



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

5 Mar: WIT Meeting
16 Mar: Coffee Club
19 Mar: Mingles
23 Mar: Film Group

Other Events (check notice board for details)

24 Mar: Apple Day at Loriendale Orchard

Rosters:

Today - 4 March

READER: Bob Griffiths
PRAYERS: Terry Birtles
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
WELCOME: Olivia Neethyraj
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation
COMMUNION PREPARATION: Kumar Subramaniam, Malini Neethyrajah.

Next Sunday - 11 March

READER: Student
PRAYERS: Dennis Martin
ORGANIST: Hildegard Palafox
FLOWERS: Carolyn Kiss
WELCOME: Rinda Scott
MORNING TEA: A&J Andrews



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 4 March 2018

10.00am	Combined Communion Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
2.00pm	No Service
5.15pm	City at Night
Readings	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 2:13-22

Next week: Sunday 11 March 2018

10.00am	Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
2.00pm	Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
5.15pm	City at Night
Readings	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 3:14-21

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.

Women In Touch (WIT)

The next gathering of WIT will be on **Monday, 5 March 2018** at midday in the hall at St Columba's. Note we are a week earlier than usual because of the public holiday the following week. Margaret Martin will be giving a talk on her time living and working in Thailand. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. All women welcome. For more info ring Narelle on 6231 9217 or email narsellar@gmail.com

City Church Coffee Club

The next outing of the Coffee Club will be to the National Arboretum on **Friday, 16 March 2018**. We will meet at the Café in the Village Centre at 10.30am. If you plan to attend or require transport please contact Barbara Lowe, phone 6241 4779 or email barbara.lowe@gbl.id.au

Mingles

Our March meeting will be on **Monday, 19 March** at 7.00pm in the Riley Hall, starting with a dinner together. We can then look forward to a talk about Palestine from two speakers. The first is one of our own members, Ros Harper, who used to work in the Palestinian Territories (The West Bank and Gaza) with the Middle East Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. Our second guest speaker will be a Ph D student at the ANU, Ahmed Al Abadha. Please let Dora Chapman know in advance if you intend to come to the dinner as this assists in ensuring adequate catering. If you would like to hear the talk but not attend the dinner, come along at 8.15pm.

Film Group

We will continue our Shakespeare season on **Friday, 23 March** at 10.00am, meeting at the Bairstows' home, 15 Alexandria Street, Hawker. We will see a very lively production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. B.Y.O. lunch – let Ben know in advance if you wish to join the group that day.

Apple Day At Loriendale Orchard (Project supported through the work of North Belconnen Uniting Church)

Saturday, 24 March 2018, 1.30-5.00pm. Discover the wide range of organic apples, pears, quinces and vegetables along with the taste of country style apple pies, freshly crushed apple juice, French crepes and an organic meat BBQ. Relax with live music, Devonshire tea and coffee. Event is free to enter but a gold coin/note donation is welcome to support the *Green Pastures Hospital in Nepal*. Loriendale Orchard is just past Hall village.

Lent Event

Lent Event is an activity held in support of UnitingWorld, the overseas mission partnering and aid and development agency of the Uniting Church. Through Lent Event participants are able to learn more of the activities of Uniting World and our overseas partners with whom we work as well as offer both financial and prayerful support to the work of UnitingWorld. Brochures and stickers which will explain more of Lent Event and how you can be involved are available in the brochure stand in the Steele Craik Lounge. For those with internet access you can learn more, access videos and other resources and download a bible study/prayer resource at <https://www.lentevent.com/>.

Assistance To Tonga After Cyclone Gita

Following the widespread devastation caused by Cyclone Gita in Tonga on Monday 12 February, please pray for those affected. The best way we can assist in terms of donations would be through the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia, namely UnitingWorld which has launched an appeal. You may donate online via the website <https://www.unitingworld.org.au/cyclone-gita-appeal/> or give clearly labelled donations at Siasi Siviki (City Church).

Giving Direct

Do you want to give regularly but can't be in church every Sunday because of family, health, work, sport or travel? Do you find the offering envelope system time consuming but still want to give regularly? Would you like your giving to coincide with when you receive or spend your income: weekly, fortnightly, monthly? Simply ask the Treasurer, Graeme Lowe, or the church office for a copy of the Giving Direct Form, fill it in and post it to the Uniting Financial Services.

We Welcome Your Participation

At Canberra City Uniting Church there are lots of ways to participate:

- *Action Groups* (focus on different areas of activity within the community)
- *Community Outreach* (help as a volunteer)
- *Small Groups* (for mutual support, prayer and faith development)
- *Fellowship Groups* (opportunity to share with a wider group of people)

See the notice board for details and contacts.

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Tongan Congregation