

**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: Christmas Day Service
31 Dec: Watch Night Services
1-5 Jan: Week Of Prayer (Tongan)
3 Jan: Church office opens
20 Jan: Induction Service

Other Events (check notice board for details)

22 Dec - 2 Jan: Presbytery Office closed

Rosters:**Today - 24 December**

READER: Olivia Neethyrajah
PRAYERS: Bala BalaretnaRaja
ORGANIST: David Franks
FLOWERS: Carolyn Kiss
MORNING TEA: D Chapman,
N Vanniasingham, R Stewart
WELCOME: Rinda Scott

Next Sunday - 31 December

READER: Bob Griffiths
PRAYERS: Grace Birtles
ORGANIST: Ross Bowden
FLOWERS: TBA
MORNING TEA: A & J Andrews
WELCOME: Margaret Watt



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 24 December 2017 (Advent 4)

10.00am Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
8.00pm Christmas Eve Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
Readings 2 Sm 7:1-11,16; Ps 89:1-4,19-26; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Day: Monday 25 December 2017

9.00am Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

Next week: Sunday 31 December 2017

10.00am Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
11.15pm Watch Night Service (bilingual)
Readings Is 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:22-40

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.

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.

Watch Night Services**Sunday, 31 December 2017**

10.00pm Malanga Pole'o (Tongan language)

11.15pm Canberra Tamil Christian Fellowship (bilingual)

Week Of Prayer

7.00pm Monday 1 to Friday 5 January 2018 (Tongan language)

Christmas Office Hours

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

Induction Service

The induction service for Rev Miriam Parker-Lacy will be held at St Columba's Uniting Church, 10 Fawcner 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.

Postludes by David Franks**Sunday, 24 December 2017 Morning Service**

Chorale Prelude "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her" (From Heaven on high I come) Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706). The text of the chorale is by Martin Luther.

Sunday, 24 December 2017 Christmas Eve Service

Puer nobis nascitur (A boy is born unto us). Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562 - 1621).

Monday, 25 December 2017 Christmas Day Service

Christmas Postlude William T. Best (1826 – 1897)

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

Presbytery Office Hours

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Details follow:

Kevin Dilks (Presbytery Minister – Presbytery Wellbeing) away
17 December until 17 January.

Geoff Wellington (Presbytery Minister - Congregation Futures) away
Christmas Eve until 17 January.

Janise Wood (Transitional Operations Manager) away between
Christmas and New Year only.

Briony Griffiths (Church and Community Engagement) away
22 December until 15th January.

Carolyn McAllister (Communication and Office Admin Support) away
17 December until 12 January.

Christmas Stamps

Please remember to save your Christmas stamps and drop them off at the Church Office or give them to Ben Bairstow.

City's Connections 2018

The first edition for 2018 will be on **Sunday, 7 January 2018**. Items for inclusion are to be with the office by Thursday, 4 January.