



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA YASS PARISH.

December 2025/January 2026

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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.



CONTACTING OUR MINISTER

If you need to contact our minister, Rev Pierre, here are the details.

*Please be assured that any conversation you have with Pierre is confidential.
He is the only one who has access to the church email.*

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Day Off: Monday - Yass Office Wednesday & Thursday.

One of the best parts of the Advent and Christmas season is the lights that shine everywhere. We decorate our streets with lights. We put lights on the trees in our homes. There is something about the visual of lighting up spaces that connects with the light we desire in our souls.

John called the coming Christ child the “true light that shines on all people.” “True Light is deeper than the twinkling lights we see in our world. The true light shines into our hidden spaces, our dirty places, our wounded spots, and illuminates them so that healing and wholeness can be ours. The true light gives us a settling in our souls that no outward brightness can match.

At the Christmas services we are reminded of God's light. We hear about the light surrounding the angels in the sky. We hear about a star in the sky. We imagine the light that shines on the manger, filled with hay and a baby. This baby is born to us so that God's light can illuminate our lives. We imagine that light around the Christ child as a night light, gentle as a candle flickering in the darkness.

As we meditate on the words of the Christmas story let God's light illuminate your soul. Let your heart be full and your soul be content. Hear the words God is saying to us: Christ has come to us! Jesus is born to us! The light is ours.

Contributed

Lectionary Readings December. 2025

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Dec 7th Advent 2	Is 11: 1-10	Ps 72: 1-7 18-19	Rom 15: 4-13	Mt 3: 1-12
Dec 14th Advent 3	Is 35: 1-10	Ps 146 5-10 or Lk1: 46b-55	Jas 5: 7-10	Mt 11: 2-11
Dec 21 Advent 4	Is 7: 10-16	Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19	Rom 1: 1-7	Mt 1: 18-25
Dec 24/25 Nativity 1 Nativity2 Nativity 3	Is 9:2-7 Is 62:6-12 Is 52:7-10	Ps 96 Ps 97 Ps 98	Tit 2:11-14 Tit 3:4-7 Heb1:1-4, (5-12)	Lk2:1-14(15-20 Lk2(1-7) 8-20 Jn 1:1-14
Dec 28 Christmas 1	Is 63: 7-9	Ps 148	Heb 2: 10-18	Mt 2: 13-23

WORSHIP ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION December-----2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Music Roster</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
7th Dec	Rev Pierre van Blommestein	Phill Willis	Ruth Thompson	Church lunch UCAF	Judy Banks	Christmas
14th Dec	Judy Willson	Tim Holmes	Della Armour	Ann & Sue	Phil Willis	Tree
21st Dec	Rev Pierre an Blommestein	Pierre to arrange	Pierre to arrange	Della and Ray	Judy and Lorraine	
24th	Rev Pierre van Blommestein	Pierre to arrange	Pierre to arrange	-----	Judy Banks	
25th Dec	Suzie & Owen Graham	-----	-----	No morning tea	Phil Willis	
28th Dec	Rev Christine Moimoi	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Sandra & Gordon	Phil Willis	

Stewards. Brenda and Ken Bush
Elders: Susie and Owen Graham



Prayers and well wishes

Esmay Bush
Gordon Henshaw
Barry Banks
Russel Mills
Ron Veness



December Birthdays

Elizabeth Brewster (Rayner)
Emma Cox
Henry Graham
Natie Watkins-Rayner



Anniversaries.

Geoff & Kathy Townsend.
Phil & Lesley Cox

School Holidays 20th December- 27th January, 2026



Playgroup Every Friday.

In school term

9.30 am -11.30am
St Andrews Hall



Line Dancing

meets on Wednesday Morning at 10am in the hall.
More energetic exercise = great fun with a friendly group.
\$5.00 per week



Dance 4 Wellbeing meets in the hall on Monday mornings
(in school terms)from 10 am -11 am
Followed by a cuppa Everyone is invited to join for gentle exercise.
Helps with balance. \$50.00 for 8 classes.

CanAssist meets in the Uniting Church Hall first Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm.,
CanAssist. Raises money to help cancer patients with their expenses.
New Members are always welcome.

CONGREGATION MEETING 16/11/25

At the general meeting of the Yass congregation held 16th November 2025 five Elders and four Church Councillors were elected.

Elders: Della Armour	2 years
Lorraine Veness	3 years
Ann Ranyard	2 years
Suzie Graham	3 years
Owen Graham	3 years

Church Council

Christine Anderson	3 years
Lesley Cox	3 years
Ruth Thompson	3 years
Sue Demoor	3 years

Gordon Henshaw, Chairperson, proposed a vote of thanks to Phill Willis (Church Council) and Cheryl Maxwell (Elder) for their service following their decision to step down.

Personally, I would like to show my appreciation to all members of St Andrews who have assisted with the Worship roster, and as stewards this year.

Christine Anderson

Congregation secretary



You are invited to a

Christmas *Celebration*

Yass Community Carols
Sunday 7th December 2025
Victoria Park, Yass

Activities start 4:30pm

Market Stalls | Jumping Castle
Kids Games | Santa | Nativity Dress up
Hot Food | Live Music | Coffee | and more!

Carols start 6pm

For more information and
the latest updates visit
facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols.



December 2025

Uniting Church Yass Parish.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Church council &:30 pm Morning Tea at Warmington Lodge Elders 2 pm	4	5 Playgroup 9.30- 11.30am	6
7 Yass 10 am Lunch after church Carols 6 pm	8	9	10	11	12 Playgroup 9.30- 11.30am	13
14 Yass 10 am	15	16 Services TEG 10 am Warmington Lodge 2 pm Yass Ministers	17	18	19 Playgroup 9.30- 11.30am	20
21 Yass 10 am	22	23	24 Service 6 pm	25 Christmas Day 9 am	26	27
28 Yass 10 am	29	30	31			

Stewards Brenda and Ken Bush

Elders Suzie and Owen Graham



January Birthdays

Rena Barnum

Anniversaries.

Kirsty & Shane

Jane & Paul McMahon (Graham)

Lectionary Readings January 2026

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 4th	Jer 31: 7-14	Ps 147: 12-20	Eph1: 3-14	Jn 1 (1-9) 10-18
Jan 11th	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 29	Acts 10: 34-43	Mt 3: 13-17
Jan 18th	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 40: 1-11	1 Cor 1: 1-9	Jn 1: 29-42
Jan 25th	Is 9: 1-4	Ps 27: 1, 4-9	1 Cor 1: 10-18	Mt 4: 12-23

WORSHIP ROSTER----ST ANDREWS CONGREGATION

January. 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Music Roster</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Jan 4th	Rev Pierre van Blommestein	Phil Willis	Della Armour	Sandra and Gordon	Judy Banks	Ruth Thompson
Jan 11th	Rev Christine Moimoi	Gordon Henshaw	Sandra Henshaw	Della and Ray	Judy Banks	Ann Ranyard
Jan 18th	Rev Pierre van Blommestein	Tim Holmes	Ruth Thompson	Ruth and Kerry	Phil Willis	Sandra Henshaw
Jan 25th	Rev John Braakman	Chris Anderson	Ruth Thompson	Chris and Ann	Phil Willis	Barb Rayner

Elder: Ann Ranyard

Stewards 4th Jan Della and Ray
11th Jan Sandra and Gordon

18th Jan Ruth and Kerry
25th Jan Ruth and Kerry

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January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	JANUARY FROM	IS A MONTH ACTIVITIES	OFF	1	2	3
4 Yass 10am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Yass 10 am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Yass 10 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Yass 10 am	26	27	28 Property Committee 3 pm	29	30 Playgroup 9.30- 11.30	31

Stewards: Kerry & Ruth. Thompson

Elder: Ann Ranyard