



### 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:

20 Dec: Church office closes	24 Jan: Coffee Club & Film Group outing
24 Dec: C'mas Eve Service	
25 Dec: C'mas Day Service	
31 Dec: Watch Night Services	
6-10 Jan: Week Of Prayer (Tongan)	
6 Jan: Church office opens	

### Rosters:

#### Today - 15 December 2019

READER: Terry Birtles  
PRAYERS: Robyn Triglone  
ORGANIST: Hildegard Palafox  
FLOWERS: Tongan Congregation  
WELCOME: Rinda Scott  
MORNING TEA: A Butler, K Trembath,  
B Griffiths

#### Next Sunday - 22 December 2019

READER: Bob Griffiths  
PRAYERS: John Brown  
ORGANIST: David Franks  
FLOWERS: Carolyn Kiss  
WELCOME: Bob Griffiths  
MORNING TEA: CCUC Reconciliation  
Group



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](mailto:barbara.lowe@gbl.id.au).

**Please join us for morning tea after the service.**

### Today: Sunday 15 December 2019

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm To e Talatalanoa Service

5.15pm City at Night

Lectionary: Is 35:1-10; Ps 146:5-10 or Lk 1:46b-55; Jas5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

### Next week: Sunday 22 December 2019

10.00am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Chalson

2.00pm To e Talatalanoa Service

5.15pm No Service

Lectionary: Is 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-25

### 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.

### 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, 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.

### "Blue Christmas" Service

St Margaret's Hackett is holding a "Blue Christmas" service on **Wednesday, 18 December** at 7.30pm. All are welcome. It will be a quiet, alternative service for anyone who is experiencing grief, loss and pain this season.

### 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](mailto:barbara.lowe@gbl.id.au)

### Save The Date

**Friday, 21 February 2020** from 7.30pm at Canberra City Uniting Church for the Induction Service of Rev Dr John Squires as Presbytery Minister Wellbeing and Rev Andrew Smith as Presbytery Minister Congregation Futures to the Canberra Region Presbytery. Further details will be available closer to the event.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:ccucrag@gmail.com)

### Regular Church Social Activities In Recess

Over the Christmas/New Year period regular church social activities will be in recess.

- City Church Coffee Club
- Film Group
- Friendship Group
- Mingles
- Women In Touch (WIT)

Keep an eye on City's Connections for commencement dates in the new year.

### Insights Magazine

The Summer 2019 edition of *Insights* is now available. This is a magazine published by the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of New South Wales and the ACT.

### Church Council Chairperson

On Wednesday night the Church Council unanimously voted Richard Scott to the position of Chairperson. The Church Council thanked Rinda Scott for all her hard and fruitful work over the years.

### Advent/Christmas Program 2019/20

Tues 24 Dec 19	8.00pm Christmas Eve Worship
Wed 25 Dec 19	9.00am Christmas Day Service
Sun 29 Dec 19	10.00am City in the Morning
	2.00pm To e Talatalanoa Service
Tue 31 Dec 19	10.00pm Watch Night Service in Tongan language
	11.15pm Watch Night Service with Communion in Tamil language (bilingual)
Sun 5 Jan 20	10.00am City in the Morning
	2.00pm To e Talatalanoa Service
Mon 6 - Fri 10 Jan 20	Week of Prayer in Tongan language