## City's Connections

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### 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:**

4 Oct: Friendship Group
26 Oct: Film Group
4 Oct: UnitingWorld Afternoon Tea
2 Nov: Tongan Ball

9 Oct: Rev Corkin Workshop

10 Oct: World Day Against Death Penalty

14 Oct: Canberra City AM

15 Oct: Mingles

20 Oct: St Columba's End of Winter

Celebration

### Rosters:

#### Today - 30 September

READER: Olivia Neethyrajah
PRAYERS: Bala BalaretnaRaja

ORGANIST: Ross Bowden FLOWERS: Kathy Trembath

WELCOME: Bob Townsend MORNING TEA: A & J Andrews

#### Next Sunday - 7 October

READER: Ben Bairstow PRAYERS: Terry Birtles

ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation

WELCOME: Barbara Lowe
MORNING TEA: A & J Andrews

Communion: B Townsend & B Lowe



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 30 September 2018

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Congregation

5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Est 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Ps 124; Jas 5:13-20; Mk 9:38-50

#### Next week: Sunday 7 October 2018

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm No service5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Jb 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps 26; Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

#### **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.



# 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**, **4 October** at 12 noon. Any questions or if you need a lift ring Anne Nicholls.

# UnitingWorld Afternoon Tea

Please join UnitingWorld's Australian Partnerships Coordinator Mardi Lumsden and ambassadors Elizabeth Mullan and Margaret Watt for an afternoon tea to celebrate the launch of the Everything in Common Christmas gift catalogue. Hear more about the wonderful work of our overseas church partners and how the Australian church is making a difference in the world. Date: **Sunday, 7 October**, 2.30-4.00pm. Location: Kippax Uniting Church hall, corner Luke St and Hardwick Cres Holt. To assist with catering, please RSVP with any dietary requirements to Mardi Lumsden on mardil@unitingworld.org.au or 0412 818 377 by Thursday 4 October.

## Church Guide For Making Decisions Together

Rev Terence Corkin will lead a workshop based on his book "Church Guide for Making Decisions Together" on **Tuesday, 9 October**, 10.00am-4.00pm at Yarralumla Uniting Church. Cost for participants will be covered between the Presbytery of Canberra Region and the congregation. Topics covered include: Understanding conflict and your responses; Practical skills and tools for leaders of meetings; Techniques for holding healthy discussions in congregations, and much more. Church Council members, Action Group members, and all group leaders and participants would benefit. If you would like to attend the workshop please RSVP to Alex Pringle or Rinda Scott by Friday, 14 September.

# World Day Against The Death Penalty

Australia-wide showing of the Docu-movie – "Guilty: the last 72 hours of the life of Myuran Sukumaran" (Bali-9 convicted criminal, artist and leader of a church in Kerobokan Prison.) The movie aims to support organisations working towards abolition of the death penalty. The Canberra screening is to be held at Event Cinemas Franklin St Manuka 10 October, 6.30pm.

Introductory Speakers: Gordon Ramsay MLA (ACT Labor) and Alistair Coe MLA (ACT Liberal). This screening will not take place unless 41 more tickets are sold by 30 Sept. To buy a ticket and find out more go to https://tickets.demand.film/event/5628

## Annual Meeting

The Canberra City Congregation's annual meeting will take place on Sunday, 14 October after morning worship. The main business will be consideration of the annual report and election of Church Councillors and Congregation Officeholders. Please provide any other agenda items to Kathy Trembath (ktrem2@live.com.au).

### Celebrate End Of Winter At St Columba's

You are invited to join St Columba's on **Saturday, 20 October** from 11.00am to 2.00pm to celebrate the end of winter and welcome in beautiful spring. Come and share a cuppa, have a snag or two and listen to some fine music on the grass outside St Columba's.

# Film Group

The group will meet at the home of Justine & Aldo Bongiorno at 6 Mauldon Street, Chifley on **Friday**, **26 October** at 10.00am. BYO lunch and let our hosts know in advance if you intend to attend on 8517 4933. The film will be from Jane Austen's novel, *Sense and Sensibility*, starring Emma Thompson and Hugh Grant.

# ACT Tongan Day Ball

Our congregation is in receipt of two tickets for the ACT Tonga Day Ball organised by the Tongan Association of Canberra and Queanbeyan. The Ball will be held at the Southern Cross Club in Woden on the evening of **Friday, 2 November**. The tickets are \$80 each. Could anyone interested please contact Paul.

### **Christmas In The Plaza**

How can we make good use of our public space in the lead up to Christmas to make contact with the broader community and promote the Christmas message and presence of our Church?

- Could we decorate the windows and/or have enlighten/vivid type projections on our walls?
- Could we run a Christmas themed pavement chalk art contest?
- Could we run a Christmas street party or a multicultural carols service? We'd like to get the conversation going and come up with some great ideas and see them realized. If you'd like to be part of the conversation have a chat with Paul or Miriam and we'll make sure you're included