



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

YASS PARISH JUNE 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.

Psalm 68: 1-10 **A REFLECTION**

A good road trip needs a good playlist. Sure, luggage and itinerary are important, but what music will you listen to along the way? What song will you sing along with at the top of your lungs forever to be associated with your holiday?

In the passage from Psalms, the psalmist sings praise to God and invites others to join in. For those journeying with Jesus, it should sound familiar: *Sing to to God!* God who cares for orphans and protects widows, gives a home to the desolate, leads prisoners to prosperity, provides for the needy, and restores a heritage to the languishing. *Sing praises to God!*

Over and over again, the song recalls who God is and what God has done. Praise springs from remembering, and remembering is crucial for bearing witness to Christ. In order to testify, we need to know the story. How shall we remember?

This is precisely what God's people do when they gather in worship. We proclaim God's mighty acts of salvation throughout history in song and sermon, sacrament and scripture, service and study. This is our liturgy – the “work of the

people.” This is the soundtrack that scores our journey as Christ’s disciples. And it is no accident that so much of this liturgical work has been set to music.

Researchers have long noted a powerful connection between music and memory; they have even observed singing’s restorative effects on those who have suffered brain trauma. Witnessing this is nothing short of miraculous because remembering is sacred work. But as we journey in discipleship, we can often forget where we are going and get discouraged by our distractions. To be faithful travellers, we must remember God’s faithfulness – who God is and what God has done. *What do you remember?*

Prayer: O God, what refrain have I been singing lately? Is there a song that I have forgotten? Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Amen
Contributed

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS:

	DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
4	Trinity Sunday	Gn 1:1- 2:4a	Ps 8	2 Cor 13:11-13	Mt 28:16-20
11	Pent 2	Gn12:1-9	Ps 33:1-2	Rom 4:13-25	Mt 9:9-13, 18-26
18	Pent 3	Gn 18:1-15, (21:1-7)	Ps 116:1-2,12-19	Rom 5:1-8	Mt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
22	UCA Anniversary	Ez 37:15-28	Ps 122	Heb 13:1-8	Jn 17:20-26
25	Pent 4	Gn 21:8-21	Ps 86:1-10,16-17	Rom 6:1b-11	Mt 10:24-39

Prayer Points for June:

- For blessings for all the visiting preachers
- For those who are ill and facing treatment

• **Church Council News:**

Church Council met on 10th May. The results of our voting on our decision to co-operate with Goulburn have been sent to Presbytery. At this stage there is no information from Goulburn.

The results of the survey of our congregation will be sent out to all on the Newsletter group email next week.

Sue Demoor has been accepted as a Presbytery Representative to the Synod meeting in September.

Helen Poulton has been confirmed as a second representative from our church to the SRE Board. Sue Demoor is already a representative.

Due to a clash of events the Annual Parish meeting date has been changed to 12th November.

(Ruth Thompson – Secretary – Yass Parish Church Council

WORSHIP ROSTER JUNE 2023

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	Morning Tea	FLOWERS
June 4th	Rev Anne Ryan	Tim Holmes	Owen Graham	Ruth & Kerry Thompson	Barbara
June 11th	Ruth Thompson	Team	Team	Sandra & Gordon	Ruth
June 18th	Combined Churches Baptist Church	----- --	----- -	----- --	----- -
June 25th	Rev John Braakman	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Chris & Ann	Sandra

Stewards: Bev and Russel Mills
Counters: Gordon Henshaw and helper
Duty Elders: Ann Ranyard and Cheryl Maxwell

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 3rd June at 8 am at The Vine Church there will be a Band of Brothers Meeting.

Sunday 18th June Combined Churches Service at the Baptist Church.

SATURDAY 24th June TRIVIA NIGHT AT ANGLICAN HALL

Sunday 25th Casserole lunch in our hall.

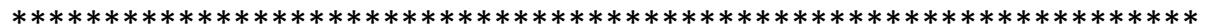


COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE

Combined Churches Service/family fun day at the Baptist Church.

A family friendly service followed by soup for lunch.

Sunday 18th June at 10am



UCAF NEWS

You are invited to come to a luncheon on Sunday, 25th June after the service.

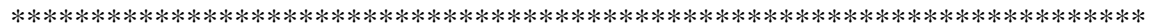
We will be serving a casserole lunch. \$5.00 per person. Please let us know if you are coming by signing the sheet in the porch

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, 25th September, at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome.

(Ruth Thompson for UCAF members)



SRE TRIVIA NIGHT

24 JUNE 7-9 PM

\$15 PER PERSON TABLES OF 8

ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

This should be a fun night to enjoy ourselves and raise much needed funds for SRE (Scripture in High School).

We would love you to make up a table of 8 people or just book and be assigned to a random table. There will be light food provided but bring your own drinks.

There will be a number of other games during the night so bring some gold coins with you as well.

Book at <https://brushfire.com/sua/trivia/554936>

Contact Sue Demoor or Helen Poulton for more information

Parish Calendar: JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Playgroup 9.30 –11.30	3 Band of Brothers at Vine Church 8 am
4 Yass 10 am Rye Park 5pm	5	6	7 Morning Tea GWL	8	9 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	10
11 10am Yass	12	13 Elders 2 pm	14	15	16 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	17
18 10am Yass Rye Park 5 pm	19 <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Items due to</u> <u>Barbara</u>	20 Services TEG 11 am Warmington Lodge 2pm	21	22	23 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	24 TRIVIA NIGHT 7-9 PM
25 10am Yass followed by UCAF Lunch	26	27	28	29	30 Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.30 am	