



### 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

4 Dec: Mingles "Cooks Night Out"  
7 Dec: Friendship Group  
10 Dec: The Three Kings  
10 Dec: Combined Christmas Lunch  
11 Dec: WIT Lunch  
21 Dec - 3 Jan: Church office closed

#### Other Events (check notice board for details)

20 Nov-15 Dec: Christmas Card Shop

### Rosters:

#### Today - 3 December

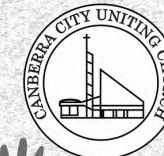
READER: Bob Griffiths  
PRAYERS: John Brown  
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight  
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation  
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation  
WELCOME: Latu Laipato

#### Next Sunday - 10 December

READER: Graeme Lowe  
PRAYERS: Jenny Rowland  
ORGANIST: Ian Kummerow  
FLOWERS: Margaret Martin  
MORNING TEA: A Andrews & Students  
WELCOME: Barbara Lowe



THE UNITING CHURCH  
IN AUSTRALIA



City's Connections

3 December 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@gbf.id.au.

**Please join us for morning tea after the service.**

#### Today: 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

#### Next week: Sunday 10 December 2017 (Advent 2)

10.00am Combined Service led by Rev Paul Chalson  
Followed by lunch  
2.00pm No service  
5.30pm City at Night  
Readings Is 40:1-11; Ps 805: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Pt 3:8-15a; Mk 1:1-8

### 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.

**Mingles "Cooks Night Out"** No ordinary meeting in December, instead a "cooks' night out" on **Monday 4 Dec** at the Burns Club in Kambah at 6.30pm. There will be a buffet meal for \$24.80 (Seniors \$22.80). Please see Dora Chapman or Margaret Martin in advance and for any further details.

**Friendship Group** The Friendship Group will meet on **Thursday 7 Dec** at the Ainslie Football Club at 12. noon for "Christmas Lunch". All welcome. For more information contact Anne Nicholls.

**The Three Kings** We are expecting a visit again this year from these venerable men on **Sunday, 10 Dec** 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.*

**Combined Christmas Lunch** City Uniting and Toe Talatalanoa Congregations will have a combined Christmas lunch on **Sunday 10 Dec** 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.

**Christmas Bowl Appeal** God calls us to love one another. Since 1949, the Christmas Bowl has brought Christians across Australia together to respond to God's call to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger. If you would like to be part of this year's appeal envelopes are

**"Everything in Common" Gift Stall** Margaret Watt and Anne Butts-worth will be selling gift cards for UnitingWorld on Sunday mornings during morning tea until Christmas. Prices start at \$10 for the popular chicken cards. Many of the cards support education, health and livelihood projects in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. UnitingWorld Christmas cards will also be available - \$10 for a pack of 5. Inquiries to Margaret on 6231 7696.

**Christmas Card Shop** The shop will be open until **Friday 15 Dec** in the Gifford Room from 10.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and on this **Sunday 3 Dec** after morning worship.

### Women In Touch (WIT)

The final meeting for Women in Touch will be a "Christmas Lunch" at mid-day, on **Monday 11 Dec** at the home of Robyn Triglone and Narelle Sellar. Regulars, occasionals or even newcomers who'd enjoy a lovely meal in good company... all welcome! For more info: Ph 6231 9217

### 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 Dec**. 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

**Mail For Collection:** Toe Talatalanoa Congregation

### Today's Postlude by Loraine Macknight

Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme (Sigfrid Karg-Elert, 1877-1933)