



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

19 Mar: Mingles
 23 Mar: Film Group
 30 Mar: Passion event
 8 Apr: Jazz In The Garden

Other Events (check notice board for details)

24 Mar: Apple Day at Loriendale Orchard
 25 Mar: Palm Sunday Rally
 7 Apr: Presbytery Gathering
 15 Apr: Reid Uniting Church Heritage
 Tour & Afternoon Tea

Rosters:

Today - 18 March

READER: Bob Townsend
 PRAYERS: Rinda Scott
 ORGANIST: Ian Kummerow
 FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
 WELCOME: Willem Ayamiseba
 MORNING TEA: K Sukumar, L Aitchison

Next Sunday - 25 March

READER: Terry Birtles
 PRAYERS: Jenny Rowland
 ORGANIST: David Franks
 FLOWERS: Dora Chapman
 WELCOME: Barbara Lowe
 MORNING TEA: D Chapman,
 N Vanniasingham, J Gibbings



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 18 March 2018

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
 2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
 5.15pm City at Night
 Readings Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16; Heb 5:5-10; Jn 12:20-33

Next week: Sunday 25 March 2018

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson
 2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation
 5.15pm City at Night
 Readings Is 7:10-14; Ps 45 or 40:5-10; Heb 10:4-10; 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.

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 - Ros Harper and 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.

Small Group Meeting Again

The small group that meets on alternate Wednesdays at Marion Cook's home (6 Dirrawan Gardens, Reid) has started its 2018 program with a short set of Lenten studies. Its next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 21 March** at 10.00am as usual. New members will be very welcome.

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, 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.

Palm Sunday Rally For Justice For Refugees

Please support this rally to be held at Garema Place on **Palm Sunday (25 March)** beginning at 1.00pm. Faith based groups such as from our Church are encouraged to meet at the Merry-go-round at Petrie Plaza at 12:30pm to walk together into Garema Place behind the Faith-Based banner and to bring our own Church's banner as well. It is now over four years since asylum seekers have been incarcerated on Nauru and Manus Island in PNG, in harsh conditions with little hope of improvement. Please show your support for them. Contact Carolyn Kiss 6251 3127 for further details.

Maundy Thursday Service

This is a joint service on **29 March** with City Church and St Columba's and is held at St Columba's UC beginning at 5.30pm arrival for a 6.00pm start. A small middle eastern meal will be served during the service. Can you please email Alice Ferguson on aferguso@iinet.net.au for catering purposes if you are able and planning to come.

Passion

On **Friday, 30 March** at 7.30pm come and see the *Passion* at City Church. It is a reflection on Holy Week through the music of Bach, Handel, Pergolesi, Rutter and others. Tickets \$20, sold at the door. It is in support of the UnitingWorld appeal to assist recovery programs in Tonga following Cyclone Gita.

Presbytery Gathering

The *41st Annual Canberra Region Presbytery Adult Fellowship Gathering* will be held on **Saturday, 7 April** at Braidwood Uniting Church commencing 9.30am for morning tea (The program for the day will conclude by mid afternoon.) The guest speaker will be Rev Noreen Towers the theme being "This is My Story". Nobody can tell your story better than you. This is a gathering for members of all fellowship groups, men and women, in the region, and it is a good opportunity to catch up with old friends and have a day out in the country. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. As is the custom, please bring your own lunch. For further information contact Bronwyn Guy 0248 213 973.

EMC Fundraiser - Jazz In The Garden, Sunday 8 April 2-4pm

Once again, the Early Morning Centre will have a Jazz Band providing music in a beautiful autumn garden, with a scrumptious afternoon tea provided as well. Venue: 10 Currong Street, Reid. Cost: \$20, prices for children negotiable! Please come and support the EMC - offers of cakes, sandwiches etc also welcome. For more information contact Anne Buttsworth (6248 6480) or Margaret Watt (6231 7696).

Looking For Volunteers

If anyone is keen or loves knitting and would like to help assist in teaching young people how to knit and if you no longer knit and have some spare knitting needles lying around and would like to see them put to good use please let Miriam know at braddonminister@canberracityuca.org.au or on 0413 586 885.