

Uniting Church Dayboro

Bulletin



Lenten Taizé: Tuesday 8 April, 6pm for light refreshments, 7pm start.
(This service was postponed due to Alfred. For details of what to expect, see last month's Bulletin)

Palm Sunday: 13 April, 9am, led by Dr Shirley

Maundy Thursday: 6pm Share and Gather; 7pm Service led by Dr Shirley

Good Friday: 9am 18 April, "Were you there?" a service of dramatic reading, song, prayer and reflection led by Pastor Dan and the congregation.

Easter Sunday: 9am 20 April, led by Pastor Dan, a joyous service featuring the 'Flowering of the Cross' and the Easter choir.

What is the Maundy Thursday Service?

As we move to the end of our Lenten journey, where we have been listening deeply and opening ourselves to God's guidance, you are invited to a meditative prayer service of light and shadow. Our service is based in a practice dating from the fourth century. We will gather at the table in the upper room around which the disciples gathered with Jesus: to hear again the claims of Christ as we light seven candles; to remember Jesus' words to his disciples; and to reflect on the shadow of the cross holding before us the betrayal, loneliness and pain of Jesus' last hours.

During the service, seven candles are extinguished, and the service ends in darkness with the sounding of the Strepitus. We will depart in silence to gather again at the foot of the cross on Good Friday.



All are welcome to join us for this service of light and shadow where we will take time in God's presence to break away from the hurried sense of our lives and

breathe in the presence of Christ and community.

We will gather at 6-6:30 in the Hall – please bring a small plate of finger food to share with others. Please bring a small torch to guide your way as you leave. There will be a paper order of service to take with you for further reflection (there will be sufficient light to follow this when needed!).

Please let Shirley know if you would be interested in reading any of the scripture passages during the service.



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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

Easter from a new perspective

I think most of us have been trained to view Easter as a time of passivity, a time of self-sacrifice. I think when we view it that way we miss the point. Easter is about self-realisation, and it is about transformation.

I don't think you come to church each Sunday to stay the same. I don't think anyone joins a faith community and enters into congregational living as a conservative strategy for maintaining their status quo. If we wanted to stay the same, we could just stay at home. We could easily stay in that "tomb" so to speak.

The Easter message is to be risen, to be resurrected, and to be transformed. A congregation must be about facilitating and bearing witness to one another's personal transformations. A faith community must be about transforming its members, transforming itself, and transforming their wider community.

I don't believe you're here to stay the same. But I don't see you as here to deny who you are either. Transformation is not about rejecting yourself. It's about becoming more fully who you are. As a congregation we accept each other just as we are, but we also



encourage spiritual growth. We accept each other because each of us is complete, beautiful, lacking nothing. But we also encourage change: spiritual growth. Life wasn't meant to be static. Your ongoing growth and transformation are part of the process of our pilgrim walk with Jesus. Accept ourselves and each other as we are, and at the same time transform.

This Easter, focus less on passivity and self-sacrifice, because this is a time to embrace the possibility of transforming into who we are meant to be becoming. There is yet the possibility of justice, the end of violence, a new social order, a real "Kin-dom" of God. Here is a liveable theology, a teaching we can embrace and live out. Here is the message and the hope of Easter.

Shalom, *Danny*

BLOKES' BREAKFAST *Calling all blokes! 7.30 am on Saturday, 5 April for a generous and delicious barbecued breakfast and the best friendship-building, - in the hall at Uniting Dayboro. \$10 donation, if you are able, to contribute to the cost of the meal.*



ATTENTION
LADIES!

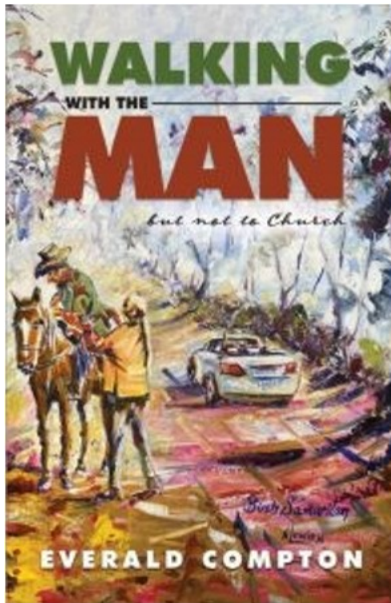


WOW! *It's that time again, ladies. Saturday, 12 April at 8am, in the hall. Bring a plate of (breakfast) food to share if you are able, and be ready to build some great friendships together. No charge for this amazing spread.*

Carolyn is making a list of all people who have current First Aid and CPR. If this is you, and you are happy to be placed on this list, please let Carolyn know.



Everald Compton AO will be our guest preacher on Sunday 27th April. He will ask the question: *Can Jesus the man become the corner stone of Australian national life?*



Everald is presenting the message at the 9am service and leading the discussion at the **Dayboro Explorers** gathering after morning tea at 10.30am. The Explorers session will be a conversation based on his latest book: ***Following the Man.***

- Founding Chief Executive of Saint Andrews War Memorial Hospital Brisbane.
- Founding Elder of Aspley Presbyterian Church (now Uniting Church)
- Founder of National Seniors Australia.
- Founder of Inland Railway.
- Founder of Everald Compton Charitable Trust.
- Joint leader of movement that achieved the passing of Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation in Queensland.

If you would like to get your own copy of this book: Go to [Amazon Australia](https://www.amazon.com.au/s?k=Everald+Compton) to purchase as a paperback, an Audible edition, or Kindle copy.

The book is targeted at non-church attenders but has a message for all of us to consider.

Rosters for April, 2025

	6 April	13 April	17 April	18 April	20 April	27 April
LECTIONARY READINGS	Lent 5 Purple Is 43:16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3:4b-14 Jn 12:1-8	Palm Sunday Purple Is 50:4-9a Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 Phil 2:5-11 Lk 19:28-40	Maundy Thursday Purple Ex 12:1-4,, (5-10), 11-14 Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor. 11: 23-26 Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35	Good Friday Black & Red Is 52:13 - 53:12 Ps 22 Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Easter Day White Acts 10:34-43 or Is 65:17-25 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12	Easter 2 White Acts 5:27-32 Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150 Rev 1:4-18 Jn 20:19-31 EXPLORERS
Message	Danny	Shirley	Shirley	Danny	Danny	Paul & Everald C
Young & Young-at-Heart	Danny	Shirley	-	-	Danny	Paul
Reader	Vicki	Andris	-	-	Margaret-Anne	Christina
Intercession	Margaret-Anne	Joy	-	-	Robyn	Shirley
Singers	Carolyn, Mike	Tim, Lorraine	-	-	Carolyn, Tim	David, Lorraine
Keyboard	Coral	Coral	-	Coral	Coral	Judy
Sunday Space	Holidays	Holidays	-	-	Holy Communion	Fiona, Maria
Cleaning Crew	Andris, Marion	Mark, Maria	-	Everyone	Carolyn, Mark	Surjit, Mark
Greeting	Andris, Marion	Mark, Maria		Christina, David	Robert, Judy	Surjit, Mike

After morning tea, please help the rostered cleaning crew if you can, by clearing up your morning tea.



Church Council News

A mighty big thank you to Warren Rose, for all the work he has put into preparing the Uniting Dayboro Handbook. He has a gift in ordering processes and procedures, so that when a person finishes a role and another moves in, there will be continuity and useful information for the smooth running of our church. Warren is stepping down from CC, and we are looking for someone to fill his vacancy until the AGM in September.

David Windebank, Chair, Pastor Dan & members of the Council

April Birthdays

3rd Evie Pianta (6)
6th Judy Taylor
6th Stuart Patterson
10th Amelia Perry (10)
11th Lois Gemmell
11th Doug Rath
16th Mali Steyn (12)
17th John Salmond
18th Joy Salmond
19th Karl Warschau
24th Hezekiah
Mane-Morley
25th Aaron Hindmarsh
27th Vicki Bohan
Happy birthday to you all! May every day of your life know count as a blessing to others.

April dates at a glance

April is a busy month!

5 April - Blokes' Breakfast
8 April - Taizé Service
12 April - WOW Ladies Breakfast
13 April - Palm Sunday / Choir Practice
17 April - Maundy Thursday Service
18 April - Good Friday Service
20 April - Easter Day Service
27 April - Everal Compton's visit, Explorers
Sunday Space resumes

Honouring the Past



Even though the event is months away, plans for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the church building on 18 October are underway.

Naturally, with any event a lot of work goes into ensuring the day is a huge success, so if you can help in some way it would be deeply appreciated. As there will be an afternoon tea involved, a coordinator is required, as well as someone with a little imagination as far as costuming is concerned.

The afternoon will be a celebration with song and a little dramatisation. Therefore musicians, singers and a few actors are required. Don't be shy, most of the acting will simply call for improvisation.

Let's all come together, have fun and celebrate our church building.

Please see Christina to offer your help, support and ideas.

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 May 2025 Bulletin is
21 April 2025. Email: Joy Salmond
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