

Upcoming EVENTS

"Blokes"

Our new group for men has gotten off to a great start as 2022 ended. We'll have a break in January before kicking off in February.

In January consider getting together once or twice with one or two blokes from the congregation for a coffee, for a meal, or for a beer. Let's build some great friendships. Everyone needs a couple of good mates.

Sunday Space

Resumes Sunday 29 January 2023

Volunteers Wanted

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with Sunday ministry.

If you would like to read the Lectionary readings as provided by the minister for the morning, please see *Danny*.

If you would like to lead the congregation in our prayers for others, please see *Danny*.

If you are interested in working with our young people as a leader or helper in Sunday Space, please see Carolyn. If you're hiding a musical talent & feel you'd like to join Tempo, please speak to *Coral*.

If you would like to lead our singing each Sunday, please see *Danny or Carolyn*.

We can always use more people for greeting people each Sunday or helping out with the COVID clean after the service. Please see *Maria*.

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

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Uniting Church in Australia Dayboro Congregation



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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.

Lectionary and Rosters - January 2023

Date	1 January 2023	8 January 2023	15 January 2023	22 January 2023	29 January 2023
Season	Christmas 1 - White	Baptism of Jesus - White	Epiphany 2 - Green	Epiphany 3 - Green	Epiphany 4 - Green
First Reading	Isaiah 63: 7 - 9	Isaiah 42: 1 - 9	Isaiah 49: 1 - 7	Isaiah 9: 1 - 4	Micah 6: 1 - 8
Psalm	Psalm 148	Psalm 29	Psalm 40: 1 - 11	Psalm 27: 1, 4 - 9	Psalm 15
Second Reading	Hebrews 2: 10 - 18	Acts 10: 34 - 43	1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9	1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18	1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 31
Gospel	Matthew 2: 13 - 23	Matthew 3: 13 - 17	John 1: 29 - 42	Matthew 4: 12 - 23	Matthew 5: 1 - 12
Reader	Robyn	Andris	Christine W	Margaret	Vicki
Message	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny	Danny
Prayers	Paul	Carolyn	Robyn	Joy	Bill
Singer	Carolyn	Maria & Bill	Lorraine	Carolyn	Maria & Bill
Keyboard	Karaoke	Coral	Judy	Coral	Judy
Sunday Space	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Resumes
COVID Duties	Andris & Marion	Mark & Maria	Sue & Gloria	John & Joy	Carolyn & Robyn
Welcome & Offering	Andris & Marion	Mark & Maria	Sue & Gloria	Robert & Judy	Brian & Mark
Notes				Communion	Sunday Space Carolyn & Robyn

Date	1 January 2023	1 January 2023	6 January 2023
Season	New Years Day - White	Holy Name of Jesus - White	Epiphany of the Lord - W
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 13	Numbers 6: 22 - 27	Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
Psalm	Psalm 8	Psalm 8	Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 10 - 14
Second Reading	Revelation 21: 1 - 6a	Galatians 4: 4 - 7 or Philippians 2: 5 - 11	Ephesians 3: 1 - 12
Gospel	Matthew 25: 31 - 46	Luke 2: 15 - 21	Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Deadline for February 2023 Bulletin is 21 January 2023
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Pastor's Ponderings

A blessed 2023

Welcome to worship and thank you. Thank you for making worship a priority for you and your family as you prepare to celebrate the coming of the new year, 2023. I'm sure we are all looking forward hoping that 2023 is the start of better times in our world.

Looking back, we see a world that has suffered from years of pandemic, war and strife, senseless violence, and hard economic times. But we also see the grace of God in our lives and in the world, bringing comfort in the middle of the storms of life, and strength to press on when the going gets rough. We see God at work in our lives and the world to make things look more like they should, bringing relief to the suffering, social justice for all, and genuine love and acceptance for people. Looking back, we see God at work in a world that is desperate for love, acceptance, and peace.

But looking ahead what do you see? The book of James is careful to warn us that we should be careful in estimating our ability to predict the future. Truth be told, we do not know what lies ahead for us in 2023, or even in these final days of 2022. But does it matter? Does it matter that the future remains a hazy enigma of possibilities and the unknown? It does not. We can know this, to borrow from the "Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass (aged 37 ³/₄)" "God is nice, and he likes me". Sadly, many people struggle to believe this and think God is always angry and looking for fault in their life. But that just is not the case. "God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only son..." and that's a thought worthy of taking into 2023's pilgrim walk.

And so, we rejoice for another year of faith and praise God for his promised presence and steadfast love in the year to come!

Pastor Danny