



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 Feb: Friendship Group
 12 Feb: WIT meeting
 19 Feb: Mingles
 23 Feb: Film Group

Other Events (check notice board for details)

5 Feb: Stop Adani Rally
 8 Feb: CES Public Forum

Rosters:

Today - 28 January

READER: Kathy Trembath
 PRAYERS: John Brown
 ORGANIST: David Franks
 FLOWERS: Ben Birstow
 WELCOME: Graeme Lowe
 MORNING TEA: B&R Falkenberg

Next Sunday - 4 February

READER: Carolyn Kiss
 PRAYERS: Robyn Triglone
 ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
 FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
 WELCOME: Grace Birtles
 MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation



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 28 January 2018

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
 2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
 5.30pm City at Night
 Readings Dt 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mk 1:21-28

Next week: Sunday 4 February 2018

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
 2.00pm No Service
 5.30pm City at Night
 Readings Is 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39

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.

Contact Magazine 2018

The January/February 2018 edition of Contact will be available on Sunday, 4 February 2018. Items for inclusion are to be with the office by **Monday, 29 January 2018**.

Friendship Group

If you enjoy meeting with old friends and making new ones the Friendship Group is meeting for lunch at the Ainslie Football Club on **Thursday, 1 February** at 12 noon. Any questions or if you need a lift ring Anne Nicholls.

Stop Adani Rally Day 1 Of Parliament 2018

You are invited to attend the StopAdani Rally with members of the Environment Group (The EG) at 10.00am on **Monday, 5 February** on the lawns of Parliament House. The aim is to stop Adani building the proposed thermal coal mine in the north of the Galilee Basin in Central Queensland. The EG considers Australia should shift away from dirty coal to a clean energy future. Please contact Richard on 0404 973 708 for more details. Other churches are welcome to join us.

Christians For An Ethical Society (CES) Public Forum

The 2018 theme of the forum series run by CES will be "Wellsprings of Hope". The first forum this year will be held in the chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton (corner of Kings Ave) at 7.30pm on **Thursday, 8 February**. The speaker will be John Warhurst AO, chair of the new church renewal group, Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn, and Emeritus Professor of Political Science at ANU. \$5 donation requested.

Women In Touch (WIT)

The first gathering of WIT for 2018 will be on **Monday, 12 February** at midday in the hall at St Columba's. We will spend time just 'catching up' then discuss options for our meetings for the rest of the year. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. All women welcome. For more info ring Narelle on 6231 9217 or narsellar@gmail.com.

Postlude by David Franks

Chorale "Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ" (I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ)
Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706).

Mingles

We will start the new year on **Monday, 19 February** at 7.00pm in the Riley Hall, beginning with our customary dinner, so please confirm your attendance with Dora Chapman so that we will have adequate catering. Our first speaker of the year will be Rev Paul Chalson, so this will be a good opportunity for us to get to know some of his interests better. His topic will be a discussion based on his doctoral subject of Christian spiritual practices as a response to the ecological crisis. This will include an account of his engagement with the outdoors and with the conservation movement.

Film Group

The Film Group will be starting a sort of Shakespeare season this month with *Shakespeare in Love*, based on a true story about the bard. It is a lively tale with a strong cast. Meet at Nina Mullin's home in Melba at 10.00am **Friday, 23 February**. BYO lunch. Please let Nina know in advance if you plan to attend on 6258 1765.

Storage Space Required

Rev Miriam Parker-Lacey is looking for secure storage or an empty garage to store some of her belongings as there is limited storage where they are currently renting. If you can help, please call Miriam on 0413 586 885.

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