



January, 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/d745e839a9b9/newsletter-25-18-december-18276144>

Pastor's Ponderings

Here we stand, at the door to another new year. Welcome to 2026 with Uniting Church Dayboro.

Lots of people will begin the New Year with making some New Year resolutions. For some, those resolutions may produce real change - if, of course, they stick with it. That's always the hard part. I've never been big on New Year resolutions, but starting a New Year is a great opportunity to ask ourselves if there are changes we need to make. I believe it was A.W. Tozer who said, "We are as close to God right now, as we want to be." The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:5a, "Examine yourself as to whether you are in the faith."

Sometimes change is voluntary, we make plans to improve ourselves, to give up things that are not working for us any longer. And sometimes the changes are forced on us whether we want them or not. One of those forced changes for UCD will occur during the year when I finish my time here as the minister in placement.

To make the most of this start to a new year, I'd encourage you all to take a personal inventory. "Am I where I want to be with God?" "Am I contributing as I should to the body here in Dayboro and my local community". And naturally, as a congregation set to work with the Church Council and the Joint Nominating Committee in thinking what about who we are as a congregation is working for us, and what needs to be changed.

I encourage you all to keep working together, to keep Dayboro as a special place - because it is. A place where all can feel genuinely welcome as they are. True fellowship happens when we come together with Jesus. (Matthew 18:20) Let's make 2026 a great year for all. May God bless each of you richly!

Shalom,
Dan

Children's Ministry News Carolyn Nugent

SUNDAY SPACE

Sunday Space resumes Sun 1st Feb.

There will be activity sheets for children to attend to in church over the holidays.

Thanks to all the leaders and helpers for this year.

Carolyn will organise a lunch in Jan 2026 to look at this past year and plan for 2026 .
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.

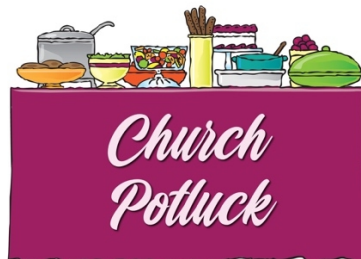


Our congregation is only as good as the people who make it.

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.



Sunday 25th January

5:30 pm

Bring something to share for our Sunday Supper.

Everyone is welcome.

We'll reminisce with Dr Paul & Robyn

We'll share our memories with them,
and they can share some of their memories with us.

Listen to the Sunday Notices for more details.

Dayboro Explorers - Sunday 25 January 2026

We will meet to discuss the relevance and content of the Beatitudes for our daily lives. We will meet from 11am in the church hall and break at about 12 noon for lunch to provide time for people to buy something at the bakery or IGA for lunch. We will continue discussion over lunch in the church hall. Should finish about 1pm.

Enquiries
Warren Rose
Explorers Facilitator

Blokes' Breakfast Date Claimer



2026 dates for our bimonthly Saturday Blokes' Breakfasts

7:30 am – 9:00 am

February 14th

April 11th

June 13th

August 8th

October 10th

December 12th

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

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.

January 11th; February 8th; March 9th; April 12th

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

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

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.

Please consider making donations of financial support for our cooks so they aren't bearing the whole costs, or perhaps donate some ingredients

January Birthdays

6th Olivia Ogston
7th Sue Smith
8th Lorraine Perry
8th Annie Vosper
8th Jenny Easlea
12th Pippy Bohan
19th Christina Windebank
21st Jean Maggs
22nd Emma Perry
25th Hanna Thompson
25th Greg Easlea
26th Heather Watson
28th John Brereton
29th Macallister Haak
30th Graeme Coulson

January dates at a glance

11th Jan: Church council meeting
25th Jan: Explorers
25th Jan: Church potluck

UNITING CHURCH DAYBORO CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: David Windebank

Secretary: Annalie Roux

Treasurer: Maria Hansen

Pastor: Dan Nugent

Maintenance & Property: Mark Hansen

Children's Ministry: Carolyn Nugent

Safe Ministry: Fiona Patterson

Presbytery Rep: John Brereton

Members:

Margaret-Ann Green
Mike Huggett
Rick Staveley
Surjit Lawrence

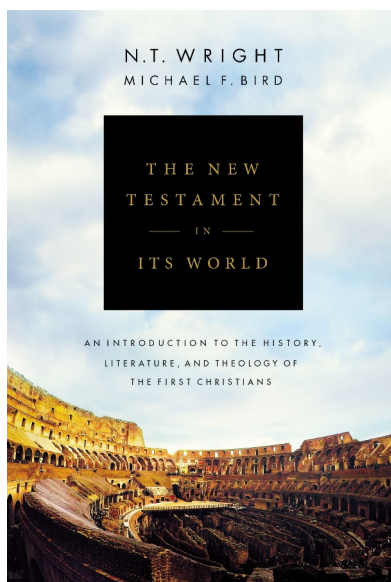
Rosters for January, 2026

	4th January	11th January	18th January	25th January
Lectionary Readings	Christmas 2 W Jer 31:7-14 Ps 147:12-20 Eph 1:3-14 Jn 1:(1-9), 10-18	Baptism of Jesus W Is 42:1-9 Ps 29 Acts 10:34-43 Mt 3:13-17	Epiphany 2 G Is 49:1-7 Ps 40:1-11 1 Cor 1:1-9 Jn 1:29-42	Epiphany 3 G Is 9:1-4 Ps 27:1, 4-9 1 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 4:12-23
Message	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny
Young & Young-at-Heart	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny
Reader	Mike H	Christina	Sue S	Andris / Marion
Intercession	Danny	Heather W	Robyn I	Carolyn
Singers	Danny	Danny	Danny	Danny
Keyboard				
Sunday Space	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays
Cleaning Crew	Marion & Andris	Coral & Tim	Sue & Carolyn	Maria & Mark
Opening	Carolyn	Brian C	Carolyn	Brian C
Greeting / Offering	Andris	David W	Sue S	Mark / Surjit

Recommendation

Book: The New Testament in its World
N. T. Wright and Michael Bird, published 2019, SPCK.

Available from Koorong \$70 or Amazon Australia for about \$76 delivered



The publisher's summary about the book includes:

Your ticket from the twenty-first century to the era of Jesus and the first Christians.
A readable, one-volume introduction placing the entire New Testament and early Christianity in its original context, written by distinguished scholar and author N. T. Wright.

An ideal guide for students and explorers, *The New Testament in Its World* addresses the many difficult questions faced by those studying early Christianity, including:

- What was the first century understanding of the Kingdom of God?
- What is the meaning of the resurrection in its original context?
- What were the Gospels, and how did they come about?
- Who was Paul and why are his letters so controversial?

Written for both classroom and personal use, this book brings together decades of ground-breaking research, writing, and teaching into one volume.

It presents the New Testament books—along with their subjects:

- Jesus and the early church—within the historical and social context of Second Temple Judaism and Greco-Roman politics and culture.
- *The New Testament in Its World* allows you to recover the excitement of what it was like to live as Christians in the first or second centuries.
- Features include: Surveys of each New Testament book that discuss their significance and provides commentary on their contents, along with implications for the Christian life.
- Major sections on the historical Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, and Paul's chronology and theology.
- Up-to-date discussions of textual criticism and the canonisation of the New Testament.
- Frequent illustrations, maps, charts, diagrams, and artwork provide additional explanations and insights.
- A distillation of the life work of N. T. Wright on the New Testament with input from Michael Bird.

There are a number of Youtube videos that you might consider viewing – just search using the book title.

Warren Rose

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

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