



## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

### YASS PARISH

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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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#### ***Fellowship- What a beautiful word.***

The dictionary describes it as meaning “sharing, participation, companionship, friendliness, community of interest.” Fellowship groups are not restricted to religious associations of course, but the fellowship of the church has that extra something which transcends all those descriptions, and it prevails throughout our lives.

As a teenager I was a member of the PFA- the Presbyterian Fellowship of Australia- which aims were for worship, study, service and recreation. Now, in my old age, I am still a member of a fellowship group, the Uniting Church Adult fellowship. Which is like an umbrella covering all the groups – male, female, mixed – which meet and work in any way within the church.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin, started after the Second World War, and unites women all over the world in praying regularly for peace and reconciliation among the nation, at the same time giving the smallest coin of their realm – the least coin – to work for the good of women throughout the world.

Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthian Church writes of the greatest fellowship of all when he asks as a blessing for “*the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*” to be with us all.

***Prayer.*** O Lord may we in our UCAF share fellowship with you, our Lord, and in friendly fellowship with one another.

*Food for the Journey. Canberra Region Presbytery*



## ***UCAF Cuppa and Fellowship Meeting.***

At our UCAF meeting a suggestion came up re fellowship within our church family.

Since the closure of our daytime KYB some felt that we missed the fellowship and sharing time.

On the second Tuesday of each month, we are going to trail a short morning cuppa meeting at 10am in the Church Hall.

All welcome Men and Women.

We will have a chat and a cuppa around a table.

Someone will bring a plate for morning tea each month on a roster system.

There will be a short discussion- sharing family news or concerns and a prayer for whatever is on our minds.

All over by 11.30am. All welcome to bring a friend.

If you require any information, please contact me.

Della Armour.

## **UCAF REPORT**

UCAF met on 12th February. Our members will be attending the World Day of Prayer will be held Friday 1st March at the Lovatt Chapel at the Catholic Church, at 10 am. Men and woman are invited to join this ecumenical service.

It was decided to hold a lunch after church on 28th April. This will be a BBQ and everyone to bring a small plate of salad or desert and a donation for the meat.

It was decided to hold a Fellowship Gathering on the second Tuesday of the month at the hall. See article in this newsletter.

Ruth Thompson for UCAF members

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

Church Council met on 7th February.

It was decided to hand out information about the Lent Event and the Uniting in Prayer initiative.

A Combined Churches service will be held at the Anglican Church on 17th March so there won't be a service in our church on that date.

The Church Profile has been compiled and is available for anyone to look at (contact Ruth). This is part of the process of calling a minister. Also, as part of this process members of the Joint Nominating Committee were ratified at the meeting. They are Owen Graham, Sue Demoor, Ruth Thompson and Gordon Henshaw. These people will be our representatives at meetings with Presbytery and Goulburn congregation representatives to look at what we will require in this 50:50 shared placement with Goulburn and then will have meetings with prospective ministers.

Ruth Thompson – Secretary

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Property Committee met on 30th January. regular cleaning and mowing are being carried out.

The new TV has been installed in the church and the pulpit has been dismantled. The panels from the pulpit will be erected as a railing.

The new cushions are in use on the pews.

Ruth Thompson for the members of the Property Committee.

## Lectionary Reading. March 2024.

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel.</i>
Mar 3	Ex 20:1-17	Ps 19	1Cor1: 18-25	Jn 2: 13-22
Mar 10	Nm 21: 4-9	Ps 107:1-3 17-22	Eph2: 1-10	Jn 3:14-21
Mar 17	Jer 31: 31-34	Ps 51: 1-12 Ps 119: 9-16	Heb5: 5-10	Jn 12-20-33
Mar 24	Is50: 4-9a	Ps31: 9-16	Phil 2 5-11	Mk 11: 1-11 Mk 14: 1-15 47
Mar 29 Good Friday	Is 52:13-53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9	Jn 18:1-19: 42
Mar 31	Acts 10: 34-43 or Is 25: 6-9	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	1Cor 15: 1-11 or Act 10:34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 or Mk 16:1-8

## ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

March 2024

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	BIBLE READER	PRAYERS	MORNING TEA	FLOWERS
Mar 3	Rev Anne Ryan HC	Chris Anderson	Ruth Thompson	Ruth & Kerry	Sandra Henshaw
Mar 10	Iain East	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Gordon & Sandra	Barb Rayner
Mar 17	<b>Combined Church Service at St Clements Anglican Church 10am</b>				
Mar 24	Ruth Thompson	Team 3	Team 3	Ann & Chris	Ruth Thompson
Mar 29 <b>Good Friday</b>	9am Suzie & Owen Graham	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	No Morning tea	
Mar 31 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	Rev John Braakman	Tim Holmes	Sandra Henshaw	No Morning tea	Ann Ranyard

Stewards: Cheryl & Richard Maxwell.

Elders: Owen & Suzie Graham

## 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, and will be held in the Lovatt Chapel at 10am.

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



### PRAYER FOR Peace in the Middle East

Lord Jesus Christ,

The Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home.

Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair.

You are our peace and the light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East.

Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love.

Have mercy on us and on our time. **Amen.**



## ***Anniversaries.***

Richard & Barb Rayner

Ron & Lorraine Veness



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

Hazel Graham.

Ray Armour

Sue Demoor

Penny Bickford

Richard Rayner

Lorraine Glover.

### **DEAR LORD**

*Today, dear Lord, I'm 80*

*And so much I haven't done.*

*I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81*

*But if I haven't finished all the things I want to do*

*Would you let me stay a while until I'm 82?*

*There are so many places I'd very much like to see.*

*Do you think you could manage to make it 83?*

*The world is changing fast and there is so much more in store.*

*I'd very much like to live until I'm 84*

*And if my doctor tells me that by then I'm still alive*

*It would be super good, dear Lord, to live till 85.*

*Then maybe you'll go further and let me choose and pick.*

*And I'll be grateful Lord if I can live to 86.*

*The Scriptures tell us often of the joys of reaching Heaven.*

*But maybe you would grant me one, the joy of 87.*

*By then Lord I'll maybe totter, slowed down and sometimes late.*

*But even then, I'll have seen that life is rich at 88.*

*Each year on earth is precious so I'm asking one more time.*

*Please, Lord, with your permission, could I try for 89?*

*Whatever years are granted me, whatever is my fate*

*I'll pray throughout them all, we'll meet at Heaven's Gate*

Contributed by Ann Ranyard and we wish her a belated 80<sup>th</sup> birthday for February,





EVERYONE IS INVITED TO

MORNING TEA AT LINTON VILLAGE IN THE LEN WATERS LOUNGE

AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

LOTS OF YUMMY FOOD, LOTS OF TALKING,



A RAFFLE AND A CHANCE TO SUPPORT CANASSIST YASS

Ruth Thompson for Yass Can Assist



# March 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1Playgroup	2
					World Day of Prayer. Lovatt Chapel 10am	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Yass 10am HC Rye Park 5pm HC		Elders Meeting	Mornington Tea Warmington Lodge.		Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Yass 10am		Fellowship Gathering in Hall 10am			Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Yass Combined service St Clements 10am		Can Assist MT Linton Village.			Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Yass 10am		Newsletter Items Due.			Good Friday. Yass 9am	
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Yass 10am Easter Day						

## Notes

Stewards: Cheryl & Richard Maxwell.

Elders: Owen & Suzie Graham.