



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA YASS PARISH.

March 2025

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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 Autumn Years

Time passes so quickly. This afternoon, I stood and looked out the back door, watching the yellow leaves from the maple tree float to the ground. The fig tree is full of its fruit and the possums will begin their nightly feast soon.

It is autumn once again, the mornings are cooler and the days are getting shorter.

Now they tell us we are entering into the autumn years of life. I must admit that I do a lot more reflecting on things than I used to, especially when it comes to matters of a spiritual nature. The bible has a lot to say about "time" and it's a worthy subject for brief consideration:

- Time was created in the beginning by God (Genesis 1:5)
- God does not keep time as we keep time (Psalm 90:4; 2 Pet. 3:8)



Lectionary Readings March 2025

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2 nd March	Ex 34:29-35	Ps 99	2Cor 3:12-42	Lk 9:28-36 (37-43a)
9 th March	Dt 26: 1-11	Ps 91:1-2 9-16	Rom 10 8b-13	Lk 4: 1-13
16 th March	Gen 15: 1-13, 17-18	Ps 27	Phil3: 17 4:1	Lk 13: 31-35 or Lk 9: 28-36 (37-43a)
23 rd March	Is 55: 1-9	Ps 63: 1-8	1Cor 10: 1-13	Lk 13: 1-9
30 th March	Jos 5: 9-12	Ps 32	2 Cor5: 16-21	Lk 15:1-3 11b-32

Duty Roster. March. 2025

Date	Worship Leader	Bible Reader	Prayers	Morning Tea	Music Roster	Flowers.
2 nd March	<i>Combined Church service The Vine Church. MT 10.30 Service 11.30am. Please bring a plate for Morning Tea.</i>					
9 th March	Team 3 Ruth	Team 3	Team 3	Ann & Chris	Judy Banks	Barb Rayner
16 th March	Judy Wilson	Gordon	Sandra	Gordon & Sandra	Phil Willis	Ruth Thompson
23 rd March	Rev John Braakman HC	Suzie Graham	Owen Graham	Della	Phil Willis	Ruth Thompson
30 th March	TBA	Chris	Della	Ruth	Sheree Bush	Ann Ranyard.

Stewards: Sandra & Gordon Henshaw

Elders: Della Armour and Helen Poulton

DATES FOR DIARY

13th April CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE

13th April LUNCHEON IN THE HALL

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Property Committee met on 28th January. Normal maintenance has been carried out. Long overdue painting has been done in parts of 4 Cliff Street and new carpet has been laid in the back bedroom.

New lights have been fitted at the front of the St Andrew's church building.

The hall is hired out on two half days per week and used by Playgroup on Friday mornings.

Saltbush Roofing have finished the work at the Bookham building. A working bee will be held soon to tidy around the outside and inside the building. Two appraisals have been obtained and the Sales Application form is being prepared.

Ruth Thompson for the Property Committee

UCAF REPORT

UCAF met on 3rd February. Members will co-ordinate with the members of our congregation and with the members of The Vine Church to serve morning tea before the Combined Churches service on 2nd March at The Vine Church.

Members will supply luncheon for members of Goulburn and Yass JNC meeting on 16th February.

World Day of Prayer will be hosted by The Vine Church on Friday 7th February at 10 am. Our members will participate. All are welcome.

Fellowship afternoon tea continues. It is a valuable time of sharing with members of our congregation and others.

UCAF will donate \$51.00 for 3 books for High School Scripture and we are encouraging other members of the congregation to donate.

A luncheon will be held after the Congregational meeting on 13th April in the hall.

Meat will be supplied. Everyone to bring a salad or sweet.

Ruth Thompson for UCAF Members

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Church Council met on 19th February. Routine reports were received from the Treasurer, Elders, Yass Congregation, UCAF, Property Committee and Mission and Service Task Group and Playgroup.

Elders confirmed that arrangements for Yass Uniting to host the Combined Churches service on 2nd March at the Vine Church are in place.

A report from the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) was received. A meeting was held with Goulburn JNC members on 16th February to discuss ways we can co-operate. Nothing is decided but further discussions will take place. Rev Andrew Smith has taken up a new position and will not be on our JNC now. Irene Lund has been appointed by PRC to lead the JNC. Discussions will be held with a possible minister soon.

Ruth Thompson – Secretary – Yass Parish Church Council.

Annual General Meeting of the Yass Congregation

The AGM and General Meetings of the Yass Congregation will be held on 13th April.

At this time an election will be held for the positions of **Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Presbytery Representative, Newsletter Editor**, Nominations for the Property Committee, **Church Notices, Chief Stewards**.

The elections will be followed a General Meeting of the Yass Congregation.

Nominations and Agenda items should be received by 30th March, 2025 to the Secretary.

Christine Anderson - Congregation Secretary.

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Birthdays.

<i>Sue Demoor</i>	<i>Hazel Graham</i>	<i>Ray Armour</i>
<i>Richard Rayner</i>	<i>Lorraine Glover</i>	<i>Penny Bickford</i>



Anniversaries.

<i>Richard & Barb Rayner</i>	<i>Ron & Lorraine Veness</i>
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Fellowship Group.

Every 2nd Tuesday at 2pm



Playgroup

Every Friday 9.30- 11.30.
St Andrews Hall

March

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Combines Church Service Vine Church 10.30 MT 11.30 Service.	3	4 Elders Meeting	5 Morning Tea GWL	6	7 Playgroup 9.30=11.30 World Day of Prayer Vine Church 10am	8
9	10	11 Fellowship Group 2pm	12	13	14 Playgroup 9.30=11.30	15
16	17	18 TEG 11am GWL 2pm	19	20	21 Playgroup 9.30=11.30	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Playgroup 9.30=11.30	29
30	31					

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*I hope to see you at
Combined Services
this year.
Come say hi!*

What's happening in 2025

Welcome to 2025!

As I was preparing for 2025 last year, I was reflecting on the curriculum I was using and realising that it wasn't hitting the mark like I wanted it too. Knowing that there are people working on new and updated curriculum this year, I have decided to shake it up this year and do a whole new thing for 2025 at Yass high.

This year I will be teaching the PeaceWise Youth curriculum across the year 7-9 classes. Year 7 will start with an Intro unit, followed by NUA Easter before starting, however, the year 8 and 9 students will step right in to PeaceWise.

For us to do this, there is a cost involved. The board have covered the cost of the initial curriculum licence of the year. But each student, from year 7-8 requires a works book as well. (Year 9 can work online as Yass High have a BYO device for year 9 now).

We would like to ask if you would consider sponsoring a student workbook for the year to help us deliver this program? The cost is \$17(incl. GST) per student.

I am excited to deliver something new and fresh this year at Yass High. Please continue to pray for myself, the students, and the staff at Yass High and we *together* deliver the good news of Jesus there.

Get Involved

[Sponsor a Student workbook here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Discovering Life Dinner

- This dinner is free sign up but is a fundraiser for all SU activities in the ACT and southern NSW regions (this includes my other role in Canberra, which you will hear a lot about if you come along).
- If you wish to attend you will find my name as a Table Host and you are welcome to join my table.
- <https://su.org.au/events/su-act-discovering-life-dinner-2025/>

