

Upcoming Events

November

5th Christmas Eve Choir practice begins

5th Sunday Jamming Sessions -2pm

14th Blokes Breakfast 7.30am

25th Yard Sale

26th Church Council meeting
10.30am to 1.00pm - Visioning

December

3rd Sunday Space Presentation and Party

24th Christmas Eve - Afternoon worship

January 2024

14th Church Council Meeting

November Birthdays

2nd Glen Bell

5th Cameron Stewart

8th Grace Hallam, Arthur Stewart

17th Lisa Sandel

22nd Surjet Lawrence

26th Glennis Williams

27th John Collins

Provision of Meals

When needed, we as a church community cook and deliver meals to those in need.

If you become aware of someone in need, please let Maria, Robyn or Carolyn know.

Also if you would like to be one of our cooks willing to prepare a meal when needed, please let us know.

Church Council has determined that reimbursement for the cost of ingredients will be met by the church.

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:

Bendigo Bank

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Uniting Church in Australia

Dayboro Congregation

Bulletin November 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

I think Uniting Church Dayboro is very much an inclusive congregation. We are welcoming, sincere, and warm. And that is such a wonderful value for us to have. But as Rev Lindsay Collins says "inclusiveness isn't just a state of mind — it takes work"! As a congregation, we need to constantly reflect on the ways in which we are genuinely welcoming to all the diversity of people in our local community and the areas around us who may wish to explore spirituality or follow the way of Jesus. We must also always be vigilant to ensure we are a warm, welcoming, safe place for the diversity of people and views within our congregation right now.

Have you ever noticed that our welcome slide on the PowerPoint each Sunday says "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." This needs to be our reality, not only for our visitors, but for each other as well.

The global, historical Church has struggled with binary views: people are either "saved" or "lost". But I have noticed that the rules for being either saved or lost vary slightly from group to group, and may hinge on doctrine, formula (the sinner's prayer), baptism & the type of baptism, and even church membership. The nuances go on and on & even differ within denominations and worship styles. To my mind Jesus seemed to shatter such binary thinking every chance he had.

We need to be a safe and welcoming place for all people. For the ones on the pilgrim path of following the way of Jesus, and for those seeking the path, for those merely curious, and for those who just happen up on us. Everyone should feel valued & safe with us.

Shalom,

Danny

Women of Worth

WOW will be on a break till Jan

Deadline: for the December 2023 Bulletin is 21 November 2023 or earlier if possible.

Email Warren Rose warrenrose16[at]gmail[dot]com

Lectionary and Rosters - September 2023

| Date | 1 November 2023 | 5 November 2023 | 12 November 2023 | 19 November 2023 | 26 November 2023 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Season | All Saints Day - White | Pentecost 23 - Green | Pentecost 24 - Green | Pentecost 25 - Green | Christ the King - White |
| First Reading | Revelation 7: 9-17 | Joshua 3: 7-17 | Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 | Judges 4: 1-7 | Exodus 34: 11-16, 20-24 |
| Psalm | Psalm 34: 1-12 | Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 | Psalm 78: 1-7 | Psalm 123 | Psalm 100 |
| Second Reading | 1 John 1: 1-3 | 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 | 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 | Ephesians 1: 15-23 |
| Gospel | Matthew 5: 1-12 | Matthew 23: 1-12 | Matthew 25: 1-13 | Matthew 25: 14-30 | Matthew 25: 31-46 |
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| Reader | | Andris | Christine | John | Jeanette |
| Message | | Danny | Paul | Joy | Danny |
| Young at Heart | | Danny | Paul | Joy | Danny |
| Prayers | | Margaret Anne | Ann | Shirley | Joy |
| Singer | | Elizabeth | Maria & Bill | Lorraine & Tim | Carolyn |
| Keyboard | | Coral | Judy | Coral | Judy |
| Sunday Space | | Carolyn & Robyn | Joy & Paul | Fiona & Paul | Communion |
| Cleaning & COVID Duties | | Robyn, Andris & Marion | David, John & Mike | Lorraine, Sue & Joy | Carolyn, Mark & Maria |
| Welcome & Offering | | Andris & Marion | David & Mike | Sue & Brian | Mark & Maria |
| Notes | | | | | |

Uniting 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.

Uniting Church Dayboro Visioning

The Church Council is going through a process to review our current ministry context, our vision and our mission. We are being led through this process by Shirley Coulson. We are also re-visiting our embedded values to ensure they are what we think they mean. This discerning process began in mid September and will continue in late November. After that a report will be brought to the congregation where input, suggestions and ideas will be welcomed.

As part of this process we have looked at many aspects of our place in the Dayboro community. We recognise that we have a unique opportunity to bring the values and teachings of Jesus to the people we meet often as we go about our daily living. We acknowledge that mission and ministry is going on right here right now! However we need to help the very busy members to take time out while others are offered an opportunity to take up the challenge to continue this mission and ministry of the congregation.

Some of our strengths have been readily observed including: inclusive worship, theological growth, theological diversity, working together in harmony, recognition of the diverse gifts of members, the willingness to welcome others and a readiness to show love and support.

Dayboro congregation is on a journey that draws upon its links to this community and still desires to continue this connection with the community in all its activities. The Church Council recognises that we are called to serve where we are right here, right now, without the need to look elsewhere.

Report by

Warren Rose

Dayboro Congregation and Church Council Handbook

The Handbook is currently being written so that all the particular activities of the church are documented so that people offering to undertake a role will have some details to consider in order to take up challenges that may be offered.

A Handbook overcomes the need to re-invent the process and also offers a starting point for people who may be elected to positions or volunteer for particular activities.

The Handbook is about 50% completed and is already 100 pages. It will become available as a pdf document probably on a USB thumb drive. The contents will be searchable. Each particular document will show the issue number and date of issue so that we will be able to ensure that people are working off the latest information.

Warren Rose



Chairman's Report

There have been several important events in the last month including our Council doing Stage 1 of our Mission Review and Planning with Shirley as facilitator. Warren will report elsewhere on how good this was and where it is heading. The second stage gets underway at the end of November. We will engage the Congregation in this process soon. Another key event was the meeting between Dr Jamie Smith (Presbytery), Ps Dan and me. This two and a half hour session was complemented by a financial summary provided by Jenny. The Presbytery is engaging with each congregation to better know how they are going and what future problems and support might be needed. Jamie concluded that we were a standout congregation that is proactive in working through an organic model of shared responsibility, good communications and excellent decision making. He hopes to join us informally sometime in the future but does not need to find out anything more from us. The revised Handbook, now a large document, is coming on nicely under Warren's editorial work and the Council contributing ideas that will make it an excellent source of guidance to all of our work including the legal, compliance and administrative functions of our many parts. We have begun the process of transferring our finance management to Chaz and Jenny will be able to semi-retire at the end of the year. With Advent on the doorstep, we are busy planning for all that will happen over the Christmas period. Thanks to everyone for the great support you are giving to making this a healthy, friendly, growing community.

Paul Inglis

Sunday Jamming Sessions

Sunday 5 November

2pm to 4pm

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

Blokes Breakfast

Tuesday 14th November

The Church Hall
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Our monthly Blokes Breakfasts are about building deep & lasting friendships.

This month Mike is going to share the first instalment of his fascinating life.

For catering purposes:

please let Mark know that you are coming.

Suggested cost \$10

Please invite a friend, neighbour, or family member.

Thank You to Church Cleaners!

Thank you to all who help clean the church. Maria and I (Carolyn) are working on a list of duties and will place it inside the door of the cleaning cupboard - that is the cupboard near the back door for those who don't know. Feel free to let me or Maria know if you want to go on the cleaning roster.

Carolyn

Sunday Space dates for the rest of year

Sunday Space - 5th , 12th and 19th Nov

No Sunday Space - 26th - Communion

Sunday Space Christmas Break-up -Sunday 3rd Dec

Will involve children being involved in a small way in Worship Service, book presentation and then PARTY in hall.

Please let Carolyn know if your children are attending and participating

Christmas Eve Choir

Calling all people who love singing in the choir

Practice dates - Sunday after church 11am - 12 md

5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec and 17th

Also Coral and Carolyn will make themselves available
Wednesday Evenings - 29th Nov and 13th Dec for those unable to
come Sundays

See Carolyn if interested

Thanks for the Printer - Copier

Tim and Coral have donated a new much needed printer to our congregation. It is a Brother Compact Colour Laser MFC Printer MFC-L3760CDW. It has a print speed of 26 pages per minute so you can efficiently print A4 sized documents in colour and monochrome. It supports various wireless connectivity options so you can print from your smart devices plus it allows for automatic duplexing so you can save on paper. This is a multi-function printer, offering print, copy, scan and fax functionality.

We are very grateful.