

**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:**

19 Dec: EMC Christmas Lunch	2 Jan: Church Office open
21 Dec: Church Office closed	16 Jan: 90th Anniversary Luncheon
23 Dec: UC Inner North Carols	3 Feb: 90th Anniversary Celebration
24 Dec: C'mas Eve Service at 8.00pm	
25 Dec: C'mas Day Service at 9.00am	
30 Dec: Christmas Bowl Appeal ends	

**Rosters:**

**Today - 16 December**

READER: Kathy Trembath  
 PRAYERS: Barbara Lowe  
 ORGANIST: Ian Kummerow  
 FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation  
 WELCOME: Olivia Neethyrajah  
 MORNING TEA: K Sukumar, B Lowe

**Next Sunday - 23 December**

READER: Olivia Neethyrajah  
 PRAYERS: Rinda Scott  
 ORGANIST: David Franks  
 FLOWERS: Kathy Trembath  
 WELCOME: Bala BalaretnaRaja  
 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 16 December 2018**

10.00am Morning Service led by Terry Birtles  
 2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Service  
 5.15pm City at Night  
 Lectionary: Zep 3:14-20; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:7-18

**Next week: Sunday 23 December 2018**

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Gregor Henderson  
 2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Service  
 5.15pm No Service  
 Lectionary: Mic 5:2-5a; Lk 1:47-55 or Ps 80:1-7; Heb 10:5-10;  
 Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)

**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.

**Advent/Christmas Program 2018/19**

- 23 December:** 10.00am Morning Service  
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Worship
- 24 December:** 8.00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 25 December:** 9.00am Christmas Day Service
- 30 December:** 10.00am Morning Service  
2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Worship
- 31 December:** 10.00pm Watch Night Service (Tongan language)  
11.15pm Watch Night Service with Communion,  
Canberra Tamil Christian Fellowship (bilingual)
- 1 - 4 January:** 7.00pm /week of Prayer (Tongan language)

**UnitingWorld "Everything in Common" Gift Stalls**

Margaret Watt and Anne Buttsworth are selling Christmas cards and gift cards for UnitingWorld during morning tea on **Sunday mornings until Christmas**. Prices will start at \$10 for the popular chicken and magic bean cards. UnitingWorld Christmas cards will also be available - \$12 for a pack of 8. Inquiries to Margaret on 6231 7696.

**Morning Tea Roster Co-ordinator Wanted**

After many years of service Ann Andrews has asked to be relieved of the responsibility for the Sunday morning tea roster. The task involves managing the roster and co-ordinating the purchase of supplies. If you feel that this is a way you can provide support to your church please contact Rinda Scott, rindy47@gmail.com, Chair of Church Council, for more details.

**EMC Christmas Lunch**

The EMC will host a Christmas lunch for all its guests on Wednesday just before Christmas (**19 December**). We are looking for donations of the following items to put in Christmas hampers for each guest.

- comb or brush
- face washer
- tooth brush
- hats with a brim
- little sunscreens
- \$20 gift vouchers from Woolies or Coles
- up to 500ml bottles of water

Please drop them into the EMC or give them to Anne, Margaret or Graeme.

**Christmas Carols For Inner North Uniting Churches**

O' Connor Uniting Church is hosting this community event on **Sunday, 23 December** and is welcoming all UC Inner North people in particular. They are also looking for assistance with hospitality, singing, musicians, people talented in drama, setting up and putting away. There will be a BBQ at 5.00pm, Carols at 6.30pm in the hall, then supper at 8.00pm. Please contact Rinda Scott on rindy47@gmail.com or 0409 121 338 if you would like to be involved.

**Christmas Eve Service 8.00pm**

Rev Miriam is looking for help if you are available and interested, please. We need musicians, singers, caterers for tea/coffee with gingerbread and mince pies after the service, stewards, and sound person. Volunteers are also required to make little Christmas tree ginger bread biscuits to hand out to people during or at the end of the service. If possible, three in little bags with a ribbon would be good. Please contact Miriam through the church office or Rinda Scott on rindy47@gmail.com or 0409 121 338.

**90<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebrations For City Church**

All members and friends of Canberra City Uniting Church are warmly invited to two events to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the church's founding as the Canberra Congregational Fellowship on 16 January 1929. The first is an informal lunch from 12 noon at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club on **Wednesday, 16 January 2019**. Terry Birtles will be glad to accept replies. Would you please pay for your own lunch.

The main celebration will be held from 10.00am on **Sunday, 3 February 2019**. There will be an invitation to morning worship, for both the Canberra City and Toe Talatalanoa Congregations as well as others interested in the church. Worship will be followed by a chance to catch up with old friends, inspect memorabilia and enjoy a celebratory cake and luncheon. Would you please bring a contribution to the lunch. Before 3 February you are invited to write a short paragraph – 100 words maximum – about how you came to worship at City Church and/or what the church means to you. Please send your article to Jenny Rowland. For further information or to make suggestions about the anniversary celebrations, please contact Jenny, Terry or any other members of the planning group, Ben Bairstow, Bala BalaretnaRaja, Ross Bowden and Dorothy Hine.

**Church Office Christmas/New Year Times**

The church office will close on Friday, 21 December 2018 and reopen on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.