



### 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:

No events until further notice.

### Rosters:

#### Today - 22 March 2020

READER: Bob Townsend

PRAYERS: Graeme Lowe

ORGANIST: David Franks

FLOWERS: Carolyn Kiss

WELCOME: Bob Griffiths

MORNING TEA: L & F Lapupua,

P Kirubaithilakan

#### Next Sunday - 29 March 2020 onwards

Rosters are inactive until further notice.



*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.*

### **Today: Sunday 22 March 2020**

10.00am Service cancelled

5.15pm Service cancelled

Lectionary: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

### **Sunday 29 March 2020 onwards**

No services until further notice.

### **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.

**COVID-19 Update**

Late on Wednesday we received a very strong recommendation from the Uniting Church NSW/ACT Synod that we should not be meeting in person in any gathering. This has been reinforced by the Australian Government decision on Friday to further restrict gatherings of less than 100 people.

We have therefore decided to cancel today's proposed service and all physical services and church activities are now suspended indefinitely.

The suspension of physical church activities has raised many questions. Not least is our concern to continue pastoral care to those in our congregation. To this end, we have asked the Pastoral Care group to develop a strategy for how we can look after one another. We are actively investigating how we can maintain contact with each other as a separated community.

We are also exploring ways to help people to participate in worship in their own homes.

We will keep you informed as we develop these activities.

The Early Morning Centre is still operating but with significantly reduced services. The situation will be reviewed regularly. We are supporting our staff and are making plans if one of them becomes sick.

The church office will be open for restricted hours, but you are encouraged to communicate by telephone or email rather than in person. If you do plan to visit the office you should telephone first.

At this moment it is possible to feel very anxious, yet in Isaiah 43:1-2 we hear the promise of God not to be afraid, for God is with us and whilst a time such as this may seem threatening, within the sustaining grace of God we are not overwhelmed. Indeed, as it says in 2 Timothy 1:7, God does not give us a spirit of fear but of power, love and self-discipline. This does not mean we are somehow invincible. Rather, it says that we should not be subsumed by the rule of fear. Instead, through faith we are maintained in the life of faithful living and the paths of service and care for each other.

Yours in Christ,  
The ministers and Church Councils of Canberra City  
and To e Talatalanoa Uniting Church congregations.

**Weekly Giving:**

While our church services are suspended you may like to make your contribution to the work of the church electronically.

**Using EFT** just arrange your own periodic transfer to the following church account: Canberra City UCA Giving Direct BSB: 634 634 Account: 100031568

If you would like to use **direct debit** ask the Treasurer, Graeme Lowe or the church office for a copy of the Giving Direct Form, fill it in and post it to Uniting Financial Services.

**Early Morning Centre**

Every day crisis food packs are handed out to guests and they are able to access one pack a week. An easy way to support the EMC is to add some of these items to your weekly shopping then arrange to drop them off to the church office or the EMC

- Cup of noodles - 70 grams
- Small tin of tuna - 95 grams
- Single pack of sultanas - 40 grams
- Can of baked beans - 300 grams
- Single pack of cereal - single serve - 30 grams
- Muesli bar - 31 grams
- Individual fruit drink - 25 ml
- Single serve fruit pack - 125 grams
- Sugar free chewing gum - Aldi 22 grams or similar
- Cup of soup - 40 grams
- Small UHT milk - 150 ml

**Mail For Collection**

Terry Birtles; Marion Cook; Stella Naimet; Tongan Congregation