



March, 2026

Uniting Church Dayboro

Bulletin

No matter who you are, how you identify, who you love, or where you are on life's journey: know that you are welcome & accepted here, and that you are loved by God & by us.

22 Williams St Dayboro.

Service times: 9am every Sunday

The people of Uniting Church Dayboro are warm, inclusive and welcoming who LOVE Jesus, LOVE each other and LOVE our communities, 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.

Useful Links

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dayborouniting>

Website: <https://www.dayborouca.com.au>

Presbytery News: <https://mailchi.mp/932d020e15dc/newsletter-4-26-february-18278458>

Pastor's Ponderings

Lent: A Season for Honest Transformation

The This year seems to be flying by. It's hard to believe we're already entering the season of Lent.

When we look at Lent through modern eyes, it can be less about personal piety for its own sake and more about honest transformation — both inward and outward. Rather than seeing self-denial as a spiritual test, Lent invites us into intentional truth-telling: about our habits, our impact on others, and the stories we tell ourselves about God, ourselves, and one another.

We can reframe the traditional practices of fasting, prayer, and repentance not as holy scorekeeping, but as tools that help us wake up — to our dependence on God, to our neighbours' suffering and need, and to the ways our lives are shaped not only by individual choices but also by wider systems of injustice.

Approaching Lent this way means asking different questions. What might we need to let go of so that love can flow more freely? What practices help us resist despair, apathy, or cynicism? For some of us, this may mean fasting from consumption and redirecting resources towards others. For others, it may involve the harder spiritual work of listening across difference or confronting internalised shame.

Lent doesn't have to be an outdated tradition from centuries past. Instead, it can prepare us not only for the joy of Easter, but for sustained, courageous engagement with the world – reminding us that resurrection hope is inseparable from solidarity, justice, and the ongoing work of repair.

Shalom,
Dan

Children's Ministry News Carolyn Nugent

SUNDAY SPACE

Dates for March are: 1st, 8th ,15th and 29th. NO SUNDAY SPACE COMMUNION SUNDAY-22nd

Thanks to all the leaders and helpers for the previous year. More helpers are always welcome. See Carolyn if interested.

Safe Church Training

All council members, lay preachers and Sunday Space workers have to complete certain modules every 2 years.

If you think you can attend to this yourself at home, Carolyn is more than happy to show you how to do this.



Our congregation is only as good as the people who make it.

We always need more volunteers.

Any authorised lay preachers sitting on their talent, people to do the readings in the Sunday service, lead the prayers of intercession, greeting, leading the singing, the cleaning crew, ground maintenance, setting up on a Sunday, playing musical instruments, leading or helping our Sunday Space (kids) ministry.

If you would like to be involved, please see Danny or Maria.

World Day Of Prayer

Friday 6th March 10 AM

We are hosting this year so would be great to have a good turnout.

Men are also welcome.

Bring a plate for morning tea.

Please wear bright clothing.

Dayboro Explorers - Sunday 22 March 2026

Topic: **The Kingdom of God**

Explorers will continue discussion about the Kingdom of God and how we should interpret what Jesus meant when he used the term.

On Sunday 22 February we discussed worldviews in order to better understand how the hearers of Jesus preaching would consider the message in relation to their understanding of the world in which they lived.

At the session in March we will discuss the various groups in Jewish society, what class system was in place and then look at some of the parables of Jesus in his teaching about the Kingdom of God.

All are welcome and the handout notes can be provided upon request.

Warren Rose
Facilitator
Explorers - Dayboro Uniting Church



Our next yard sale will be on Saturday the 28th of March from 8 am - 2:00 pm.

Helpers are needed on Tuesday the 24th of March for pricing from 8:30 am, and on Saturday for setting up (from 6:30 am), helping out on stalls through out the morning and packing up (from 1:00 pm). Please contact Carolyn, Maria or Mark if you can help out.



*Choir practice for Easter Sunday starts
Tuesday 3rd March from 4:30-5:30 pm.
Will then be every Tuesday until Easter Sunday*

EASTER SERVICE TIMES UNITING CHURCH DAYBORO

Good Friday Service – Apr 3rd 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday – Apr 5th 9:00 AM

Includes the “flowering of the cross”



LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER SUNDAY THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS.



Sunday the 5th of April is our Easter Sunday service. Dating back to before Ps Dan's time in ministry here a modern tradition at Uniting Church Dayboro has been the “Flowering of the Cross” during our morning worship on that day of celebration.

The flowering of the cross is not about glorifying suffering, but about love transforming violence into new life. The cross flowers when compassion, justice, and solidarity rise out of systems of harm, showing that death-dealing powers do not get the final word. Resurrection, then, is not only a miracle after the cross, but the ongoing blooming of hope wherever love refuses to give up.

Plan now to bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross on that Sunday morning.

April Blokes' Breakfast

Saturday 11th April

(delayed because of Easter)

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

The Church Hall

A generous barbecued breakfast along with great conversation and sharing.

Suggested cost \$10 donation

"Blokes Breakfast" is about building genuine friendships.



April's topic

Friendship and Isolation

This is an area that isn't always easy for us blokes to navigate.

How easy or hard is it to form real friendships?

What has helped you build meaningful connections?

What does Christian community mean to you now?

Blokes' Breakfast Date Claimer

2026 dates for our bimonthly Saturday Blokes' Breakfasts

7:30 am – 9:00 am

April 11th

June 6th

August 1st

October 3rd

December 5th

"Blokes Breakfast" is about building deep, valuable, & lasting friendships.

YARD SALE DATES IN 2026

Saturdays
March 28th
May 30th
August 29th
November 28th



OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Our baking and cooking section is our big earner at our Yard Sales.

Donations of cooking ingredients for the many cakes our cooks for our Yard Sales would be greatly appreciated - see Marion or Robyn for items needed. Monetary donations also welcome - please give these to Surjit, our new treasurer.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING DATES



The Church Council has agreed to meet the second Sunday of each Month following our post service morning tea.

Councillors please add these dates to your diary or phone.

March 9th; April 12th

May 10th; June 14th; July 12th; August 9th

September 13th; October 11th; November 8th; December 13th

The Role of the Joint Nominating Committee (summary)

We are searching for a new minister to replace Dan who retires in August. This is a lengthy process and the person selected is dependent on available and interested candidates. The percentage of time employed is determined by our ability to finance the position.

The Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) plays a crucial role in the process of finding a minister for a congregation. It is made up of six members of the Congregation and two members of the Presbytery, one of whom is the chairperson. The discernment task is done through prayer, trust in the wisdom and care of the wider church, and cooperation with other people. The JNC is responsible for discerning together with ministers the call of the Congregation for future ministry. This requires a commitment for each person appointed to the JNC to be present at meetings and conversations. The JNC receives profiles from the Placements Committee (Synod), prioritizing meetings to facilitate conversations with Ministers in a timely manner. The Congregation is to be kept informed about and engaged with the process, whilst strict confidentiality of names of candidates is maintained. Ultimately the congregation approves the selected applicant. For more details talk to Paul Inglis.

March dates at a glance

- 3rd March - Choir Practice starts (every Tuesday after this)
- 6th March - World Day of Prayer
- 9th March - Council meeting
- 22nd March - Explorers
- 24th March - Pricing for yard sale
- 28th March - Yard sale

March Birthdays

2nd Shirley Coulson
 2nd Joelle Nugent
 7th Vera Nugent
 12th Yvonne Hollingworth
 14th Hannah Orchard
 14th Tim Keogh
 14th Lesley Neuherz
 14th Cameron Patterson
 17th Margaret Sellin
 19th Zoe Grace
 22nd Annalie Roux
 25th Bronwen Wilson
 26th Val Meyers
 26th Des Page
 29th Leo Steyn
 31st Mark Hansen

UNITING CHURCH DAYBORO CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: David Windebank
Secretary: Annalie Roux
Treasurer: Surjit Lawrence
Pastor: Dan Nugent
Maintenance & Property: Mark Hansen
Children's Ministry: Carolyn Nugent
Safe Ministry: Fiona Patterson
Presbytery Rep: John Brereton
Members:
 Margaret-Ann Green
 Maria Hansen
 Mike Huggett
 Rick Staveley

Rosters for March, 2026

	1 st March	8 th March	15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March
Lectionary Readings	Lent 2 P Gn 12:1-4a Ps 121 Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 Jn 3:1-17 or Mt 17: 1-9	Lent 3 P Ex 17:1-7 Ps 95 Rom 5:1-11 Jn 4:5-42	Lent 4 P 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 23 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41	Lent 5 P Ez 37:1-14 Ps 130 Rom 8:6-11 Jn 11:1-45	Palm Sunday P Is 50:4-9a Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 Phil 2:5-11 Mt 21:1-11
Message	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny
Young & Young-at-Heart	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny
Reader	Andris / Marion	Vicki	Christina	Sue	Mike
Intercession	Heather W	Carolyn	Margaret Anne	Shirley	Andris
Singers	Tim / David	Carolyn / Mike	Tim / Lorraine	Carolyn / David	Tim / Maria
Tempo	Coral / Annalie	Judy / Doug	Coral / Annalie	Judy / Doug	Coral / Annalie
Sunday Space	Carolyn / Fiona	Lorraine / Robyn	Fiona / Carolyn	Communion	Carolyn / Robyn
Cleaning Crew	Robyn / Carolyn	Mark / Maria	Lorraine / Emma	Sue / Carolyn	
Opening	Carolyn		Carolyn		Carolyn
Greeting / Offering	Fiona / Carolyn	Chris / David	Surjit / Carolyn	Maria / Mark	Robyn / Carolyn

Deadline for the April 2026 Bulletin is 21 March 2026. Email
Surjit Lawrence. Email Id: surjit.lawrence@gmail.com

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