

## March Birthdays

2nd Shirley Coulson, Joelle Nugent,  
Maryrose Clark

7th Vera Nugent

14th Hannah Orchard, Tim Keogh,  
Lesley Neuherz, Cameran Patterson

17th Margaret Sellin

22nd Annalie Roux

25th Bronwen Wilson

26th Val Meyers, Des Page

29th Leo Steyn (Joy & John's grandson)

31st Mark Hansen

### To give electronically:

#### Bendigo Bank

Reference: OFFERING

BSB: 633 000 Account: 183102011

### Quick Reference March Diary Dates

**Friday 1st** World Day of Prayer  
10am

**Sunday 3rd** Visit from QLD Synod  
Moderator Rev Bruce Moore  
followed by morning tea

**Sunday 3rd** Karklins Open Garden  
Afternoon 1.30pm to 4pm

**Tuesday 5th** Yard Sale pricing day  
at the church

**Saturday 9th** Yard Sale from 6am

**Sunday 17th** Jam Session 2 - 4pm

**Saturday 23rd** Women of Worth  
Breakfast from 8am

### April Diary Dates

**Saturday 2nd** - Blokes Breakfast

### May Diary Dates

**Sunday 26th** Dayboro Day 2024

# Uniting Church in Australia

## Dayboro Congregation

### Bulletin March 2024



## 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.

***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.***

## Joy's Ponderings

I read about a pastor who once welcomed all the “Easter bunnies” to his Easter service. When he explained what he meant, it was obvious that it was a not-so-subtle reprimand to those who only attended church at Easter. I’m sure those folk found somewhere else to visit the following year! To be ridiculed because you find something worth marking in a special way would be a real turn-off.

Of course, we know Australians love Easter because of the four-day holiday which enables camping, picnics and gatherings in some of our nicest weather, Autumn. But why do some people also mark the season with a rare visit to church? It resonates with those who are not regular worshippers because of Easter’s bottom line- Hope. Even when everything has gone wrong, Easter speaks of victory, just around the corner.

In the Easter story all hope was gone, just like it is for many today. So far as anybody could tell at the time, Jesus died a failure. There was no way to put a positive spin on it.

Arrested, betrayed by one friend, denied by another, and deserted by all the rest... he’s publicly humiliated by the military, condemned on trumped up charges, but no one will defend him, he’s beaten, spat upon and abused, and Amnesty International are nowhere to be found. The crowds turn against him and cry for blood, and he’s dragged out of the city and publicly executed. Whatever hopes people had put in him were all dashed. A horrible failure...

But something has happened, and nothing will ever be the same again. Those who recorded the events years later, the gospel writers, were confused about what happened next, and I love that the earliest manuscript of Mark’s gospel just ends abruptly with the words “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” Galilee for the earliest followers of Jesus was where they lived and worked. And that is where we see Jesus too, in the places where we live and work.

New beginnings often spring out of painful endings. Who has not seen a person lose a job, only in time to discover a career? Or lose a relationship, only in time to discover a true and lasting romance? Or lose an exaggerated ego, only to discover an authentic life?

Good Friday is a painful reality. But just around the corner from the shadows of every Good Friday is the breaking dawn of Easter. It is the hope of Easter.

If you would like to mark this special time, you will not be called “Easter bunnies” at Uniting Church Dayboro. 9am Good Friday will be a service where you are encouraged to listen to the story because Good Friday is our story, both as people who sometimes join the mob and condemn others, and as people who are finding that death is an empty threat which does not destroy us. And at 9am on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the joy of that hope realised, with the “Flowering of the Cross”.

## Lectionary and Rosters - March 2024

| Date               | 3 March 2024             | 10 March 2024              | 17 March 2024                           | 24 March 2024  | 29 March 2024   | 31 March 2024                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Season             | Lent 3 - [P]             | Lent 4 - [P]               | Lent 5 - [P]                            | Liturgy of Passion - [P]                             | Good Friday - [B or R]                                    | Easter Day - [W]                                   |
| First Reading      | Exodus 20: 1 - 17        | Numbers 21: 4 - 9          | Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34                    | Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a                                    | Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: - 12                                  | Acts 10: 34 - 43 or<br>Isaiah 25: 6 - 9            |
| Psalms             | Psalms 19                | Psalms 107: 1 - 3, 17 - 22 | Psalms 51: 1 - 12 or Psalms 119: 9 - 16 | Psalms 31: 9 - 16                                    | Psalms 22   | Psalms 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 25                         |
| Second Reading     | 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25 | Ephesians 2: 1 - 10        | Hebrews 5: 5 - 1-                       | Philippians 2: 5 - 11                                | Hebrews 10: 16 - 25 or<br>Hebrews 4: 14 - 16;<br>5: 7 - 9 | 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11<br>or<br>Acts 10: 34 - 43 |
| Gospel             | John 2: 13 - 22          | John 3: 14 - 21            | John 12: 20 - 33                        | Mark 14: 1 - 15, 47<br>Or Mark 15: 1 - 39, (40 - 47) | John 18: 1 - 19: 42                                       | John 20: 1 - 18 or<br>Mark 16: 1 - 8               |
| Reader             | Margaret                 | Vicki                      | Mike                                    | Sue  | Christina   | Jeanette   |
| Message            | Rev Bruce Moore          | Danny                      | Danny                                   | Danny  | Joy   | Danny  |
| Young at Heart     | Joy                      | Danny                      | Danny                                   | Danny  |   |  |
| Prayers            | Paul                     | Joy                        | Robyn                                   | Bill or Ann  | Paul  | Margaret   |
| Singer             | Carolyn & Tim            | Maria & Bill               | Lorraine & Tim                          | Liz & Bill   | Maria & Tim   | Carolyn & Bill                                     |
| Keyboard           | Coral                    | Judy                       | Coral                                   | Judy   | Coral   | Judy   |
| Sunday Space       | Fiona & Robyn            | Carolyn & Paul             | Joy & Maria                             | Communion  |   |  |
| Cleaning Crew      | Carolyn & Mike           | Andris & Marion            | Mark & Maria                            | Joy & John   | Surjit & Mark   | All of the team                                    |
| Welcome & Offering | Maria & Surjit           | Andris & Marion            | Mark & Maria                            | Mike & David   | Maria & Mark  | David & Brian                                      |
| Notes              |                          |                            |   |  |   |  |

## Sunday Space

### **A ministry to young people**

All children welcome

No Sunday Space 24th March as Communion

No Sunday Sapce 31st March or 7th April - School Holidays

### **Uniting Church Dayboro at Dayboro Show 2024**

When the church chose to participate in the Dayboro Show three years ago, the plan was to provide information about the church and meet people who attended the show.

In recent years we have been selling cakes etc. Church Council has decided to return to the original aim of meeting people at the show. This will give our tireless cooks and volunteers some respite.

This year we plan to have a static display in a high traffic area on both days of the show in July.

A static display outlining:

- What Uniting Church Dayboro do in the community i.e. Yard Sales, Emergency meals, Emergency groceries with Dayboro Combined Churches
- Showing the church's involvement with the Dayboro Day Festival Committee where we can while also having our own Yard Sale on the day
- When and what time our services are held
- Conversation Club times
- Explorers - times and topics
- Sunday Space times
- Minister's name and contact number/email
- How to contact the church.

This will be achieved by having a bright display including photos of things we are involved in. This would let our community know we are part OF the community, not just an entity unto ourselves. We can also have a handout for interested people.

Volunteers will be needed to set up and take down the display. It would be good to have people attend the display to answer questions that community members might have about the church. We will be seeking volunteers later this year. Perhaps you might be a volunteer.

## Chairperson Report

### **Capturing the Vision**

To me it seems important that all of us capture the vision, for us to be all moving together in the same direction, but not necessarily agreeing on everything we say and do.

Our vision is always inspired by Jesus and it can be simplified as he made clear – love everyone. It is not about doctrine or belief but it is about our actions. It gets a bit complicated when we try to explain that to a world that has long left the church and its teachings behind.

So we need to be smarter and work hard to be relevant to that world. Nevertheless there are core values that the unchurched people really do understand and where we can find common ground. Instead of being a fortress church that stands apart in dignified perfection, we need to get out there and mix with the real world – our neighbours, the community groups, the influencers, the leaders and the followers.

It is always good to hear how someone in our congregation has attended a secular activity, joined a community group, related to others in the street, helped a struggling family, and so on. When we do we are in the best position to show our love and concern without any strings attached.

Thanks Uniting Church Dayboro for all that you do individually and collectively in our community.

*Paul Inglis*

Chairperson

Church Council



### **Blokes' Breakfast**

Next Blokes' Breakfast

**Tuesday 2nd April, 7:30am**

Cost \$10

**Deadline:** for the April 2024 Bulletin is 21 March 2024 or earlier if possible.

Email Warren Rose [warrenrose16\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:warrenrose16[at]gmail[dot]com)



## Jam Session

Sunday 17th March at the Church Hall

From 2pm to 4pm

All Welcome

Enquiries: Coral



## Yard Sale

Saturday 9th March from early

Helpers needed

In preparation for the Yard Sale, a pricing morning will be on Tuesday 5th March - helpers are also needed

Enquiries: Carolyn or Maria

## World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine



Date & Time: 1 MARCH '24 10AM

Location: **Uniting Church Dayboro**

Contact person: **Tina Van Heerden** 0439-411-308

## Women of Worth

Ladies Breakfast Saturday 23rd March from 8am

Breakfast will be at the church - ladies please bring something to share

## Preparing for Dayboro Day 2024

In preparation for Dayboro Day please save the date for Sunday 26th May 2024.

On a practical level can you do the following:

1. Start collecting glass jars with good quality lids up to 500gms for pickles, jams, spreads, jellies, lemon butter etc
2. Collect large to medium Moccona / Vittoria jars with lids
3. Rosella's for jam making are planted and growing how are yours? We have a couple of spare plants if anyone is interested first in first served.
4. If you want to donate cooking ingredients e.g. flour and sugar bring them in clearly marked and we will store in one of the fridges.

Please contact Marion Karklins if you have any questions

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