



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
- 15 Sep: Coffee Club
- 18 Sep: Mingles
- 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 - 3 September

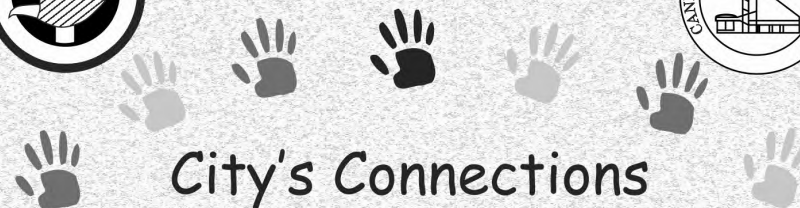
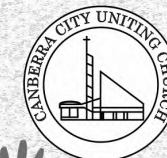
READER: Olivia Neethyrajah
PRAYERS: Jenny Rowland
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation
WELCOME: Penaia Verebalavu

Next Sunday - 10 September

READER: Ann Andrews
PRAYERS: Terry Birtles
ORGANIST: Hildegard Palafox
FLOWERS: Esther Kwon
MORNING TEA: A Andrews & Students
WELCOME: Olivia Neethyrajah



THE UNITING CHURCH
IN AUSTRALIA



City's Connections

3 September 2017

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 3 September 2017

- 10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Betty Stroud
- 2.00pm No service
- 5.30pm City at Night
- Readings Genesis 2:4b-22; Psalm 139:13-16; Acts 17:22-28; John 3:1-16

Next week: Sunday 10 September 2017

- 10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Betty Stroud
- 2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
- 5.30pm City at Night
- Readings Genesis 3:14-9; 4:8-16; Psalm 139:7-10; Romans 5:12-17; Matthew 12:38-40

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.

**“who gives a crap” Toilet Paper**

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

Small Group Re-starting

A previously existing small group is re-starting this week on **Wednesday, 6 September**. It will meet on alternate Wednesday mornings at 10.00am at Marion Cook's home. The meetings will include a series of studies on the Parables of the Kingdom led by John Andrews. New members of this group will be very welcome. Please let Marion or John know if you are interested in joining. Marion's address is 6 Dirrawan Gardens, Reid. As there is no street parking available there before 11.00am, Marion suggests that people park in the long driveway. Her entry door is up the driveway.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held on **Thursday, 7 September** from 6.15 - 7.00pm to learn songs for Seasons of Creation. For more information contact Betty Stroud.

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet on **Thursday, 7 September** at the Ainsley Football Club for 12noon. All welcome. For more information contact Anne Nicholls.

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.

Hymnfest

Wesley Uniting Church is hosting a Hymnfest to mark the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Royal School of Church Music, an ecumenical Church Music Education organisation. It is on **Sunday, 10 September** at 3.00pm. Come and enjoy singing some great hymns, accompanied by the Wesley organ. Paper note admission; afternoon tea supplied.

Today's Postlude by Lorraine Macknight

Song 22 (Gibbons arr. CV Stanford)

**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!

Coffee Club

To mark the start of Spring the next Coffee Club outing will be to Rodney's Garden Café, 24a Beltana Road, Pialligo on **Friday, 15 September** at 10.30am. As well as enjoying cake and coffee you could also walk through the plant nursery. Please let Barbara Lowe know if you plan to attend and if you require transport by phoning 6241 4779.

Mingles

We will meet next on **Monday, 18 September** at 7.00pm as usual in the Riley Hall for a dinner. Our speaker for the evening will be one of the members of our congregation, Jack Fenner on the topic "Snapshots of Australian Archaeology". This will cover some of the archaeological evidence for the arrival of the first people in Australia, and then a few later time periods of particular interest. If you intend to come please contact Barbara Lowe in advance so that adequate catering arrangements can be made.

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.

Film Group

This month our group will meet at the home of Margaret Hocking in Turner on **Friday, 29 September** at 10.00am. BYO lunch. Our film will be another vintage one, **The Inn of the Sixth Happiness**. It is based on the life of Gladys Aylward, a humble person who was inspired to undertake missionary work and despite many obstacles achieved her ambition of working with orphans in China. When war broke out in the region where she was she led a large group of orphans to safety through the mountains. Ingrid Bergman is the unlikely choice to play Gladys.

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