



April, 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/78f995098ba4/newsletter-5-12-march-18279032>

Pastor's Ponderings

The Journey from Cross to Hope

Reflections for Easter

As the Easter season approaches, we are invited once again to pause and reflect on the story at the heart of our faith.

Good Friday (April 3rd) invites us to tell the truth about the world and about ourselves. It invites us not to rush past suffering or explain it away too quickly, but to face it honestly.

At the cross we glimpse something of the heart of God.

In the cross we see a God who stands in solidarity with human pain — with those who are wounded by injustice, loss, loneliness, or grief. This is not a distant or

demanding God, but one who enters fully into the broken places of life and meets us there with compassion.

Easter Sunday does not undo Good Friday but grows out of it. We can think about resurrection less as an escape from the world, and more as God's ongoing work of renewal within it. It speaks of hope that is grounded, not naïve — hope that shows up in acts of love, courage, service, forgiveness, and resilience.

Easter reminds us that even when systems fail, bodies ache, or dreams feel worn thin, new life can still take root. Often it appears in surprising and quiet ways.

Held together, Good Friday and Easter tell a story of faith that is spacious enough for doubt, deep enough for suffering, and strong enough for hope. As a faith community made up of different generations and life experiences, we are invited to walk this path together — trusting that love, justice, and grace are still at work among us, shaping what comes next.

Remember, we do not rush past the cross to reach hope. We discover hope by staying present to love — even in the hardest places — trusting that, in ways both quiet and surprising, God is always bringing new life to birth.

As we reflect on this story of love and renewal, you are warmly invited to join us this Easter as we remember the cross and celebrate the hope of new life together. **Whether you come often or only from time to time, there is always a place for you here.**

**Shalom,
Ps Dan**

Children's Ministry News Carolyn Nugent

SUNDAY SPACE

There will be no Sunday Space in April - 5th, 12th and 19th are school holidays and 26th is Communion Sunday.

Next Sunday Space is 3rd May.

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.

Dayboro Explorers - Sunday 26 April 2026

Topic: **The Kingdom of God**

Explorers will continue with our discussion on the Kingdom of God. Looking at the stories of Jesus about the Kingdom.

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

Warren Rose
Facilitator
Explorers - Dayboro Uniting Church

ANZAC DAY WREATH



Dayboro Uniting Church lays a wreath at
The 10am Service at the Showground
on Anzac Day. Dan and Carolyn will be present
to lay the wreath, but Carolyn is wondering
if any one has a hidden talent of making wreaths
and would be willing to make one.
If you do , this would be greatly appreciated.
See Carolyn if you can help.

WOW Breakfast



8am Saturday 18th April

Bring a plate to share.

*We had a great time sharing about our passions and we will
continue this theme.*

*Please mark this date in your diary and hopefully a good
number of ladies can attend.*

**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
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. We cannot leave this cost to the bakers. Monetary donations also welcome - please give these to Surjit, our new treasurer.

We request that if you could donate \$10 every now and then to go towards the Combined Churches Christmas Hampers and the Christmas Luncheon, that would be great.

The Bank Account details for this:

*QCB
BSB 654 000
Account 22046089
Ref: CHRISTMAS*



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.
April 12th; May 10th; June 14th
July 12th; August 9th; September 13th
October 11th; November 8th; December 13th

The Search for our next Minister

We are now in the process of preparing documentation for the process of working with Presbytery and Synod Placements Committee to identify and have conversations with candidates for filling the part time position of minister from August. The Presbytery has yet to appoint its two representatives to our JNC which will include a Chairperson. A draft summary of the Survey of the congregation is available to read. Enquiries to David or Paul.

April dates at a glance

3rd April - Good Friday Service. 9:00am
5th April - Easter Service. 9:00 am
11th April - Blokes' Breakfast
18th April - Women's Breakfast
26th April - Explorers

April Birthdays

3rd Evie Pianta (Nikki & Reece)
 6th Judy Taylor
 6th Stuart Patterson
 10th Amelia Perry
 11th Lois Gemmell
 11th Doug Rath
 16th Mali Steyn
 17th John Salmond
 18th Joy Salmond
 19th Karl Warschau
 20th Rick Staveley
 24th Hezekiah Mane-Morley
 25th Aaron Hindmarsh
 27th Vicki Bohan

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
 Steve Watson

Rosters for April, 2026

	3 rd April	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April
Lectionary Readings	Good Friday B/R Is 52:13 – 53:12 Ps 22 Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Easter Day W Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 28:1-10	Easter 2 W Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Ps 16 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31	Easter 3 W Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Pt 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35	Easter 4 W Acts 2:42-47 Ps 23 1 Pt 2:19-25 Jn 10:1-10
Message	Danny	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny
Young & Young-at-Heart	Danny	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny
Reader	Christina, Maria & Sue	Andris & Marion	Christina	John	Sue
Intercession	Margaret Anne	Robyn	Carolyn	Margaret Anne	Heather
Singers	Carolyn & Tim	Carolyn & Mike	Maria & Tim	Lorraine & David	Carolyn & Tim
Tempo	Coral & Annalie	Judy & Doug	Coral & Annalie	Judy & Doug	Coral & Annalie
Sunday Space	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Communion

	3 rd April	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April
Cleaning Crew	Andris & Marion	Mark & Maria	Carolyn & Chris	Carolyn & Mike	Surjit & Carolyn
Opening	Carolyn	Mark	Carolyn	Mark	Surjit
Greeting / Offering	Andris	Mark	David	Robert & Judy	Surjit & Mike

Intercession – 29th March

The World

Let us remember all those who are caught up in The Middle East War
Matthew 5:9 — Blessed are the peacemakers.

Not the peacekeepers.
Not the war makers.
Peacemaking is active.
Peacemaking is courageous.
Peacemaking is justice.
Peacemaking: is telling the truth and protecting the vulnerable.

We remember the families in Iran & the Middle East waking to explosions and their children whose futures shrink because of decisions made far above them.

“Every civilian or soldier is someone’s whole world.”

Peacemaking begins in our own communities. How we care for each other is how we resist the narratives of violence.

Remember when we deal harshly and without cause we damage someone’s whole world.
Fear escalates Love interrupts.
Help us to understand listen and show love and care to those we do not agree with.

Blessed are the peacemakers.
Not the ones who stay quiet.
Not the ones who cheer violence.
They are the ones who choose compassion, justice, and courage in a world addicted to fear.

Jesus came as a peace maker for the oppressed, may they experience Jesus in their lives.

Our Community

Jesus guide us in our local community, may we show that we are a trusted part of the Dayboro community.

May we not neglect our families, friends, colleagues or casual acquaintances?

May we be intentional and trusted with those who cross our lives, may we mirror Jesus to them.

The Future of our church

Our church faces an uncertain future but we have hope in Jesus.

Jesus guide the members of the Nominating Committee; help them to remain positive, motivated, discerning and clear on the best possible Ministry replacement choices for our church.

Lord Jesus protect each one of the committee because they are undertaking a crucial and difficult task for us all.

In closing and for our week ahead.

We are more than conquerors

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord....Rom 8:37-39

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

Electronic giving is a good way for you to be disciplined in your giving, and for UCD to budget more efficiently and effectively for our mission to serve. Every gift, no matter how small, helps. Thank you!

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