

Name Badges

Please wear your name badge to help newcomers and visitors get to know us more easily. If you require a new or replacement name badge, please speak with one of the stewards so we can organise one for you.

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City Church Activities

- 8 May: WIT Meeting
- 9 May: Student Bible Study
- 14 May: Student Farm Visit
- 15 May: Mingles Meeting
- 16 May: Student Bible Study
- 17 Jun: UCA 40th Anniversary
Presbytery Event
- 26 Jun: Moderator's Visit

• **Other Events** (check notice board for details)

- 4 May: *The Case For Christ* movie opens at Manuka and Belconnen cinemas
- 21 & 27 May: Musical Matinee
- 8 Jul: Presbytery Meeting at Yass Uniting Church

Rosters:

Today - 7 May

READER: Kevin Lee
PRAYERS: Grace Birtles
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation
WELCOME: Penaia Verebalavu

Next Sunday - 14 May

READER: Grace Birtles
PRAYERS: Marion Cook
ORGANIST: Hildegard Palafox
FLOWERS: Kathy Trembath
MORNING TEA: M & D Martin
WELCOME: Grace Birtles



We warmly welcome all members, friends and visitors to our service today. If you would like to make this church your home please talk to the Minister or one of the Elders on duty or complete a care card available in the foyer. If you are a student you can contact Dennis Martin on 0404 747 608 or marthome@es.co.nz. Otherwise you can contact Barbara Lowe on 6241 4779 or barbara.lowe@gbl.id.au.

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Today: Sunday 7 May 2017

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Elizabeth Raine
2.00pm No service
5.30pm City at Night
Readings Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:19-25; Jn 10:1-10

Next week: Sunday 14 May 2017

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Elizabeth Raine
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
5.30pm City at Night
Readings Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Pt 2:2-10; Jn 14:1-14

Our Vision And Values

Canberra City Uniting Church is a diverse community of people who, by word and action, seek to share the good news of the love of God seen in Jesus Christ.

We try to be an inclusive community providing a place of nurture and care for people of different cultures, abilities, ages, family structures and sexual orientations.

As a congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia, we aim in our worship to bring people into the presence of God, through ordered, thoughtful and innovative liturgy and scholarly interpretation of the Bible. We foster a strong commitment to social justice and peace, both in Australia and in the rest of the world.

As a city church we endeavour to serve the local community as disciples of Christ. We aspire to live as responsible stewards of the earth and its resources, which we understand to be part of God's creation.



The Case For Christ

Based on Lee Strobel's award-winning bestselling book and starring Mike Vogel, Erika Christensen, Faye Dunaway, and Robert Forster, *The Case For Christ* opens in cinemas **May 4** - A movie for anyone who has ever pondered the existence of God ... and what role He could play in their lives. For tickets contact movies@crossroad.com.au.

Women In Touch (WIT)

WIT will meet on **Monday, 8 May**. As usual the meeting will begin at 12.00 o'clock in the hall at St Columba's. Our special 'guest' will be Norma Brown who will be telling us about her recent trip which took her and John (as well as others, including Myung Hwa Park and Ivan Roberts) to a number of aboriginal communities. She has interesting stories and insights to share! Feel free to join us.

Student Bible Study

All students: Please note that the last two Bible Studies will be held in the Rabbit Room at Toad Hall. Shifting our venue on to the ANU campus will make the study much more accessible and easier for students to invite along friends. The dates are **Tuesday 9 May** and **Tuesday 16 May**. At the usual time of 5:30pm, with light refreshments available. The study on the 16th will conclude with Holy Communion. Details of the study have been circulated to all CSU members, they are about John 9 (Jesus heals a blind man) and John 2: 13-22 (Jesus cleanses the Temple). These two studies will conclude our semester one programme as exam weeks follow!! We wish our students well as their studies approach a critical time.

Farm Visit

Students, please note that Terry and Grace Birtles have kindly offered to host us to a farm visit on **Sunday, 14 May**. We will leave from church around 11:30am following the morning service. Your last excursion before FULL TIME study!!!!

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Bob Townsend | Carolyn Kiss | Narelle Sellar



Mingles (married and singles) Fellowship Meeting

Monday, 15 May in the Riley Hall commencing 7.00pm

At our May meeting the Mingles fellowship will welcome Franki Sparke, daughter of Margaret Sparke, as our guest speaker. Franki is an established visual artist with over 35 year's experience in Canberra. She will be talking about aspects of her art practice. For catering purposes, please let Dora Chapman know if you are able to attend. The meeting will commence with dinner, as usual (cost \$10 if not bringing food). All welcome.

Joint Nominating Committee Update

The profiles of six ministers have been passed on to the JNC by the Synod Advisory Committee on Ministerial Placements, three for each of the two placements. Five of the ministers have expressed willingness to come to Canberra to meet with the JNC. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the JNC and for the ministers as the JNC holds initial meetings with each of them over the next weeks. Please note that the work of the JNC needs to be confidential until final recommendations to the three congregations are reached.

All Of This Is Us - UCA's 40th Birthday

Canberra Region Presbytery is celebrating the Uniting Church's 40th birthday on **Saturday, 17 June** at Canberra City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Avenue 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start, finishing 4.30pm. All are invited. Special guest, Colleen Geyer, Assembly General Secretary, followed by group discussion around the future – reimagining congregations and more. Enquiries: Geoff Wellington at geoff@cruc.org.au or 0400 831 445.

Books For Early Morning Centre

We are trying to build up a small library for guests at the Early Morning Centre. If you have any books you think might be suitable (adventure, crime etc) please give them to Anne Butler.

Accommodation Request

A mother and teenage daughter from Africa are seeking rented accommodation. The mother is working, so able to pay. If you have any ideas about possible accommodation, would you please contact Jenny Rowland.