



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:

1-29 Dec: C'mas Bowl	24 Dec: C'mas Eve Service
5 Dec: Friendship Group	25 Dec: C'mas Day Service
8 Dec: Combined Christmas Lunch	31 Dec: Watch Night Services
9 Dec: WIT & Mingles events	6-10 Jan: Week Of Prayer (Tongan)
10 Dec: EMC Christmas Lunch	6 Jan: Church office opens
20 Dec: Church office closes	24 Jan: Coffee Club & Film Group outing

Rosters:

Today - 1 December 2019

READER: Shirley Chalmers

PRAYERS: Rinda Scott

ORGANIST: Lorraine Macknight

FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation

WELCOME: Stella Naimet

MORNING TEA: Tongan Congregation

Next Sunday - 8 December 2019

READER: Grace Birtles

PRAYERS: Barbara Lowe

ORGANIST: Ross Bowden

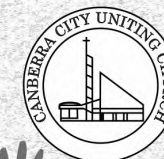
FLOWERS: Kathy Trembath

WELCOME: Bob Townsend

MORNING TEA: D Chapman,
N Vanniasingham, J Gibbings



THE UNITING CHURCH
IN AUSTRALIA



City's Connections

1 December 2019

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 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 1 December 2019

10.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm No Service

5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:36-44

Next week: Sunday 8 December 2019

10.00am Combined Family Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm No Service

5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom 15:4-13; Mt 3:1-12

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.

UnitingWorld "Everything In Common" Gift Stalls

UnitingWorld Christmas cards and gift cards will be on sale during morning tea. Prices start at \$10 for the popular chicken gift cards while Christmas cards will be available at \$12 for a pack of eight. UnitingWorld is the overseas aid agency of the Uniting Church and it supports education, health and livelihood projects in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Inquiries to Margaret Watt on 6231 7696.

Christmas Bowl 2019

The Christmas Bowl is about family and friends coming together, pausing to be grateful for what we have, and thoughtful about how we can share this with others. This year we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Christmas Bowl among our churches and our church community, it's a significant time to stop and think about others less fortunate than ourselves, and to think about what we can give as we come together and celebrate Christ. Giving Envelopes will be available on the following dates - **TODAY, 8, 15, 22, 25 and 29 December**. They can be placed in the offering plate. As usual the Christmas Day offering will go to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Friendship Group

The last get-together for 2019 will be on **Thursday, 5 December** at the Ainslie Football Club commencing 12 noon for lunch. If you need a lift or require more details please contact Shirley Chalmers on 0400 606 682.

Christmas Lunch Sunday 8 December 2019

City Uniting and To e Talatalanoa Congregations will have a combined Christmas lunch on **Sunday, 8 December** after the 10.00am combined family service. The hospitality committee of City Uniting will be organising this lunch and we ask that all members with surnames starting with the letters **A-L to bring savoury food** and **M-Z to bring sweet food**. Please bring a generous plate of finger food as City Uniting will be hosting this lunch.

Music For Worship By Lorraine Macknight

This morning's organ music includes works based on one of the oldest hymns in TiS (no. 295, 'Saviour of the nations, come'), translated by Martin Luther as *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* from the 4th century Latin (*Veni, redemptor gentium*).

Women In Touch (WIT)

The final gathering for WIT will be the annual WIT'S END Christmas Lunch, to be held on **9 December** at the home of Narelle Sellar and Robyn Triglone at 3 Lansell Circuit, Wanniasa. All welcome at 12 noon for interesting conversation and good food! RSVP on 6231 9217.

Mingles Special Invitation

Instead of our usual meeting in December, Mingles will have a "Cooks Night Out" on **Monday, 9 December**, from 6.30pm at the Turkish Delight Restaurant, 5 Weedon Close, Belconnen. We warmly invite other members of the congregation to share the occasion with us. Acceptances to Barbara Lowe. Cost: \$35.

EMC Christmas Lunch

The EMC will host a Christmas lunch for all its guests just before Christmas (Tuesday, 10 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. Please drop them into the EMC or give them to Anne Butler, Margaret Watt or Graeme Lowe.

Church Office Closure

The church office will close for the Christmas break from **Monday, 23 December 2019** to Friday, 3 January 2020 inclusive. The office will reopen on **Monday, 6 January 2020**.

Coffee Club & Film Group

The Coffee Club and Film Group will visit Old Parliament House on **Friday, 24 January 2020 at 10.30am** to view the "Behind the Lines" political cartoons exhibition followed by morning tea in the café. If you plan to attend or require transport please contact Barbara Lowe, phone 0407 487 125 or email barbara.lowe@gbl.id.au

Refugee Action Group

To assist in supporting the members of the *Churches Refugee Action Group* Bernard Busooa has agreed to coordinate the group's activities going forward. Hopefully the group will have a busy and successful 2020 advocating on behalf of refugees. For now we are looking to get in touch with interested church folk for our email mail out. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved send an email to ccucrag@gmail.com