



December, 2025

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/65873c17257c/newsletter-23-20-november-18274771>

Pastor's Ponderings

Normally at this time of year my pondering for December would focus on either Advent or the remembering of the birth of Jesus. But not this year. The third chapter of Ecclesiastes reminds us of an unchanging truth: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Tuesday the 11th August 2026 will be the 10th anniversary of my acceptance of the offer of placement as Minister of Dayboro Uniting Church. In the Uniting Church ten years is a kind of mandatory maximum stay in a church for minister in placement. Although under certain circumstances exceptions can be made to stay an extra year or two.

For all this time, I have felt called by God to serve as the minister in placement as your Pastor. Not only have I felt called by God to serve here at Dayboro Uniting, I have also greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving as pastor to this wonderful community of faith. But as the great American poet Bob Dylan once said "the times they are a-changin'". Life is never static. Change as "they" say is inevitable. As almost all of you should know by now after discussions with Carolyn, Rev. Nigel Rogers, and much prayer, I have decided not to seek an extension to my contract and call beyond the ten years. Carolyn and I wish to travel together while we still both can as we traverse our mid 60's.

Carolyn & I are both grateful to God, and our faith community here in Dayboro for the love and support we have received over all these years. One of the most important things in life is saying "good-bye" in healthy ways. After discussions with Rev. Nigel, at this time Carolyn and I are planning to remain part of our faith community here at Dayboro Uniting Church for as long as we call Dayboro home. So, this coming August will not so much be a good-bye as it will be a change of the roles we play in the congregation and community at large.

Once again, thank you for ten years of serving, laughing, crying, and doing ministry together. I look forward to your understanding, and continued support during this time of transition.

Shalom,
Dan

Children's Ministry News Carolyn Nugent

SUNDAY SPACE

Last Sunday Space for year is Sunday 7th December. We will have a book presentation in church then a few games and some party food.

Sunday Space will then take a break till school resumes in January.

We will have activities for the children to do in church during 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

We will endeavour to run a group session in our hall in November or December.

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.

Christmas Eve Carols Service



December 24th

Shared finger food from 6:30 PM

Carol singing starts at 7:00 PM sharp

Candles are battery powered



Christmas fills many with nostalgia of good years past. Others just feel sadness and loss, or even slight bemusement at all the quaint carols of cold nights, sleigh bells and a funny old man who can circumnavigate the world in one evening! But have you ever wondered what it would be like to hear the Christmas story for the first time? What would surprise and amaze you? Would it change your life? Come to 'the little old church in the main street' on Christmas morning at 9am. Make it a tradition in a busy day.



We are again having Carols on the Deck at Maria and Mark Hansen's place in Dayboro (address is in the email), Friday 19th December starting at 5.30pm.

This year we are going back to basics, only Coral playing the Piano, no other instruments, no mics, no cords. Just like we did up at Ian and Liz's place.

Bring a plate to share, either savour or sweet, your drinks, we will have tea and coffee. We will also have the chairs from the Church.

Hope you can make it along, please let Maria or Mark know if you can or not.

Blokes' Breakfast

This will be our final Blokes' Breakfast for 2025

Saturday 6th December, 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM



Wear a Christmas themed shirt.

Bring your favourite Christmas memory to share.

Bring a mate or a family member.

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

A \$10 donation is recommended

December Birthdays

1st Ada Haak
 2nd Robert Taylor
 5th Desley Broad
 5th Jonah Bohan
 10th Peter Meyers
 16th Poppy Vosper
 16th Don Gemmell
 18th Mike Huggett
 23rd Carolyn Nugent
 31st Roz Staveley
 31st Hugh Sweetman

December dates at a glance

6th Dec: Blokes' Breakfast
 19th Dec: Carols on the deck
 24th Dec: Christmas Eve Carols Service
 25th Dec: Christmas Service

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 December, 2025

| | 7th December | 14th December | 21st December |
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| Lectionary Readings | Advent 2 P Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-7, 18-19 Rom 15:4-13 Mt 3:1-12 | Advent 3 P Is 35:1-10 Ps 146:5-10 or Lk 1:46b-55 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11 | Advent 4 P Is 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-25 |
| Message | Danny | Danny | Paul |
| Young & Young-at-Heart | Danny | Danny | Paul |
| Reader | Margaret Ann | Vicki | Andris |
| Intercession | Andris | Danny | Carolyn |
| Singers | Lorraine & Mike | Maria & Tim | Lorraine & David |
| Keyboard | Judy | Coral | Judy |
| Sunday Space | Carolyn & Robyn | No Sunday Space | No Sunday Space |
| Cleaning Crew | Andris & Marion | Mark & Maria | Robyn & Carolyn |
| Greeting | Andris & Marion | Christina & David | Judy & Robert |

Rosters for December, 2025 (contd)

| | 24 th December | 25 th December | 28 th December |
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| Lectionary Readings | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nativity 1</u> Is 9:2-7 Ps 96 Tit 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nativity 2</u> Is 62:6-12 Ps 97 Tit 3:4-7 Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nativity 3</u> Is 52:7-10 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-4, (5-12) Jn 1:1-14</p> | | <p>Christmas 1 W Is 63:7-9 Ps 148 Heb 2:10-18 Mt 2:13-23</p> |
| Message | Danny | Joy | Danny |
| Young & Young-at-Heart | Danny | Joy | Danny |
| Reader | | John S | Chris W |
| Intercession | | | Carolyn |
| Singers | | | Carolyn & Maria |
| Keyboard | Coral | Judy / Coral | Judy |
| Sunday Space | No Sunday Space | No Sunday Space | No Sunday Space |
| Cleaning Crew | Everyone | | Everyone |
| Greeting | Mark & Maria | Mark & Maria | Mark & Maria |

Deadline for the January 2026 Bulletin is 21 December 2025.
Email Surjit Lawrence. Email Id: surjit.lawrence@gmail.com

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