



CANBERRA CITY
UNITING CHURCH

City's Connections

13 December 2020



EMC Festive Lunch

The EMC will host a festive lunch for its guests just before Christmas. We are looking for donations of cash or \$20 gift vouchers from Woolies or Coles to put as a gift in our Christmas hampers. The hampers are being generously provided by the Islamic community and the Egyptian Coptic Church. Please drop them into the EMC or give them to Anne Buttsworth, Margaret Watt or Graeme Lowe.

Blue Christmas Service.

A quiet, alternative service for anyone who is experiencing grief, loss and pain this season. All Welcome. 7.30 pm, **Monday December 21** at St Margaret's Uniting Church, Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St. Hackett.

"Everything in Common" Gift Stalls

Margaret Watt and Anne Buttsworth will be selling gift cards and Christmas cards for UnitingWorld every Sunday morning starting from Sunday, 22 November **until Christmas**. Gift prices start at \$10 for the popular chicken and coffee bean cards. This year we also have chilli paste and/or school book cards for \$15. The gift cards support education, health and livelihood projects in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. UnitingWorld Christmas cards will also be available (\$12 for a pack of 8). Inquiries to Margaret on 6231 7696. **Please note that we cannot take cash this year - all purchases will need to be made by card.**

Gathered Services

Gathered services are held each Sunday morning at 10.00am and City@Night at 5.15pm. Currently the numbers are limited to a maximum of 120 people. For the morning service there is currently no morning tea and no singing and of course people need to *practice appropriate social distancing*.

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Treat A Student

We have about twelve CSU students still in Canberra. It is a difficult time as some seek jobs while others are staying for courses next year knowing if they return home border closures mean an uncertain return time. We plan to provide a **Christmas Dinner** for them - this year at the home of **Dora and Tim Chapman**. We would like to arrange a **Santa visit** to the dinner. We invite congregation members to bring along a gift (no more than \$10 in value) which will be distributed at the dinner. If you are able please give your gift (over the next few weeks) to Santa's helpers, **Dennis and Margaret Martin**.

Christmas Bowl Appeal 2020

The Christmas Bowl appeal will run from 22 November to **27 December**. There is a range of ways to give this year - **Giving Envelopes** - available from the narthex;

Give Online - www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl/; **Open Plate** - offertory taken on Christmas Day will be donated in total to Act for Peace.

Christmas/New Year Church Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed from Monday, 21 December 2020 to Friday, 8 January 2021.

The office will reopen on Monday, 11 January 2021.

Notices For City's Connections

Please let the Church office know by Thursday if you have a notice for inclusion.

Rosters

Today - 13 December 2020

Welcomer: Rinda Scott

Organist: Hildegard Palafox

Prayers: Barbara Tan

Readings: Bob Townsend

Next Sunday - 20 December 2020

Welcomer: Margaret Martin

Organist: Ian Kummerow

Prayers: Graeme Lowe

Readings: Kathy Trembath