

Uniting Church Dayboro

Bulletin

World Day of Prayer

Cook Islands

Join the Combined Churches of Dayboro on **Friday 7 March** at **St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 135 McKenzie St** at **10am**.

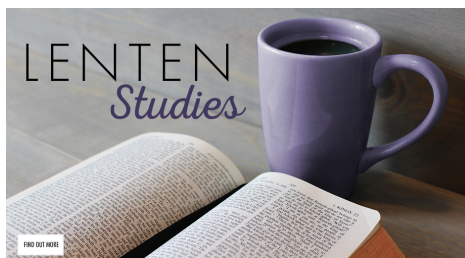
There will be a guest speaker, singing, video, and a great morning tea. We will learn about life in the Cook Islands, and pray for Christians there.

This is a great chance for the men of our congregation to wear their islander shirts, and ladies their colourful florals!

This is one of the few opportunities we have to be involved ecumenically in the town.



"I made you wonderful"



Lent is a season traditionally focused on personal spiritual growth, whereas

Easter has an emphasis on the growth of the church community in its capacity to show love and kindness to the wider world. Throughout the long Lenten journey, we need nourishment – you are invited to join us for a time of exploring the Word of God during this time.

These studies will be like the Advent studies last year - a time of gentle

reflection, prayer and sharing as together we explore the Gospel reading and one of the other

readings for the coming Sunday. These studies will be offered over a five week period as:

Tuesdays 2-3 pm: face-to-face in the Church Hall (with afternoon tea) commencing Tuesday 11 March

Wednesdays 7-8pm online via Zoom commencing Wednesday 12 March (the link will be emailed to you).



**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.*

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Pastor's Pondering

Lent – sure; what is it really?

Can Easter already be just around the corner? It seems like we have only just packed away our Christmas decorations. Footy season is starting, & soon you might encounter people with ashes on their foreheads to mark the first day of a season called Lent. We can pretty much guess that the ashes symbolise mortality - ashes to ashes; but Lent, what's that about?

Historically, the essence of Lent is self-denial, based on the idea that Jesus was denied earthly comforts while in the desert, and therefore so should we. If we look deeply at what the gospel writers were telling us is that what Jesus denied himself was the egocentricity that seems to develop as life moves along. When Jesus encountered people he listened, he understood, he led the way along a path they could follow.

Jesus showed others what they could be and invited them to become what at heart they already were. Jesus invited them to



see reality in a new and non-egocentric way. Lent gives us the opportunity to set aside time to reflect on life the same way. He also gave the invitation to follow him in denying that egocentricity, and that invitation is open to us as well.

Lent is not about giving up chocolate, red wine, or your favourite TV show. Lent is about uncovering the blindness in our perception and being open to what others have that they can share with us. The irony is that when we give up our narrow and blinding perspectives, a whole new world is opened to us and life becomes expansive and joyful.

Shalom,
Danny

Tuesday 4 March Shrove Tuesday and Taizé Worship

6pm Please join us for pancakes (savoury and sweet) in the Hall. Some of them might look like pikelets!

7pm We will worship in the tradition of Taizé – an ecumenical Christian monastery in France founded at the end of WWII. Please gather in the Hall at 6:55pm for an explanation after which we will move into the Church through the front doors. Taizé is a candle lit contemplative worship experience listening to the Word through times of silence, repetitive chants, scripture and prayer. It offers an opportunity for personal reflection and the deepening of a personal sense of pilgrimage to the heart of faith. This service will be our Ash Wednesday service marking the beginning of the season of Lent. We will leave in silence to gather again in the Hall for a cuppa and fellowship in the spirit of community.

Calling all Choir members - new and existing -every-one welcome

We will be doing an item in Church on Easter Sunday- 20/04/25

Practice will be after church 10:30 am- Sundays 02/03, 16/03, 30/03 and 13/04.

We have picked a great song and will distribute music/words in coming weeks.

See Carolyn for details



Explorers at Dayboro -23 March 2025

Explorers will be looking at a day by day account of Jesus's final week in Jerusalem. We will begin with Palm Sunday and work our way through the week. If possible it would be good to read Mark chapters 11 to 16 -about 15 pages before we meet.

Explorers is open to all who want to take the Bible seriously but not literally.

Enquiries: Warren Rose

Rosters for March, 2025

	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March	30 March
LECTIONARY READINGS	Transfiguration Sunday White Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99 2 Cor 3:12 - 4:2 Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)	Lent 1 Purple Dt 26:1-11 Ps 91:1-2, 9-16 Rom 10:8b-13 Lk 4:1-13	Lent 2 Purple Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 27 Phil 3:17 - 4:1 Lk 13:31-35 or Lk 9:28-36 (37-43a)	Lent 3 Purple Is 55:1-9 Ps 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13 Lk 13:1-9	Lent 4 Purple Jos 5:9-12 Ps 32 2 Cor 5:16-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32 INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE
Message	Danny	Danny	Shirley	Danny	Danny
Young & Young-at-Heart	Danny	Joy	Shirley	Joy	Danny
Reader	Margaret-Anne	Vicki	Sue	Mike	Andris
Intercession	Joy	Danny	Robyn	Shirley	Margaret-Anne
Singers	Mike, Tim	Carolyn, Lorraine	David, Tim	Carolyn, Maria	Tim, Lorraine
Keyboard	Coral	Judy	Coral	Judy	Coral
Sunday Space	Carolyn, Robyn	Joy, John	Fiona, Maria	Holy Communion	Carolyn, Robyn
Cleaning Crew	Andris, Marion	Carolyn, Surjit, Lorraine	Fiona, Mark, Maria	Mark, Surjit, Mike	Joy & John
Greeting	Andris, Marion	Christina, David	Robert, Judy	Surjit, Coral	Mark, Maria



Working Bee

Saturday 1 March- morning

Come and join us as we tidy the shed in preparation for our first yard sale for 2025 at the end of the month. It promises to be a rewarding morning as well as fun as we work together to sort out what needs to go to the dump, op shops and cleaned up ready for sale.

YARD SALE Saturday 29th March

8am- 12noon

Pricing Day - Tuesday 25/03/25

We need volunteers for both the Yard sale and to help price on the Tuesday before.

On Saturday 29th- helpers set up at 6am, helpers to serve on stalls and helpers to pack up at 12 midday

Many hands are needed.

See Mark, Maria, Carolyn, Andris or Marion



March

Birthdays

2nd Shirley Coulson
2nd Joelle Nugent
7th Vera Nugent (7)
14th Hannah Orchard
14th Tim Keogh
14th Lesley Neuherz
14th Cameron Patterson
17th Margaret Sellin
22nd Annalie Roux
25th Bronwen Wilson
26th Val Meyers
26th Des Page
29th Leo Steyn (9)
31st Mark Hansen
*Happy birthday to you
all! May you know God's
blessing on your life.*

March dates at a glance

1 March- Shed Working Bee
2 March - Choir practice
4 March - Shrove Tuesday, Taize
7 March - World Day of Prayer
11, 12 March - Lenten Studies
16 March - Choir practice
18/19 March Lenten Studies
23 March- Explorers 11am
25 March - Pricing Tuesday am
25/ 26 March- Lenten Studies
29 March- Autumn Yard Sale
30 March - Choir practice

Advance Diary Dates

1/2 April: Lenten Studies
13 April: Choir practice
18 April: Good Friday
20 April Easter Day
27 April: Explorers

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

We are excited to be using a new curriculum (called ROOTS) for all-age kids ministry. It follows the readings we use in the service. This means that the Young & Young-at-Heart segment in the service can be linked to the learning and activities the children and young people use in Sunday Space. There will be Sunday Space each Sunday, except on Communion Sunday during school terms. On Communion Sunday, children can remain in the service to take part in Holy Communion, and there will be activities for them to use while sitting with family.

Electronic giving is a good way for you to be disciplined in your giving, and for UCD to budget more efficiently and effectively for our mission to serve. Every gift, no matter how small, helps. Thank you!

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Deadline: for the April 2025 Bulletin is
21 March 2025. Email: Joy Salmond
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