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### Can you Help?

We are in need of more people to help out with the Sunday morning worship service.

We need people for Lectionary readings, Intercession, morning teas, greeting people and cleaning the church building.

If you can help out one Sunday a month it will ease the load and enhance our time together.

### January Birthdays

2nd Reece Pianta

7th Sue Smith

8th Lorraine Perry, Annie Vosper,  
Jenny Easlea

12th Pippy Bohan

21st Jean Maggs

22nd Emma Perry

25th Greg Easlea

28th John Brereton

30th Graeme Coulson

## Uniting Church in Australia

### Dayboro Congregation

Bulletin January 2024



**The people of Uniting Church Dayboro are warm, inclusive and welcoming who LOVE Jesus, LOVE each other and LOVE our Dayboro community giving HOPE for the future.**

**Our worship, our communion table and fellowship is open to all. We simply offer you a place where you will be accepted and loved, and where you can learn about the grace of God.**

## Pastor's Ponderings

Welcome to a New Year. The passing from the old year to the new is a great time to reflect on the 365 days that have passed. It's an opportunity to recognise and appreciate all the good things that we experienced in 2023 and reflect on what we might have done differently with the benefit of hindsight. It's also a time to acknowledge the battles that some of us are still facing. If you are facing those battles, draw some encouragement from the words of Philippians 4:12-13, "I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (NRSVUE)

As people very conscious of the passing and measuring of time, we often see January as an opportunity to look forward too, looking for new beginnings. New beginnings can be both exciting and intimidating. They represent a chance to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives, but they also require us to let go of the familiar and step into the unknown.

As pilgrims on a spiritual journey attempting to follow the teachings and example of Jesus, hope and strength can be found in knowing that God is with us in all things, including any new beginnings we face. In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" (NRSVUE) God constantly works in our lives, creating new opportunities and possibilities for us.

The move of God in our lives increases our capacity to grow in all aspects of our lives. There is no mountain too high, no valley too deep and wide, no circumstance that we cannot traverse. God with us, God in us, is so much bigger than our circumstance! Ongoing battles, or new exciting beginnings, God equips each of us for the journey, and for the fight. I pray for each one of you a blessed and peaceful 2024.

Shalom,

**Danny**

### The front page photos.

Which option will you take in 2024? The pathways look similar, but they may end up at a slightly different destination. The choice is ours to take.

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## Lectionary and Rosters - January 2024

Date	7 January 2024	14 January 2024	21 January 2024	28 January 2024
Season	Baptism of Jesus -[W]	Epiphany 2 -[G]	Epiphany 3 - [G]	Epiphany 4 -[G]
First Reading	Genesis 1: 1 -5	1 Samuel 3: 1 -10 (11 -20)	Jonah 3: 1 - 5, 10	Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20
Psalm	Psalm 29	Psalm 139: 1 - 6, 13 – 18	Psalm 62: 5 - 12	Psalm 111
Second Reading	Acts 19: 1 -7	1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20	1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31	1 Corinthians 8: 1 -13
Gospel	Mark 1: 4 - 11	John 1: 43 – 51	Mark 1: 14 - 20	Mark 1: 21 - 28
Reader	Christina	Andris	Margaret	Vicki
Message	Danny	Danny	Shirley	Danny
Young at Heart	Danny	Danny	Shirley	Danny
Prayers	Carolyn	Margaret	Joy	Shirley
Singer	Carolyn & Tim	Carolyn & Bill	Liz & Tim	Carolyn & Bill
Keyboard	Coral	Judy	Coral	Judy
Sunday Space	In Recess	In Recess	In Recess	Communion
Cleaning & COVID Duties	Andris & Marion	Mark & Maria	Joy & John	Surjit & Mark
Welcome & Offering	David & Christina	Mark & Maria	Judy & Robert	Surjit & Mike
Notes				Explorers Meet from 11am

## Uniting Church Dayboro - Who are we?

We are a group of ordinary and diverse people trying to follow the teachings and example of Jesus. You will find a wide variety of views and opinions here, but we are truly one family.

As a community of faith, we love to share what we have through worship, our fellowship and acts of loving kindness. In this family of faith, God matters and all people matter. Therefore, we are intentionally inclusive. This is a place where all people can know that they are accepted just as they are. We are open to all. This isn't the type of church that will tell you how you should live as a "good Christian", we won't tell you how a "good Christian" should think, but we will tell you that you should think. We simply want to offer you love, acceptance and hope all in the person of Jesus Christ.

## Sunday Space

*A ministry to young people*

Sunday Space - Resumes Sunday 4 February 2024

Always looking for more Sunday Space workers. If you would like to be involved in this part of our church life please see Carolyn. We will be preparing for 2024 at the Sunday Space Leaders and Helpers Luncheon which will be held on Tuesday 23rd January from 12 noon at Carolyn's

69 Sellin Road, King Scrub

## Santa at Dayboro 2023



## Chairperson's Thoughts

It is good to be going into a new year with optimism about our church and its work in Dayboro. We have a lot to look forward to with our plans and dreams. To get things really moving, Church Council is having a second Visioning Workshop in January to build on the great thinking that went on in 2023. This time we will refine and clarify what we are doing here and establish goals for our future initiatives.

There will be one big change in our leadership team, with Jenny stepping back after a long period as Treasurer. She has taken us through some of the greatest changes we have experienced in over 100 years and established a firm base for our accounting. Jenny will be replaced by 4 people with tasks associated with the accounting system. It will take 4 people to replace her!

The new year offers each of us an opportunity to look at our own commitments and see how we can best use our individual talents and resources to support the work we do. It takes a big team to keep our ship afloat. It takes a willing team to keep it moving forward.

Please talk to me or any of our Councillors if you are looking at ways of helping our mission to Dayboro. Thanks for your generous support in 2023. Please join me in praying for an even better 2024.

**Paul Inglis**

## Diary Dates 2024

### January 2024

14th Church Council Meeting

20th Women of Worth breakfast 8am

21st Visioning Seminar - Church Council  
10.30am

28th Explorers Group meeting

### February 2024

4th Sunday Space resumes

25th Explorers Group Meeting

### May 2024

26th Dayboro Day

**Deadline:** for the February 2024 Bulletin is 21 January 2024 or earlier if possible.

Email Warren Rose [warrenrose16\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:warrenrose16[at]gmail[dot]com)

## Women of Worth

**Breakfast Saturday 20 January 2024**

**From 8am**

**At the Church Hall**

**For what to bring - see Carolyn**

**All women are welcome**

## Explorers

A discussion group that explores some new ideas and concepts

Explorers at Dayboro is a discussion group, open to anyone interested in listening, talking and exploring matters of faith and living in the present times. Meetings are on the fourth Sunday of the month from 11am to 12.15pm. Those who wish can stay for lunch at the Rendezvous Cafe in Dayboro.

The January Explorers will be on 28 January (spoiler alert - it is a long weekend as Australia Day falls on Friday)

Topic for January is "New Beginnings"

Joy Salmond will send out some pre-reading to 'whet your appetite' by email closer to the date.

**Enquires: Joy Salmond**

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## Blokes Breakfast

No Breakfast gathering in January - resuming February

## Moreton Rivers Presbytery Semester 1 Events

### February

Saturday 3rd: First Aid and CPR

Saturday 10th: Building Cultures of Discipleship

### March

Friday 1st: Youth Combine - 9 Degrees Bouldering

Saturday 2nd: Amplify Conference

Wednesday 27th: Easter Madness Registration closes

### April

5th to 8th: Easter Madness

## Preparing for an exciting 2024

### Dayboro Day awareness and preparation

In preparation for Dayboro Day please save the date for Sunday 26th May 2024.

On a practical level can you do the following:

Start collecting glass jars with good quality lids up to 500gms for pickles, jams, spreads, jellies, lemon butter etc.

Collect large to medium Moccona / Vittoria jars with lids.

If you are a gardener consider growing Rosellas to contribute to the jam making.

Please contact Marion Karklins if you have any questions

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