

## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

### YASS PARISH.

**February 2024.**

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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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A new year, for many people, is a time to recommit themselves to long-standing goals. Whether you have New Year's resolutions or not, it is a great time to dive deep into God's Word. Some people pick a reading plan. Others find themes they want to explore. No matter what approach, the Bible is full of verses and promises that can be especially poignant and potent during at the start of a new calendar.

Spiritually fortifying oneself at the beginning of the year can aid in rising to challenges, feeling the Holy Spirit, and growing closer to Jesus Christ. The Lord uses even the smallest verses in the Bible.

Whether beginning in Genesis, or working backwards from Revelation, having Bible verses to strengthen the spirit is always an important part of the Christian walk.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

A guid new year to ane an' a'  
 An' mony may ye see,  
 An' during a' the years to come,  
 O happy may ye be.  
 An' may ye ne'er hae cause to mourn,  
 To sigh or shed a tear;  
 To ane an'a baith great an' sma'  
 A hearty guid New year.  
 Noo let us hope our years may be  
 As guid as they ha'e been,  
 And trust we ne'er again may see,  
 The sorrows we ha'e seen.  
 And let us wish that ane an'a'  
 Our friends baith far an' near,  
 May aye enjoy in times to come -  
 A hearty guid New year!"



A good new year to one and all  
 And many may you see  
 And during all the years to come  
 O happy may you be.  
 And may you never have cause to mourn  
 To sigh or shed a tear;  
 To one and all, both great and small,  
 A hearty good New Year  
 Now let us hope our years may be  
 As good as they have been  
 And trust we never again may see  
 The sorrows we have seen  
 And let us wish that one and all  
 Our friends both far and near,  
 May, yes, enjoy in times to come  
 A hearty good New Year!

(Adapted from a traditional Scots Hogmanay song with translation provided by Jess)



### *Birthdays and Special Events for February*

**Owen Graham**  
**Annie Harrison (Graham)**  
**Gordon Henshaw**  
**Wade Hines**  
**Alannah & Hayden Brewster (Rayner Grandchildren)**



### *Anniversaries.*

**Liz & Bennett Brewster**



So  
 Sorry  
 for  
 Your  
 Loss

### **Joyce Southwell.**

A Farewell service will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 for the life of Joyce Southwell who passed away at the age of 95years last week.

Joyce was a member of our Rye Park and Yass congregation for many years.

Our prayers are with all the family.

## Lectionary Readings 2024 February.

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Feb 4	Is 40 21-31	Ps 147:1-11, 20c	1Cor 9: 16-23	Mk1:29-39
Feb 11	2Kgs 2: 1-12	Ps 50: 1-12	2Cor 4: 3-6	Mk 9: 2-9
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:1-2,12-17 Or is 58:1-12	Ps 51: 1-17	2 Cor5: 20b-6:10	Mt 6:1-6 16-21
Feb 18	Gn 9: 8-17	Ps 25: 1-10	1Pt 3: 18-22	Mk 1: 9-15
Feb 25	Gn 17: 1-7, 15-16	Ps 22: 23-31	Rom 4: 13-25	Mk 8: 31- 38 or Mk 9: 2-9

## ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

February 2024

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
Feb 4	Rev Christine Moimoi HC	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Ruth & Kerry	Ruth Thompson
Feb 11	Russ Neal	Chris Anderson	Sandra Henshaw	Barb Rayner	Barb Rayner
Feb 18	TBA	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Ann & Chris	Ruth Thompson
Feb 25	Rev John Braakman	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Sandra and Gordon	Ann Ranyard

Stewards: Tim Holmes & Chris Anderson

### Property Committee Report

The new TV screen is installed in St Andrew's Church and the pulpit has been dismantled.

The TV is a much clearer picture for the Power Point presentations. The sanctuary area is much lighter and more open.

The panels from the pulpit will be re-erected as a railing.

The next meeting of Property Committee will be on **Tuesday 30th January at 2 pm**

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on **Friday 1st March**.

This is an ecumenical service held in Yass each year and follows the same order of Service all over the world.

This year the service is being organised by the Catholic Church (More details to follow).

The service is for both men and women and is a great time of fellowship.





## **UCAF NEWS**

**UCAF will meet on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2 pm**

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## YASS PARISH.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 JANUARY	29	30 Property Committee Mtg 2pm		1	2 Playgroup 9.30-11.30 	3
4 Yass 10am HC Rye Park 5pm HC	5	6 Elders Meeting.	7 MorningTea @ GWL Church Council 7.30pm	8	9 Playgroup 9.30-11.30 	10
11	12 UCAF 2pm	13	14	15	16 Playgroup 9.30-11.30 	17
18 Yass 10am Rye Park 5pm (Shared Dinner)	19	20 TE Gardens 11am GWL 2pm	21	22	23 Playgroup 9.30-11.30 	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Elders:

Stewards: Tim Holmes & Chris Anderson.