



## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

### YASS PARISH.

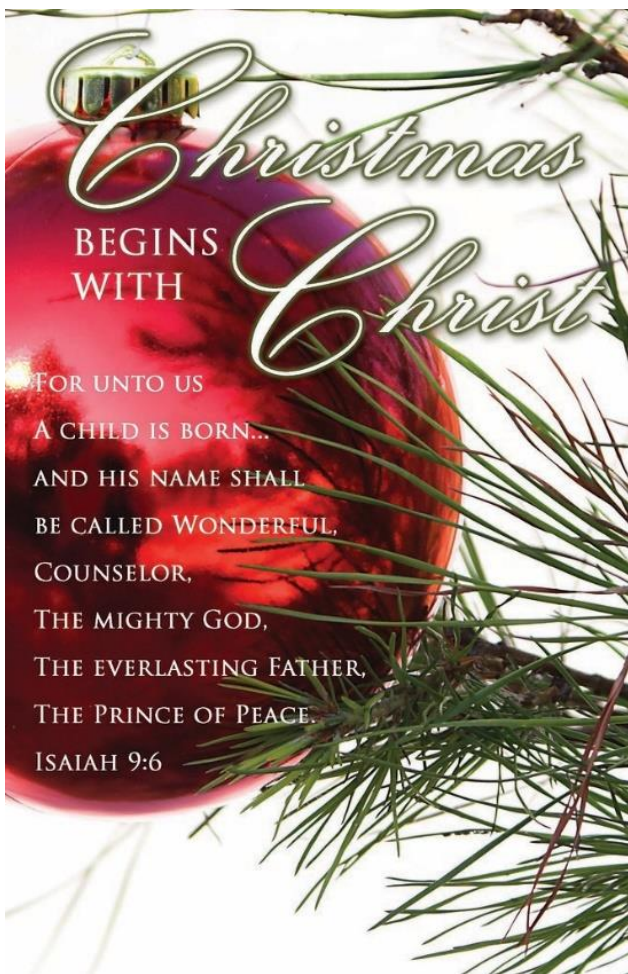
### December/January Newsletter.

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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.*

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*Have a very merry Christmas.*

### ***Christmas Message to Church Volunteers:***

I would like to take a moment to say thank you. Especially to our visiting preachers, Rev Christine Moimoi, Rev John Braakman, Rev Anne Ryan, Dr Nadera Pardo, Russ Neal, Irene Lund, Judy Willson and our own community who have given up their time to take services throughout the year.

Whether it's leading committees; serving morning tea; setting up for worship; playing music; doing the flowers and video recording, or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keeps our Church running, a Big Thank You. We are so grateful for how you have given up your time in this past year.

Thank you so much for all you do! Enjoy this special time with family and friends. Travel safe if you are travelling and our well wishes to those who are not having the best of health,



’Tis the season for warmth and cheer.

To be with our family and those we hold dear.  
But what if we are miles away?  
What if we can’t be there on Christmas Day?  
We could send a beautiful Christmas card.  
A glittery ornament that shines like a star,  
A tin of cookies so warm and sweet,  
But there’s only one gift that makes it complete.

It’s sent through the snowflakes in the air,  
Through an angel’s peaceful and heavenly prayer,  
Through the verdant Christmas tree,  
Through the Holy Babe, sleeping peacefully,  
This gift is magical in every way.  
It only comes on Christmas Day.  
It’s what makes us truly rich.  
A heartfelt, loving Christmas wish.

Its bright and big like the Bethlehem star.  
It stretches wide and travels far.  
It’s the first snow of Christmas Day.  
It’s the sun’s warm and hopeful ray.  
This precious gift we gladly send.  
It’s a Christmas wish to our family and friends:  
May Love, peace, and joy in your lives stay.  
And may you have a Merry Christmas – always!  
By Ciana R Geckle.



### *Birthdays and Special Events for December.*

**Elizabth Brewster (Rayner)**  
**Emma Cox**  
**Natalie Rayner**  
**Henry Graham**



### **Anniversaries.**

**Kathy & Geoff Townsend.**  
**Phil & Lesley Cox**



*Sunday 10th December*

Lunch in Hall after the Service

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December,*

Community Carols will be held at Victoria Park from 4pm

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December*

*NO SERVICE.*

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

Christmas Day Service **Time 9am**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# CHRISTMAS Celebration

YASS COMMUNITY CAROLS  
**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2023**  
 VICTORIA PARK YASS

ACTIVITIES START 4:30PM

MARKET STALLS | JUMPING CASTLE  
 KIDS GAMES | SANTA | NATIVITY DRESS UP  
 HOT FOOD | LIVE MUSIC | COFFEE | AND MORE!

CAROLS START 6PM

For more information and the latest updates visit  
[facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols](https://facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols).


YASS VALLEY COUNCIL  
 the country the people

## LECTIONARY READINGS- December 2023.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Dec 3	Advent 1	Is 64: 1-9	Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19	1Cor 1: 3-9	Mk 13:24-37
Dec 10	Advent 2	Is 40:1-11	Ps 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Pt 3:8-15a	Mk 1:1-8
Dec 17	Advent 3	Is 61:1-4, 8-11	Ps 126 or Lk 1:46b-55	1 Thes5: 16-24	Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28
Dec 24	Advent 4	2 Sm 7:1-11,16	Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 89:1-4, 19-26	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38
Dec 24/25	Nativity 1	Is 9:2-7	Ps 96	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14 (15-20)
	Nativity 2	Is 62: 6-12	Ps 97	Ti 3 4-7	Lk 2: (1-7) 8-20
	Nativity 3	Is 52: 7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1: 1-4, (5-12)	Jn 1: 1-14
Dec 31	Christmas 1	Is 61: 10-62:3	Ps 148	Gal 4: 4-7	Lk 2: 22-40

## ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

December--2023

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
3rd	Rev Anne Ryan HC	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Barb&Richard Rayner	
10th	Rev Christine MoiMoi	Chris Anderson	Ruth Thompson	Christmas Lunch	Christmas
17th	Irene Lund	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Ann & Chris	Tree
25th	Judy Willson	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	No Morning Tea	
31st	Rev John Braakman	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	No Morning Tea	

Stewards: Ann Ranyard & Chris Anderson.



UCAF YASS WILL HOST

A CHRISTMAS GATHERING

SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

AFTER THE SERVICE

IN THE HALL AT 2 CLIFF STREET YASS

A TIME TO CHAT OVER A MEAL

Please bring a salad or sweet

RSVP to Ruth email or 0429 505 593

Or write on the list in the porch

# Santa paws photos



We again ran our Santa Paws photos to earn money for our church Christmas charity, UnitingWorld, and to advertise our Christmas services.

A big thank you to our own Santa, Richard; our Photographer, Bec Demoor; our greeters, Indi and Eli Osborne; and special helper, Suzie Graham.

We had such a fun day earning money, and all who came seemed to enjoy their time.

A total of \$450 was sent to UnitingWorld.

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Yass Parish Property Committee have engaged MAS (Master Antenna Systems) Orange to install a large TV supplied by us, to replace the projector in use in St Andrew's and to install new cables and other items as required to improve the layout of the streaming facility which streams to Facebook each week.

As there was such strong feeling against moving the Cross at the Annual Parish Meeting it has been decided not to move the Cross.

To enable the TV to be mounted in the corner behind the pulpit it will be necessary to move the pulpit, with the congregation approval, some panels could be used to make a railing in front of the sanctuary to make it similar to the side near the organ. Other panels would be mounted in the church.

The cost of this work is made possible by some bequests from Deceased Estates.

If you wish to discuss this project please contact me – Ruth – 0429 505 593 – or email: [krthompson54@bigpond.com](mailto:krthompson54@bigpond.com)

Ruth Thompson for Yass Parish Property Committee

Come & Join the Celebration

## Rye Park

# Community Christmas Carols

**Sunday, December 17 2023**

at the Rye Park Soldiers Memorial Hall  
Commencing at 6.30pm

*Each family, please bring  
a plate of finger food to share.*

A Collection will go to the  
Boorowa Community Food Hub  
(Food Bank)  
for those less fortunate than us,  
doing it tough over the Christmas period.



# ALL WELCOME



# December



2023

## YASS PARISH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Playgroup 9.30- 11.30	2
3 Yass 10am HC Rye Park 5pm HC	4	5	6 Morning Tea Warmington Lodge	7	8 Playgroup 9.30- 11.30	9
10 Yass . 10am Community Christmas Carols Victoria Park.4pm	11	12	13	14	15 Last Playgroup 9.30- 11.30	16
17 Yass 10am Rye Park 5pm	18	19 TEG 11am GWL 2pm	20	21	22	23
24 NO SERVICE.	25 Christmas Service 9am	26	27	28	29	30
31 Yass 10am						

December Stewards: Ann Ranyard & Chris Anderson.

# January

2024

## Yass Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Yass 10 am HC Rye Park 5pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Yass 10am	15	16 No Service At GWL or TEG	17	18	19	20
21 Yass 10am Rye Park 5pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Yass 10am	29	30	31			

January Stewards. Ruth & Kerry Thompson.

Playgroup will resume on 2nd February, 2024





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January--2024

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 1	Naming of Jesus	Num 6: 22-27	Ps 8	Gal 4: 4-7 or Phil 2:5-11	Lk 2: 15-21
Jan 1	New Year's Day	Ecc 3: 1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21: 1-6a	Mt 25: 31-46
Jan 6	Epiphany	Is 60: 1-6	Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3: 1-12	Mt 2: 1-12
Jan 7	Baptism of Jesus	Gn 1: 1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19 1-7	Mk 1: 4-11
Jan14	Epiphany 2	1 Sm 3: 1-10 (11-20)	Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18	1 Cor 6: 12-20	Jn 1: 43-51
Jan 21	Epiphany 3	Jon 3: 1-5, 10	Ps 62: 5-12	1 Cor 7: 29-31	Mk 1: 14-20
Jan 28	Epiphany 4	Dt 18: 15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8: 1-13	Mk 1: 21-28

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January, 2024

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
Jan 7th	Rev Anne Ryan HC	Chris Anderson	Ruth Thompson	Sue Demoor	Ann Ranyard
Jan14th	Rev Christine Moi Moi	Goirdon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Gordon & Sandra Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw
Jan 21st	Rev Christine Moi Moi	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Ann & Chris	Barb Rayner
Jan28th	Rev John Braakman	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Ruth & Kerry Thompson	Ruth Thompson



### *Birthdays and Special Events for January 2024.*

Rena Barnum - a very happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Have a very special day.



### *Anniversaries.*

Kirsty & Shane

Jane & Paul McMahan(Graham)