



### 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

25 Dec 9.00am Christmas Day  
Service

21 Dec - 3 Jan: Church office closed

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

### Rosters:

#### Today - 17 December

READER: Shirley Chalmers

PRAYERS: Rinda Scott

ORGANIST: Ian Kummerow

FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation

MORNING TEA: K Trembath, L Aitchison

WELCOME: Alex Pringle

#### Next Sunday - 24 December

READER: Olivia Neethyrajah

PRAYERS: Bala BalaretnaRaja

ORGANIST: David Franks

FLOWERS: Carolyn Kiss

MORNING TEA: D Chapman,

N Vanniasingham, R Stewart

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 17 December 2017 (Advent 3)

10.00am Service led by Rev Paul Chalson  
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation  
5.30pm City at Night  
Readings Is 61:1-4,8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

### Next week: Sunday 24 December 2017 (Advent 4)

10.00am Service led by Rev Paul Chalson  
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation  
No City at Night  
Readings 2 Sm 7: 1-11,16; Ps 89: 1-4,19-26; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38

### 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/New Year Services

**Christmas Eve** Sunday 24 December  
 10.00am Normal Morning Service  
 2.00pm Tongan service  
 8.00pm Christmas Eve service

**Christmas Day** Monday 25 December  
 9.00am Christmas Service

**New Years Eve** Sunday 31 January  
 10.00am Normal Morning Service  
 2.00pm Tongan Service  
 11.15pm Watch Night Service

### Christmas Office Hours

The Church office will close on Thursday, 21 December 2017 and reopen on Wednesday, 3 January 2018.

### 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.

**Mail For Collection:** Toe Talatalanoa (2) Mingles (2)

**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 available in the church foyer.

### Induction Service – Saturday 20 January 2018

The induction service for Rev Miriam Parker-Lacy will be held at St Columba's Uniting Church (10 Fawkner Street, Braddon) on Saturday 20 January 2018 at 2.00pm. As this is a shared placement with City Church we strongly encourage everyone to mark the date in their diary and plan to attend.

### 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