



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.

The Lesson of The Ants

Several missionaries were having tea one afternoon when an ant appeared on the white tablecloth, made its way to a tea cake, walked around it, and finding nothing to eat, made straight for the sugar bowl. After eating several bits, it walked off with a small piece. They watched it disappear underneath the door. It soon returned with several of its relations. They climbed the table leg, entered the sugar bowl, and ate their fill. They then departed, each with a piece of sugar in its mouth. But it did not end there. Presently a swarm of ants arrived to partake of the same sweet food.

These ants teach us a lesson. The first went and told others the “good news,” who in turn went and told the glad story to many more. Like Isaiah, the demoniac, the woman of Samaria, and others, we must “go and tell” the glad story of God’s redeeming love!



CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Church Council meet on 25/09/24 and received reports from the Treasurer, Property Committee, UCAF, Safe Church Officer, Mission and Communication, Task Group and Scripture in High School representative and Yass Congregational Secretary. The purpose of so many reports is to keep the members of Church Council informed of all activities in our Parish. Our congregation is active and engaged in many ways as we witness to our faith in the community.

The main discussion in General Business was the situation with the church building at Bookham. **Our congregation has financial responsibility under Uniting Church structure to maintain our buildings at Yass, Rye Park and Bookham.** The roof of the Bookham Church is in need of urgent repair and we do not have the funds to carry out the repairs. A claim was made to the insurance company because the problem started with a tile blowing off in a storm. After twelve months they paid a sum of \$29,405.95. This is about one third of the amount needed to repair the roof. The insurance company said that other damage is a result of the old age of the building.

We have two options.

1. We sell the building as is.
2. We patch up this damage and wait for the next problem to appear in order to lease the building to a small group of Bookham community residents.

The group have been using the building as Bookham Community Church and are sponsored by the Anglican Church. They are passionate about maintaining a Christian presence in their community. Members of Church Council and the Property Committee understand their aims. This discussion has been going on for some time but the group does not have any significant financial resources.

The Yass congregation are the ultimate decision making group under our church structure and there will have to be a vote at a formal Congregational meeting before the end of the year.

PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON 10TH NOVEMBER. There will be discussion at this meeting and a special meeting will be called to vote on the issue.

Ruth Thompson – Secretary – Yass Parish Church Council

As mentioned at the last few Yass Ministers meetings, Vine Church is standing with our Messianic and Jewish brothers and sisters in support of NEVER AGAIN IS NOW - STAND AGAINST ANTI SEMITISM. Please take the time to read the below two emails and open the links. We would love to see you join us in Canberra on 7 Oct, or at the very least pray for us.

www.NeverAgainIsNow.com.au

<https://www.instagram.com/neveragainanz>

<https://www.facebook.com/NeverAgainANZ>

Uniting Church National History Society

The Uniting Church National History Society is a resource for all members of our church and beyond.

The Society helps to promote our rich and diverse heritage that is unique among Australian churches.

The Society exists to encourage:

Study of our heritage;

Communicating our story and helping members to tell it;

Educating for the future with a good understanding of our identity.

You are invited to join the Society – please use our brochure or visit our webpage on the link below:

<https://uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/>

or see Ruth for a pamphlet

YASS PARISH PROPERTY COMMITTEE

This Committee met on 23rd September. All regular maintenance has been done and accounts paid. The tenant at 2A Cliff Street has renewed her lease. Dance4Wellbieng group will be using our hall on Monday mornings. See the flyer in the hall if you are interested in joining. The situation at the Bookham Church building was discussed and recommendations were made that Church Council should communicate these issues to the members of the congregation.

Ruth Thompson for members of the Property Committee.



Please come along to the BBQ lunch to be held on Sunday 27th October, after the Parish Meeting to support Frontier Services.

Purpose of Frontier Service:- Helping people for the love of it. Just a phone call or a chat, a friendly face or an listening ear is a great connection to people.

Vision:- To support everyone who lives in our regional and remote areas.

UCAF REPORT

UCAF met on 23rd September. The Fellowship Gathering on the second Tuesday of the month is proving to fill a need. 2 pm timeslot as it seems to suit most people.

UCAF will lead the service on 27th October using the order of service from Frontier Services. There will be a retiring offering.

After the service the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the hall and a barbecue lunch will follow. UCAF will provide the food to encourage donations to Frontier Services.

It was decided to hold a “Christmas” luncheon after church on 1st December so please try and keep this date free.

Ruth Thompson for UCAF members

ANNUAL PARISH REPORTS

It is that time again !!!!

Reports are needed from congregations, property committees, UCAF, Playgroup, Elders etc
Ideally By 4th October but definitely by 11th October

Ruth Thompson – Church Council Secretary

Lectionary Readings October. 2024.

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 6 th	Jb1:1, 2:1-10	Ps 26	Heb1 1-4, 2:5-12	Mk 10:2-16
Oct 13 th	Jb 23: 1-9, 16-17	Ps 22: 1-15	Heb4: 12-16	Mk 10: 17-31
Oct 20 th	Jb 38: 1-7, (34-41)	Ps 104: 1-9, 24,35c	Heb 5: 1-10	Mk 10: 35-45
Oct 27 th	Jb 42: 1-6, 10-17	Ps 34: 1-8(19- 22)	Heb 7: 23-28	Mk 10: 46-52

Duty Roster. October. 2024.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Music Roster</i>
Oct 6 th	Rev Christine Moi Moi. HC	Tim Holmes		Sandra & Gordon Henshaw	Barb Rayner	Phil Willis
Oct 13 th	No service	Combined Service	St Augustines 11.30am			
Oct 20 th	Rev Christine Moi Moi	Suzie Graham		Sue Demoor with a Helper please.	Sandra Henshaw	Judy Banks
Oct 27 th	Frontier Service	ANNUAL	PARISH Meeting	UCAF Lunch	Ruth Thompson	Judy Banks

Stewards: Owen Graham & Helen Poulton

Elders:



Birthdays.

Kirsty Holmes,
Russell Mills
Sandra Henshaw
Barry Banks
Helen Poulton ?

Lillian Southwell
Phil Cox
Joy Cavanaugh
Ruth Thompson

Hugo Harrison
Alby McMahon

Anniversaries.

Annie & Angus Harrison. (10th Anniversary.)



Fellowship Group.

Tuesday at 2pm come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.



Playgroup

Friday 9.30- 11.30



Update on

Todd Mills (son of Russell & Bev)

As I posted earlier this year Todd was selected in the over 45 Touch Football Australia (TFA) Team.

He played in the Athlete Australian Emus team for the 2024 Federation of International Touch (FIT) World Cup, held in Nottingham England from July 15 to 21st July.

We are now happy to advise that Todd played 8 games and his team are now world champions.

Needles to say Bev and Russell are super proud of their touch football, world cup hero son.

Congratulations from all Yass Parish Todd.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

We conclude our newsletter with a prayer written by Betty McKay (95) from Thomas Eccles Garden. Betty moved to Yass to be closer to her family and she loves to write prayers for the services. I hope you enjoy this one.

Dear Heavenly Father.

We come before you, bringing our love and thankfulness to you, our lord and saviour.

Only because of you may we have eternal life in your Kingdom, because you paid on the cross the cost of our sinfulness. We bless, love and adore you.

Your ministry on earth is our example for neighbours living by us. We pray that your indwelling holy spirit may guide us and pray for our strength and will to do as we are guided.

We pray for peace in you, our world. May family life be joyous to each member.

May Australia be kept free from invasion. May tolerance and love be experienced by all across race and colour and different understandings.

Bless and guide children with your loving ways,

Bless all who minister to others in their time of need.

This prayer we offer in the name of our Lord Saviour Jesus.



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Yass Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
School Holidays		Elders Meeting	Morning Tea Warmington Lodge.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am HC 5pm Rye Park		Fellowship Group. 2pm				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
COMBINED SERVICE at St Augustines 11.30am		T.E Gardens 11am GWL 2pm			Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am 5pm Rye Park					Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30	
27	28	29	30	31		
10am Services for Frontier Services.						