



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:

27 Aug: CES Dinner Forum	5 Sep: Friendship Group
30 Aug: Film Group	7 Sep: Justice Conference
31 Aug: Fund Raising -West Papua	9 Sep: WIT Meeting
31 Aug: Alchemy Chorus	16 Sep: Mingles
1 Sep: Half A Million steps film	20 Sep: Film Group
2 Sep: Climate Action Dialogue	13 Oct: CCUC Annual Meeting

Rosters:

Today - 25 August

READER: Don Rowland
PRAYERS: Bala BalaretnaRaja
ORGANIST: David Franks
FLOWERS: Kathy Trembath
WELCOME: Kumar Sukumar
MORNING TEA: B Griffiths, M Watt,
S Chalmers

Next Sunday - 1 September

READER: Bala BalaretnaRaja
PRAYERS: Jenny Rowland
ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation
WELCOME: Alex Pringle
MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation



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 Stewards 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 [dwardmamartin@gmail.com](mailto:dwandmamartin@gmail.com) 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 25 August 2019

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm Tongan Service

5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; Heb 12:18-29; Lk 13:10-17

Next week: Sunday 1 September 2019

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm No Service

5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Jer 2:4-13; Ps 81:1, 10-16; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16;
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.

Christians For An Ethical Society (CES) Dinner Forum

CES will host a Dinner Forum on **Tuesday, 27 August** when Anglican Bishop of Canberra & Goulburn, the Rt Rev'd Mark Short and his wife Monica Short will speak to *Telling Truth, Building Community, What the Indigenous Church Teaches Us*. For more details and to book visit

Film Group

This month our film is *Looking for Alibrandi*, a 1999 Australian film about a teenage girl from a migrant family, trying to work out where she belongs. When: **Friday, 30 August** at 10.00am. Where: at the home of the Bairstow's in Hawker. Please indicate in advance if you are attending and BYO lunch.

Fund Raising Lunch For Human Rights In West Papua

Ipa and Benny Bettay would like to invite their church friends to lunch with music at their home in Downer between 11.00am and 2.00pm on **Saturday, 31 August**. It will be a fund-raiser for an enhanced West Papuan presence in New York, when the case for improved human rights in West Papua is presented to the United Nations. \$30 per adult. Bookings are required to Jenny Rowland by Monday, 26 August.

Alchemy Chorus

To mark the start of Dementia Awareness month Alchemy Chorus presents: *I Am Here* a concert of inclusiveness and acceptance. **Saturday, 31 August** at 10.30am, Weston Creek Uniting Church, 16 Parkinson Street, Weston. Morning tea provided. Your support and donation are appreciated: All proceeds to Dementia Australia.

Screening of "Half a Million Steps"

After worship and morning tea on **Sunday, 1 September** there will be a screening in the church of the documentary film (90 minutes) *"Half a Million Steps"* about the lack of drug treatment facilities in NSW outside Sydney. The Uniting Church organised a long, slow relay from Dubbo to Sydney to draw attention to State Parliament about this. The film is an important statement about the need to decriminalise personal possession and use of small quantities of currently illicit drugs, so making users more likely to ask for help. It is expected that there will be further opportunities to view this film. Enquiries to Jenny Rowland.

Postlude by David Franks

Chorale Partita "Auf meinen lieben Gott" (To my dear God), BuxWV 179
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Climate Action Dialogue

The United Nations Information Centre, Pacific Missions in Canberra and the ANU Climate Change Institute will hold a dialogue from **6.00pm to 7.30pm on Monday, 2 September** at the ANU Cinema, Kambri Cultural Centre, 153 University Ave, ANU, Acton ACT 2601. On the program are the ANU Vice Chancellor, a UN representative, the Fiji High Commissioner, a video poem and a panel of young people from Pacific countries affected by climate change. Free bookings are required through *Eventbrite*. Enquiries to climate@anu.edu.au

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month. An invitation is extended to all who wish to meet with old friends or make new friends. The meeting place is the Ainslie Football Club at 12 noon for lunch. The next get-together will be on **Thursday, 5 September**. If you need a lift or require more details please contact Shirley Chalmers.

Justice And International Mission Conference

The Justice and International Mission Unit of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania will be holding their annual conference on **Saturday, 7 September** on the theme of "A Climate of Change". A brochure is available in the church foyer along with the Unit's informative publication "Just Act" or you can find out more information and register at https://www.justact.org.au/a_climate_of_change

Women In Touch (WIT)

WIT will meet next on **Monday, 9 September** in the Lewis Hall, St Columba's Uniting Church Braddon. The meeting will begin with lunch (BYO) at 12 noon with tea and coffee provided. All welcome! If you would like to know more contact Narelle Sellar.

Nominations For Church Council & Congregation Officeholder Positions 2020

Nominations are being sought for upcoming vacancies on Church Council and for Congregation Officeholder positions. Members are asked to prayerfully consider undertaking or encouraging others to undertake these positions. **Nominations close on Sunday, 22 September 2019**. Nomination forms are available in the narthex.

Mental Health First Aid Australia training at CCUC on 5, 12, 26 September and 3 October. See noticeboard for details.