



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

YASS PARISH

October. 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.

Thoughts on a Sermon. By Geoff Townsend.

One Sunday a few weeks back, one of our visiting preachers, Dr Nadera Pardo, stated that we should feel uncomfortable during her reflections on the Bible Readings, Genesis and Deuteronomy. Many of us were on unfamiliar ground as she stated that Jews, Muslims and Christians follow the same God. The pathways may well be different but as we walk, run, stumble and journey through life Christian's desire to grow more like Jesus. (ie to live "Holy Lives"). This means living "free from sinning" which no matter how hard we try it is not possible in our own strength. We are "on target" when we are not sinning when we sin, we are missing the bulls eye and living "off the target". Falling short of the mark. How can we live useful, "good" lives, when we sometimes (often for me) misbehave. This is a real pity because we are often the only examples of what a Christian is, of how a Christian lives. From Old Testament times, the Jews had the Ten Commandments and hundreds of rules (in Deuteronomy) to try and follow. I thought as the Doc went on (well past 15 minutes) that this is all too hard for me! To be an example of Jesus, of Christian living in a secular world. Then thankfully a load was lifted off my shoulders when the worlds of a chorus (song) from my childhood days came to me and gave me a way for living as a Christian.

*"Come Beautiful Christ
Radiate Thy beauty in me,
Tis Thee I adore,
What can I ask more,
Than to live for thee, beautiful Christ,
Not by words but the Grace of God
We keep on trusting in Jesus, our Saviour."*



LECTIONARY READINGS- October 2023.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 1 2023	Pent 18 [26]	Ex 17:1-7	Ps 78:1-4, 12-16	Phil 2:1-13	Mt 21:23-32
Oct 8 2023	Pent 19 [27]	Ex 20:1-4,	Ps 19	Phil 3:4b-14	Mt 21:33- 46 G 7-9, 12-20
Oct 15 2023	Pent 20 [28]	Ex 32:1-14	Ps 106:1-6, 19-23	Phil 4:1-9	Mt 22:1-14
Oct 22 2023	Pent 21 [29]	Ex 33:12-23	Ps 99	1Thes 1:1-10	Mt 22:15-22
Oct 29 2023	Pent 22 [30]	Dt 34:1-12	Ps 90:1-6, 13-17	1Thes 2:1-8	Mt 22:34-46

Prayer Points for October.

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

Prayers for those facing medical tests and operations.

Prayers for all our travellers, lovely to see everyone back.

Reports from CONGREGATION MEETING 17.9.2023

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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The property committee last met in May but we have had informal meetings and discussions.

We are still looking at ways to improve the sound system and the type of screen needed for our needs. We have had two consultations, and another is planned. We have been advised that a large TV is the way to go. We have to decide how to combine the needs for streaming and the needs for our presentations in the church.

I am still talking to the insurance company about the roof (or lack thereof) at the church building at Bookham. I hope we are progressing. In the meantime, we have paid for 2 tarps to be installed over the damaged areas to stop the water entry.

A quote has been accepted for painting the outside of the hall and it is hoped that this will commence soon.

New lights have been installed in the hall. Regular maintenance has been carried out.

The hall has been hired out for two birthday parties and has permanent bookings from the Historical Society and the Line Dancing Group. A wedding reception will be held in the hall in October. There have been several enquiries about use of the hall but no further bookings.

Ruth Thompson for the members of the Yass Parish Property Committee

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing group use our hall each Wednesday morning. You are invited to join in for fun time of exercise and a chat over a cuppa.

They are very patient with beginners, but I think I am a slow learner.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Church Council met on 20th September.

We have met with members of the Goulburn congregation and are proceeding with the process of calling a shared minister. This involves compiling a Parish Profile and other processes. It will take 6 – 9 months before we can expect to find a minister.

As directed by the Congregational Meeting there will not be a service in our church on 24th December. There will be a Christmas Day service on Monday 25th at 9 am

UCAF REPORT

UCAF will conduct the Parish Service on 12th November. This will be a celebration of the life and witness of Frontier Services. There will be a retiring offering.

The Annual Parish Meeting will follow in the hall and there will be a barbecue lunch. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or desert and UCAF will supply the meat.

It was decided to hold a Sunday lunch on December 10th.

LADIES MORNING TEA

There will be a Ladies Morning Tea at the Vine Church on Saturday 14th October at 10:30.

A guest speaker has been arranged. All welcome.



Birthdays and Special Events.

Barry Banks
 Sandra Henshaw
 Kirsty Holmes
 Lillian Southwell
 Joy Cavanaugh
 Ruth Thompson
 Hugo Harrison

Dates for your Information.

Sunday 5 th November	Hymn Fest St Andrews Yass.
Wednesday, 8 th November	Church Council Meeting.
Sunday 12 th November	Frontier Services presentation by UCAF 10 am followed by Annual Parish Meeting BBQ lunch afterwards.

Sunday 10th December	The Community Carols will be held at Victoria Park.
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ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

Stewards: Owen Graham & Helen Poulton

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DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
Oct 1	Rev Christine Moimoi Holy Communion	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Chris Anderson	Ruth Thompson
Oct 8	Judy Willson	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Ruth & Kerry	A Ranyard
Oct 15	Rus Neal	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Ann & Chris	S Henshaw
Oct 22	Rev Nadira Pardo	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Sandra & Gordon	Ruth Thompson
Oct 29	Rev John Braakman	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Sandra & Gordon	Barb Rayner

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Yass 10am Rye Park	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Yass 10am	9	10 Property Meeting 2pm	11	12	13 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	14 Ladies Morning Tea 10.30am Vine Church.
15 Yass 10am Rye Park	16	17 TE Gardens 11am GWL Services 2pm	18	19	20 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	21
22 Yass 10am	23	24 Newsletter Closing Date	25	26	27 Playgroup 9.30 – 11.30	28
29 Yass 10am	30	31				