



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA YASS PARISH.

August 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.

PRAISE STRENGTHENS THE SOUL

Praise is a powerful spiritual discipline given to us by the Lord. But unfortunately, it may be one of the most neglected exercises in the Christian life.

We know it's important to pray, read our Bibles, and gather with other believers, but very rarely do we encourage one another to praise Jesus.

When we neglect to regularly praise the Lord, we miss out on a powerful spiritual strength he has given us.

You don't need a special reason to praise God

Every moment of every day is a suitable time for praise



Date for Diary

Saturday 13th September Induction of Rev Pierre van Blommestein at Yass Time TBA

Sunday 14th September Pierre's first service at Goulburn

Sunday 21st September Combined Churches Service at 10 am at Baptist Church

Pierre and Cherie van Blommestein



Pierre and Cherie come from South Africa, where Pierre was a minister in the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa for 20 years, before they emigrated to Australia in January 2000 with their children. Pierre was the son of a Presbyterian minister, and Cherie actually grew up in Gwelo, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). They met while at University, where Pierre was pursuing his theological training and Cherie was completing an Arts degree.

After Uni, Pierre went to do his National Service duties in January 1980 and was deployed for 18 months full-time service as a Chaplain to a combat zone on the border between Angola and South West Africa (now Namibia), where an anti-Communist war, similar to Vietnam, was being fought by South Africa (and some reluctant global allies).

Pierre and Cherie were married during this time of service, and Cherie joined Pierre in his deployment, where they began their married life amongst soldiers, weapons, and landmines. Fortunately, Cherie (known to the camp as “Mrs Padre”) had experience, from her years in Rhodesia, of handling weapons and living in a war zone, so she fitted right in!

Pierre served in a number of congregations around South Africa from 1981 onwards, and then in January 2000 they left South Africa for sunny Queensland. For the past 25 years, Pierre has served in congregations around the greater Brisbane area, his last placement being on Bribie Island, where they have been for 9 years.

The Bribie congregation is now at a crossroads, with new long-term plans taking shape, and Pierre felt that this was the opportune time to make a move. With all their grandchildren in Canberra, that greater area was their focus.

So, it was with growing interest and sense of purpose that Pierre engaged in a discussion with the joint Yass-Goulburn JNC about goals and dreams for these two congregations, and felt that he had relevant value and experience to add to the journeys of the Yass and Goulburn churches.

Lectionary Readings August 2025

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
3.8.25	Hos 11:1-11	Ps 107 1-9, 43	Col 3: 1-11	Lk 12 13-21
10.8.25	Is 1:1, 10-20	Ps 50: 1-8 22-23	Heb 11 1-3, 8-16	Lk 12: 32-40
17.8.25	Is 5: 1-7	Ps 80: 1-2 8-19	Heb 11: 29-12: 2	Lk 12:49-56
24.8.25	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 71: 1-6	Heb 12:18-29	Lk 13: 10-17
31.8.25	Jer 2: 4-13	Ps 81: 1, 10-16	Heb 13: 1-8 15-16	Lk 14: 1, 7-14

Duty Roster. August 2025

Date	Worship Leader	Bible Reader	Prayers	Morning Tea	Music Roster	Flowers.
3.8.25	Rev Christine Moi Moi. HC	Phil Willis	Ruth Thompson	Sue Demoor& Ann	Judy Banks	Barb Rayner
10.8.25	Rev Charles Vesely	Helen Poulton	Sandra Henshaw	Della & Ray Armour	Judy Banks	Barb Rayner
17.8.25	Rev Charles Vesely	Tim Holmes	Della Armour	Ann & Chris	Phil Willis	Ann Ranyard
24.8.25	Rev John Braakman	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Gordon & Sandra Henshaw	Phil Willis	Sandra Henshaw
31.8.25	Iain East	Chris Anderson.	Ruth Thompson	Ruth Thompson	Sheree Bush	Sandra Henshaw

Stewards: Gordon & Sandra Henshaw



August. Birthdays

Isabel Wykes
Tim Holmes
Rev Christine Moi Moi

Graham Grandchildren- Imogen Graham
Zeb Graham



Richard & Cheryl Maxwell
Ron & Lorraine Veness.



Playgroup Every Friday.

**9.30 am -11.30am
St Andrews Hall**



Trivia Night to support SRE at Yass High School
Friday August 29 at Baptist Church
6:30 - 9 pm
\$20 per person. Tables of 8.

Community picnic

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come.

The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."



SU Australia News

Yass High School.

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What's been happening

In Term 2 years 8 and 9 have been moving steadily along, and it's been a joy to journey through PeaceWise with our students.

This term, they've been continuing to learn how to be peacemakers, thinking about how God wants us to respond when conflict arises.

We've explored ideas like:

- God is the source of real peace
- Taking responsibility for our part in conflict
- Saying sorry well and choosing to forgive

It's been encouraging to see students beginning to apply these tools in real-life situations.

Year 7 finished off the NUA Easter series and have just started this curriculum. They are taking to it very well.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers as we help kids grow in both character and faith.

Overall Prayer Points:

There are Christian students in each class, pray that they are brave enough to invite their classmates and friends to Youth Group and churches.

Pray for Jessica's relationships with staff at the school

Upcoming Events

Fundraiser: Save the Date:

August 29th for this year's Trivia!

Baptist Church

6.30 -9pm

\$20.00 per person Table of 8

[Thank You!](#)

August

Yass Uniting Church

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Yass 10amHC			Morning Tea Warmington Lodge		Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Yass 10am					Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Yass 10am		TEG 11am Warmington Lodge 2pm Property Meeting 3pm			Playgroup 9.30-11.30	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Yass 10am		Closing Date for Newsletter			Playgroup 9.30-11.30 SUFundraiserTrivia Night.8.00pm Baptish Church	
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Yass 10am						

Elders

Della Armour

Stewards

Gordon & Sandra Henshaw