



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:

Church

1 Dec: City Church Coffee Club
3 Dec: SMERF Meeting
4 Dec: Mingles "Cooks Night Out"
10 Dec: The Three Kings
10 Dec: Combined Christmas Lunch
21 Dec - 3 Jan: Church office closed

Other Events (check notice board for details)

20 Nov-15Dec: Christmas Card Shop

Rosters:

Today - 26 November

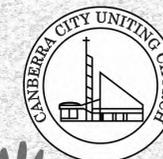
READER: Narelle Sellar
PRAYERS: Terry Birtles
ORGANIST: David Franks
FLOWERS: Esther Kwon
MORNING TEA: A&J Andrews
WELCOME: Willem Ayamiseba

Next Sunday - 3 December

READER: Bob Griffiths
PRAYERS: Robyn Triglone
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation
WELCOME: Latu Laipato



THE UNITING CHURCH
IN AUSTRALIA



City's Connections

26 November 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 26 November 2017

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
5.30pm City at Night
Readings Ez 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Mt 25:31-46

Next week: Sunday 3 December 2017 (Advent 1)

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
2.00pm No service
5.30pm City at Night
Readings Is 54:1-9; Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:24-37

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.

Christmas Card Shop

This year will be the final Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop so please come along and SPEND UP BIG on cards and gifts to support the Early Morning Centre and local charities. The shop will be open until **Friday, 15 December** in the Gifford Room from 10.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and on this **Sunday, 26 November and Sunday, 3 December** after morning worship.

City Church Coffee Club

The next outing for the Coffee Club will be on **Friday, 1 December 2017** to the Oaks Brasserie at Yarralumla (opposite the Yarralumla Nursery). We will meet in the Café at 10.30am for coffee and cake. If you would like to attend or need transport please contact Barbara Lowe.

Sunday Morning Exploring Relevant Faith (SMERF)

SMERF will meet on **Sunday, 3 December** in the Gifford Room from 8.30-9.45am. Basil Rebera will facilitate a discussion on the subject, "For times such as these": the meaning of two visionary texts in Isaiah (2.1-4 & 11.1-9) for our troubled and violent world. A world that once, in the lifetime of some of us, embraced and eternalised an ancient prophet's vision. For more... come and participate. Everyone welcome.

Mingles "Cooks Night Out"

No ordinary meeting in December, instead a "cooks' night out" on **Monday, 4 December** at the Burns Club in Kambah at 6.30pm. There will be a reasonably priced buffet, special price for Seniors. Please see Dora Chapman or Margaret Martin in advance and for any further details.

The Three Kings

We are expecting a visit again this year from these venerable men on **Sunday, 10 December** and you are invited to bring along a gift for less fortunate children, which the Kings will ensure are delivered in time for Christmas. Please do not wrap your gifts.

Today's Postlude by David Franks

Chorale Improvisation "Eternity thou Word of Power", Op. 65, No. 42. Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877 – 1933).

Combined Christmas Lunch

City Uniting and Toe Talatalanoa Congregations will have a combined Christmas lunch on **Sunday, 10 December** after the 10.00am combined family service. The hospitality committee of City Uniting will be organising this lunch and we ask that all members with surnames starting with the letters A-L to bring sweet food and M-Z to bring savoury food. Please bring a generous plate of finger food as City Uniting will be hosting this lunch. Santa will also be visiting with gifts for the children.

EMC Christmas Lunch Hampers

The EMC will host a lunch for all its guests just before Christmas. We are looking for donations of the following items to put in Christmas hampers for each guest:

comb or brush - face washer - tooth brush - hats with a brim
little sunscreens - \$20 gift vouchers from Woolworths or Coles
\$20 movie vouchers - up to 500ml bottles of water

If you are able to donate any of these items please bring them to church and put them in the EMC basket or drop them into the EMC by **Monday, 18 December**. Thank you, Margaret Watt.

Music Ministry

Part of my hope, and indeed part of your call to me, is to broaden the musical spectrum at Canberra City church and build upon the diversity of musical forms already in place. While we will continue using the organ each Sunday I hope to use other music for different forms of accompaniment and leadership that is better suited. This will include the excellent band who played at my induction but I also want to give others a chance and as the new kid I don't really know who can do what yet. So if you'd like to offer your musical abilities to the music ministry at Canberra City, I'd like to hear from you.

- Can you sing and would you be willing to be part of learning and leading new music?
- Can you play guitar, piano, flute, recorder or some other instrument?
- Can you play hand held percussion or perhaps have a cajon drum at home you'd like to bring and use?

The brief is pretty wide. If you think you can be part of our music ministry, let me know who you are, what you can offer and how often you'd be willing to take part. Paul Chalson

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