

Upcoming Events

September

12th Tuesday Blokes Breakfast
7.30am to 9am

16th Visioning - Church Council 9am to 12 noon

17th No Sunday Space (School Holidays)

23rd & 24th High School Retreat

24th Communion Sunday

24th Explorers meets

24th No Sunday Space (School Holidays)

30th Garage Sale

October

14th Trivia Night for School Chaplaincy

15th Presbytery Consultation

November

25th Garage Sale

September Birthdays

3rd Amy Stewart, Helen Rhue

4th Bill Turner

6th Bev Oelrichs

14th Marcus Perry

23rd Jean Rowe

25th Robyn Inglis

28th Sam Warschau

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.

To give electronically:

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Uniting Church in Australia

Dayboro Congregation



Bulletin September 2023



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

Sometimes I wonder just what the greater world thinks when & if it considers Christianity. Conversely, in my imagination I picture millions of Christians, all talking, milling about and being energetic about their faith, but all missing a vital, central reality. What is this reality? Christians profess that God Himself lived on earth in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. You with me so far? God Himself walked among us, teaching, preaching and showing what He meant by his life example. He was very clear what was the most important - the Greatest Commandment. I hear Jesus saying: Of all the things you do, do this. If you're gonna put your time and attention anywhere, put it here: Love God and love your neighbour abundantly. Yet, how often is this preached? Of course, it is mentioned. What I mean is: How often is it preached like this? How often is it preached the way Jesus preached it: with intensity, with centrality, with a sense of utter, singular importance?

I'm sometimes baffled by our ignorance - it must be some kind of collective denial. But it is certainly immensely disrespectful to the person who we claim is God. Many who claim to speak for God seem more interested in telling us who we aren't supposed to love. If you have any doubt as to who is included in the list of people to show love toward, the New Testament is clear - the commandment to love includes everyone from those in our own Christian group to the widows, orphans, outsiders, marginalized people, and prepare to be shocked, Jesus expectations are that we will even love our enemies. In other words: we are to love everyone. (More next month.)

Shalom,

Danny

Sunday Jamming Sessions

Resuming soon once each month on Sunday Afternoons for 2 hours

Cost: \$5 per person

All Musicians are welcome to attend

If you want to come along to sing and dance - you are most welcome. This could be a fun activity bringing much laughter and creating new friendships.

Enquires: Coral

Lectionary and Rosters - September 2023

Date	3 September 2023	10 September 2023	17 September 2023	24 September 2023
Season	Pentecost 14 - Green	Pentecost 15 - Green	Pentecost 16 - Green	Pentecost 17 - Green
First Reading	Exodus 3: 1 - 15	Exodus 12: 1 - 14	Exodus 14: 19 - 31	Exodus 16: 2 - 15
			Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b - 11,20 - 21	Psalm 105 1 - 6, 37 - 45
Psalm	Psalm 105: 1 - 6, 23 - 26, 45b	Psalm 149	Romans 14: 1 - 12	Phil 1: 21 - 30
Second Reading	Romans 12: 9 - 21	Romans 13: 8 - 14	Matthew 18: 21 - 35	Matthew 20: 1 - 16
Gospel	Matthew 16: 21 - 28	Matthew 18: 15 - 20		
Reader	Andris	Vicki	John	Christine
Message	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny
Young at Heart	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny
Prayers	Carolyn	Robyn	Shirley	Joy
Singer	Carolyn	Marian & Bill	Liz	Carolyn
Keyboard	July	Coral	Judy	Coral
Sunday Space	Fiona & Maria	Caroyn & Paul	Holidays	Communion
Cleaning & COVID Duties	Fiona & Carolyn	Joy & John	Liz & Surgit	Sue, Mark & Maria
Welcome & Offering	Andris & Marion	Robert & Judy	Mark & Maria	David & Robert
Notes				Explorers Meet

Unting 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.

Advance Notice

Trivia Night for School Chaplaincy

Saturday 14th October

\$25 per person

Contacts:

Maria or Carolyn

Deadline: for the October 2023 Bulletin is 21 September 2023 or earlier if possible.

Email Warren Rose

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Blokes Breakfast

Tuesday 12th September

7.30am to 9.00am

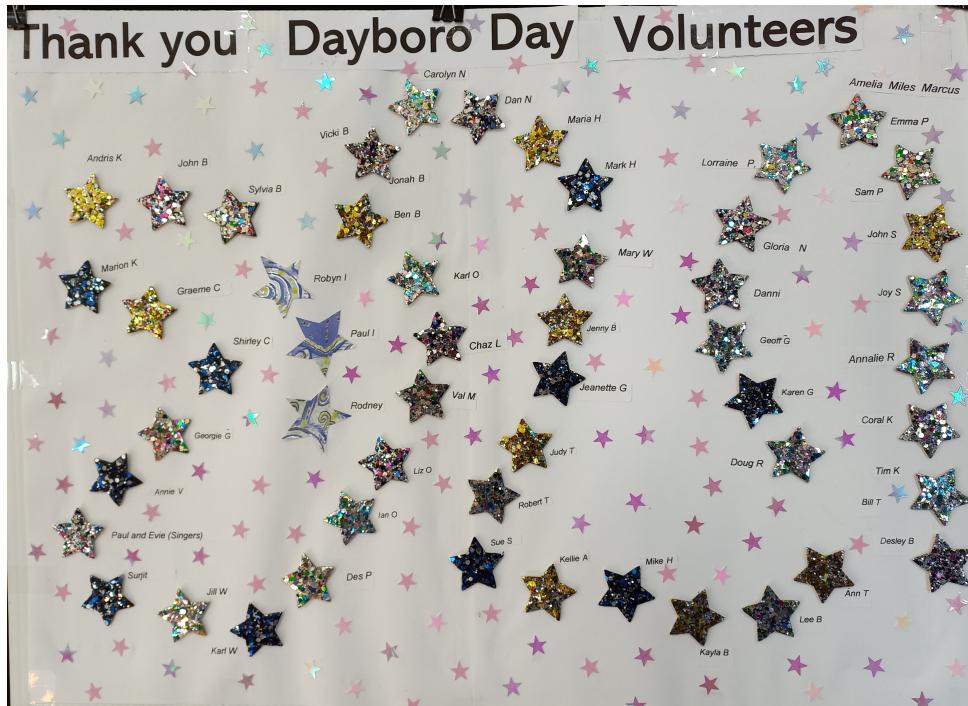
Uniting Church Dayboro Hall

This is a chance for our men to join for breakfast and a chat. Our monthly Blokes Breakfasts are about building deep and lasting friendships. Paul will be sharing.

For the purposes of catering - please let Mark know if you are coming. Suggested cost is \$5

Bring a friend or a family member.

Thank you Dayboro Day Volunteers - see the full size poster in the hall.



Chairman's Report to the Church Council - August 2023

We are a very busy and committed group of people and everyday I see examples of what we are achieving in our community. As we spread the love that Jesus demonstrated, it is good to know that it is having effect. Many people are at the receiving end of this love - through food, cards, practical help, prayers and conversations. The other obvious characteristic of what is happening in our ministry is the growth in knowledge and awareness of the real meaning of the gospel through teaching, exploring, reading and listening. Central to this success story is the leadership provided by Pastor Dan and Carolyn. It is vital that we strengthen our support for these leaders by growing the amount of time we pay Dan for and acknowledging them as often as we can. There are now signs that our campaign to do this is working but we have much further to go and it will need everyone to help.

We are growing in numbers and the four new memberships with confirmations is a very healthy sign that people want to be a part of our church family.

We are all ministers in this congregation. Our Councillors are all leaders, and I am proud to be working with such a great group. The work on the Handbook will be a working document and guide for us and I appreciate the input that many people have given to this project.

Shortly photos of our Councillors will be up in the hall so everyone knows who to talk to about anything related to our church.

Paul

Report Uniting Church Dayboro Church Council

The Church Council met on Sunday 13th August from around 10.30am. Eight Church Council members were present with two apologies and two visitors were in attendance.

The Church Council recognises the work of our lay preachers who provide a complementary service to Danny. The lay preachers do not charge the congregation for their time and effort put into the worship services.

A Presbytery consultation with Church Council will be held in October and in preparation for the consultation a Visioning workshop will be held in September to update our plans for the years ahead.

You should now see new a photo sign in the hall of the Church Councillors.

Coral is about to re-start the Sunday afternoon jamming sessions in the church hall. More details to come about times etc.

The maintenance schedule for the property has been updated and a copy is posted in the church hall. Church Council is planning to replace the carpet in the hall and install a ground water pump to clear the rainwater that collects under the church and hall.

Church Council takes its responsibility for meeting the requirements for safe working with children. All Church Councillors are required to complete the training on an ongoing basis.

Contact with church people who are absent from worship for various reasons is maintained by sending cards of encouragement. Over 30 cards have been sent to church members since March 2023.

Church Council approved the reimbursement of expenses for people to carry out approved tasks - example is cooking meals for people in our community. Reimbursement is possible if the activity is approved and receipts are produced to support the claim.

The meeting also noted the heavy load placed on volunteers with the number of community events held this year. The garage sales, Dayboro Day, Dayboro Show and Dayboro High Tea have all required our members to spend time and effort to set up, participate and pack up after each event. From 2024 we plan to limit the number of community events to five instead of seven scheduled this year. A task force has been established to review the timing and arrangements for future garage sales.

The Congregation and Church Council Handbook is underway with 45 pages already produced subject to corrections and amendments. The final Handbook will be over 100 pages as it will include details of most events and activities of the congregation.

Report by

Warren Rose

