ps 133	Rom 11: 1-2a 29-32	Mt 15: (10-20) 21-28
Aug 27	Pent 13 (21)	Ex 1: 8 -2:10	Ps 124	Rom 12: 1-8	Mt 16: 13-20

### Prayer Points for August:

- Blessings for all the visiting preachers
- For those who are ill or facing surgery.



### *Birthdays and Special Events.*

#### *August Birthdays.*

Richard Maxwell  
Isobel Wykes  
Tim Holmes  
Lorraine Veness  
Imogen & Zeb Graham.

#### *Dates for your Information.*

Sunday 3rd September at 10 am: Combined Yass churches service St Clements Anglican church.

Saturday 9th September. The Baptist church are holding a Safe Talk suicide prevention training session

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November Hymn Fest St Andrews Yass.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

*A Note from The Horsman Family.*

I received a note from Stuart last week and for those that did not know about Dorothy's illness I have included part of that note for your information.



*“It is with a heavy heart that I advise that Dorothy has succumbed to the rigours of Alzheimers and is now in fulltime care at Clelland Lodge North Nowra. Unfortunately, Dorothy is taking a long time to settle.”*

*Stay safe all of you. Sent with love and appreciation.  
Stuart, Dorothy and family.*

If anyone would like to send a Card or a note to the Horsman family please contact me and I will forward on their address. Stuart advised that Dorothy is not able to reply to letters or messages but he is happy for you to send them to him and he will take them into her. Please keep the Horsman family in your prayers as they adjust to these changes in their family.

## **ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION**

**August--2023**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>BIBLE READER</b>	<b>PRAYERS</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
<b>Aug 6th</b>	<b>Rev. Christine Moi Moi HC</b>	<b>Gordon Henshaw</b>	<b>Sandra Henshaw</b>	<b>Gordon &amp; Sandra</b>	<b>Sandra Henshaw</b>
<b>Aug 13th</b>	<b>Russ Neal</b>	<b>Chris Anderson</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Ann &amp; Chris</b>	<b>Sandra Henshaw</b>
<b>Aug 20th</b>	<b>Rev. Christine Moi Moi</b>	<b>Tim Holmes</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Ann &amp; Chris</b>	<b>Ann Ranyard</b>
<b>Aug 27th</b>	<b>Rev. John Braakman</b>	<b>Gordon Henshaw</b>	<b>Sandra Henshaw</b>	<b>Gordon &amp; Sandra</b>	<b>Sandra Henshaw</b>

**Stewards:** Gordon & Sandra Henshaw.

**Counters:** Gordon Henshaw and helper

**Duty Elders:** Ann Ranyard and Cheryl Maxwell

### **CONGREGATION MEETING**

A Congregation meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Nominations are due for the above positions by 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023. Information and nomination forms will be available in the foyer from late August.

Christine Anderson  
Congregation Secretary

*Travelling with the Rayner's*

We have made it to Western Australia after 15 days on the road.

We have seen some lovely scenery, no wildlife much and so far only some wildflower's

The weather has been great although it is a little windy which is cool.

We have just spent 2 days at Karalundi Aboriginal Boarding school (58 kilometres north of Meekatharra.) It is run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Karalundi is an Aboriginal word meaning 'clear, good water'.

Karalundi has 40 boarders, 20 girls and 20 boys from Year 7- Year 10.

They teach them life skills on the farm. There is a vegetable garden, horses that they learn to ride and look after. They also work part time in the café to learn the value of money and how to wait on table and serve customers etc. It was a lovely experience and they run a caravan park and all funds raised are returned into the school.

It was lovely to stay and support the school.

We have now progressed further north to Newman, where Liz was a remote nurse some 15 years ago. We enjoyed seeing how the town had changed since they were out there.

We are now moving over to the coast and hoping to see more wildflowers.

A special thank you to Sandra for taking on the extra duties while we are away, I will give you a break from flowers etc when I return.

Regards to All

God Bless

Richard and Barb and Wade



# August

## Yass Parish 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Moring Tea Warmington Lodge	3	4 Playgroup 9.30-11.30	5
6 Yass 10am HC Rye Park HC 5pm	7	8	9	10	11 Playgroup 9.30-11.30	12
13 Yass 10am	14	15 No Nursing Home Services	16	17	18 Playgroup 9.30-11.30	19
20 Yass 10am Rye Park	21	22	23	24	25 Playgroup 9.30-11.30	26
27 Yass 10am	28	29	30	31		