

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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Diary Dates:**City Church Activities**

- 7 Sep: Friendship Group
- 9 Sep: St John ACT Seminar
- 11 Sep: WIT Meeting
- 24 Sep: SMERF Small Group
- 29 Sep: Film Group
- 15 Oct: Annual Meeting
- 21 Oct: Safe Church Workshop

Other Events (check notice board for details)

29 Sep-3 Oct: Synod 2017
15-21 Oct: Anti Poverty Week
27-28 Oct: Weston Creek Craft Show

Rosters:**Today - 27 August**

READER: Margaret Martin
PRAYERS: John Brown
ORGANIST: David Franks
FLOWERS: Ben Bairstow
MORNING TEA: A&J Andrews
WELCOME: Kumar Sukumar

Next Sunday - 3 September

READER: Olivia Neethrajah
PRAYERS: Jenny Rowland
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation
WELCOME: Penaia Verebalavu



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@gbf.id.au.

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Today: Sunday 27 August 2017

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Kerry Bartlett
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
5.30pm City at Night
Readings Ex 1:8-2:10; Ps 124; Rom 12:1-8; Mt 16:13-20

Next week: Sunday 3 September 2017

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Betty Stroud
2.00pm No service
5.30pm City at Night
Readings Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom 12:9-21; Mt 16:21-28

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.

West Papuan Fund-Raiser

Our West Papuan friends in Canberra invite all of us at City Church to a fundraising evening called *Kita Menudukung Papua – Let's Support Papua*. It will assist West Papuan veteran and executive member of the United Liberation Movement for West Papua, Rex Rumakiek, attend the forthcoming Pacific Islands Forum in Samoa and the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The event will be held in the Riley Hall from 6.00pm **TODAY Sunday, 27 August**. There will be music, food and items for sale. Door prices \$20 for students and \$25 standard rates. Enquiries to Ronny Kareni on 0401 222 177 or ronnykareni@gamil.com, or to Jenny Rowland.

“who gives a crap” Toilet Paper

This environment friendly toilet paper will be on sale next **Sunday, 3 September** at \$5.00 for four (4) rolls. Any profit made will be donated to UnitingWorld's clean water project.

St John ACT

St John Ambulance is presenting a free workshop on *Saving Lives Through First Aid* on **Saturday, 9 September** from 10.00am to 12.00noon at Canberra City Uniting Church. The Safe Church Committee has organised this event so if you wish to attend please let Dora Chapman know on 6262 2556 or 0402 242 713 or chapman31@gmail.com.

Women In Touch (WIT)

The next WIT meeting will be on **Monday, 11 September** from 12 noon at St Columba's. We will be sharing good news stories. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For enquiries please contact Kathy Trembath 6262 2343. New faces welcome!

Sunday Morning Exploring Relevant Faith (SMERF)

SMERF is a Small Group which will meet fortnightly on Sunday mornings from 8.30 to 9.45am. The first meeting will be on **Sunday, 24 September** in the Gifford Room, City Church. Warm welcome for anyone who would like to join us. For more information talk to Norma or John Brown, Robyn Triglone or Narelle Sellar.

Today's Postlude by David Franks

Prelude in G major, BWV 568 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Safe Church Awareness Workshop

When: Saturday, **21 October 2017** - 9.15am for 9.30am - 3.30pm. Refresher only (3 year update) - 9.15am for 9.30-1pm | **Venue:** Canberra City Uniting Church | **Cost:** \$25 pp (\$20 refresher). Morning tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. If you would like to register for this workshop, please contact Bob Griffiths on 6294 1675, 0451 679 525 or bob.griffiths7@bigpond.com. Flyer is on the notice board.

Outcome Of Congregation Meeting / Notice Of Annual Meeting

At the Congregation meeting on 20 August members agreed to hold over any changes to the size of Church Council until 2018, at which time our new Minister will be with us and can offer guidance and direction. Elections for seven positions on Church Council and for Congregation Executive positions will take place at the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, 15 October 2017. Nomination forms are available from Rinda Scott, Graeme Lowe, Alex Pringle or Margaret Watt.

Season Of Creation**Take One**

Over the last number of years September has become the month when some churches celebrate aspects of creation. Given that the Environment Group is up and running well, it has been decided that this year, City Church will join in - celebrating Forests, Land, The Outback and Rivers over the four Sundays. There will be special music, sound effects, liturgy and slides to help us focus on the themes. Why not invite a friend?

Take Two

If you have pot plants that have fern-like or strappy type plants in them and would be able to loan them for worship on the 3rd (Forest Sunday), the church will be open from 12 noon to 2 pm on Saturday 2nd and you will be able to access it from the plaza entrance.

New Small Group

A Small Group is planned for Tuesday mornings at 10.00am every fortnight at the home of Barbara and Graeme Lowe in Kaleen. If you are interested in joining the group please let Barbara or Graeme know. Other home groups that meet for discussion, prayer, study and support are held fortnightly at the homes of Carolyn and Elmer Kiss (Wednesday at 7pm) and Richard & Rinda Scott (Tuesday at 7pm). For further information please contact Carolyn (6251 3127) and Rinda (6241 1946).