

**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:

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

Rosters:**Today - 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

Next Sunday - 30 December

READER: Grace Birtles

PRAYERS: Terry Birtles

ORGANIST: Ross Bowden

FLOWERS: TBA

WELCOME: Richard 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 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)

Next week: Sunday 30 December 2018

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Maumau Monu

2.00pm Toe Talatalanoa Service

5.15pm No Service

Lectionary: 1 Sm 2:18-20, 26; Ps 148; Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

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**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)**Christmas Carols For Inner North Uniting Churches**O' Connor Uniting Church is hosting this community event **today, Sunday, 23 December** and everyone is welcome. There will be a BBQ at 5.00pm, Carols at 6.30pm in the hall, then supper at 8.00pm.**UnitingWorld "Everything in Common" Gift Stalls**Margaret Watt and Willem Ayamiseba are selling Christmas cards and gift cards for UnitingWorld during morning tea on **Sunday mornings until Christmas**. Prices 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.**Act For Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal**

Act For Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia and a member of the global ACT alliance, which helps communities affected by conflict and disaster in more than 130 countries.

The Christmas Bowl Appeal commenced on 25 November (Christ The King Sunday) and will finish on 30 December. *Giving envelopes are available for your gifts.***Postlude by David Franks**

Chorale "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" (Come now, Saviour of the heathen). Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706). This Advent hymn by St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (374 – 397), was translated from Latin by Martin Luther.

Church Office

The church office will reopen on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Thank You

Paul and Betty would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and support following Paul's surgery. Paul's recovery is going well though he has a very croaky voice at the moment.

We also wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

Church Council Executive

At its recent December meeting the City Church Council appointed the following executive members for the next twelve months

Chair: Rinda Scott; Secretary: Alex Pringle; Treasurer: Graeme Lowe

90TH Anniversary Celebrations For City ChurchAll 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.**Mail For Collection**

Tongan Congregation; Stella Naimet; Terry Birtles.