



May, 2026

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/163df958c26a/newsletter-7-23-april-18280833>

Pastor's Ponderings

"Drawn Together"

As we look ahead to Pentecost, we remember a story of ordinary people gathered together when something unexpected happened. The language of wind and fire tries to capture it, but at its heart is something simple: people who had been uncertain suddenly found courage, connection, and a sense that they were not alone.

There's also something quietly profound in the way that story unfolds—people speaking, and others hearing in ways they could understand. Not everything suddenly became the same, and differences didn't disappear, but somehow understanding began to grow across those differences. It's a reminder that the Spirit doesn't flatten or override who we are, but meets us in our own lives and helps us find connection with one another, even when we don't see the world in quite the same way.

For us, that same Spirit may not arrive with dramatic signs, but it is no less real. We see it in the moments that draw us toward one another, in the willingness to listen, to care, and to stand alongside others in both joy and struggle. Perhaps the invitation of Pentecost is simply this—to remain open to God's presence among us, and to trust that even small acts of love can carry something of that Spirit into the world.

Shalom,
Ps Dan

Children's Ministry News Carolyn Nugent

SUNDAY SPACE

Sunday Space dates for May – 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st.

There will be no Sunday Space on Communion Sunday, the 24th of May.

Thanks to all the leaders and helpers for the previous year. More helpers are always welcome. See Carolyn if interested.

Safe Church Training

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.

Blokes' Breakfast Date Claimer

2026 dates for our bimonthly Saturday Blokes' Breakfasts

7:30 am – 9:00 am

June 6th

August 1st

October 3rd

December 5th

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



Our congregation is only as good as the people who make it.

We always need more volunteers.

Any authorised lay preachers sitting on their talent, people to do the readings in the Sunday service, lead the prayers of intercession, greeting, leading the singing, the cleaning crew, ground maintenance, setting up on a Sunday, playing musical instruments, leading or helping our Sunday Space (kids) ministry.

If you would like to be involved, please see Danny or Maria.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHAPPIE

Chappie Hannah at Dayboro State School is looking for a little practical support.

If you'd like to help, you can donate:

- a bucket of thick chalk sticks
- a bottle of buttermilk pancake mix

These small items make a real difference in her work supporting students and families in our local community.

You can give your donation to Danny, who will make sure it gets to Hannah



Knowing your Church and Community

We all know that Dayboro is unique, and a special place noted for its strong community spirit and caring people. We also know that our congregation has the same characteristics. But do we know some of the facts about the link between our church and our community?

At the 2021 Census there were 2300 people living in the township and 6500 in the Dayboro area. That Census indicated that 2.6% of Australians identified as Uniting Church with fewer than 50% claiming to be Christian. It is interesting that more than 2.6% of the people in the area attend our church at some time in the year. Does this mean we have connected with all of the local Uniting Church people? Not quite, but it is a good standard when compared to other Uniting Churches. Something interesting has happened here. Dayboro township has 8% of the people identifying as UCA in that Census not the 2.6% that is the average for the whole nation. Does this mean we have, over 125 years, grown a church that people want to associate with? Hope so.

It is a small community, but we are bucking the trend that shows an overall steady decline in Christian affiliation. Let's not rest on our laurels!

When we talk about our church, we are talking about more than Sunday worship. Church for us is our Blokes' and Women's Breakfasts, our Explorers, the Conversation Club we share with Lions, Choir and Music practice, Bible Study, Drama activities, Trivia Events, Dinners and Morning Teas, Home gatherings, Grounds and Building Teams, Care Circles, Yard Sales, Sunday Space for Kids, Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms and more. It is in all of these places we meet the wider community who share our safe and inclusive space.

Paul Inglis

Dayboro Explorers - Sunday 24 May 2026

Explorers will be discussing the authorship and dating of the four gospels.

We will also explore the purpose of the four gospels and how they came to be written.

Who were the gospels written for and why?

All members of the congregation are invited to attend and participate.

Warren Rose
Facilitator

Explorers - Dayboro Uniting Church

DATE CLAIMER

June Blokes' Breakfast

Saturday 6th June (back to our usual Saturday)

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

The Church Hall

A generous barbecued breakfast, good coffee, and relaxed conversation.

Suggested cost: \$10 donation

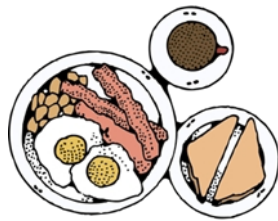
June's Conversation

"The People Who Showed Up for Us"

A simple, open conversation about the people who've made a difference in our lives — sometimes in big ways, sometimes in small ones.

No pressure—just come along, enjoy breakfast, and if you like, be part of the conversation.

Blokes' Breakfast is about building genuine friendships.



New Venture

Join us for a morning walk and then coffee, tea or just a chat in the hall

Date - Saturday 9th May, leaving church hall at 7:30am.

*If successful we will make this a regular activity.
Every-one welcome - dogs of course can come too.*

*We will work our way through
"WALKS IN & AROUND DAYBORO"*

YARD SALE DATES IN 2026

Saturdays
May 30th
August 29th
November 28th



OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Our baking and cooking section is our big earner at our Yard Sales. Donations of cooking ingredients for the many cakes our cooks for our Yard Sales would be greatly appreciated - see Marion or Robyn for items needed. We cannot leave this cost to the bakers. Monetary donations also welcome - please give these to Surjit, our new treasurer.



Our next yard sale will be on Saturday the 30th of May from 8 am - 2:00 pm.

Helpers are needed on Tuesday the 26th of May for pricing from 8:30 am, and on Saturday for setting up (from 6:30 am), helping out on stalls through out the morning and packing up (from 1:00 pm). Please contact Carolyn, Maria or Mark if you can help out.

We request that if you could donate \$10 every now and then to go towards the Combined Churches Christmas Hampers and the Christmas Luncheon, that would be great.

The Bank Account details for this:

*QCB
BSB 654 000
Account 22046089
Ref: CHRISTMAS*



The Search for our next Minister

We are now in the process of preparing documentation for the process of working with Presbytery and Synod Placements Committee to identify and have conversations with candidates for filling the part time position of minister from August. The Presbytery has yet to appoint its two representatives to our JNC which will include a Chairperson. A draft summary of the Survey of the congregation is available to read. Enquiries to David or Paul.

May dates at a glance

9th May - Morning walk & coffee
24th May - Explorers
26th May - Pricing for Yard Sale
30th May - Yard Sale

May Birthdays

4th Violet Haak
6th Lilly-May Bohan
7th Arthur Haak
9th Lorelle Costelloe
14th Ann Turner
22nd Karen Krarup
29th Flynn Bohan
31st Myles Perry

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING DATES



The Church Council has agreed to meet
the second Sunday of each Month following
our post service morning tea.
Councillors please add these dates to your diary or phone.
May 10th; June 14th
July 12th; August 9th; September 13th
October 11th; November 8th; December 13th

UNITING CHURCH DAYBORO CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: David Windebank

Secretary: Annalie Roux

Pastor: Dan Nugent

Children's Ministry: Carolyn Nugent

Safe Ministry: Fiona Patterson

Maintenance & Property: Mark Hansen

Treasurer: Surjit Lawrence

Presbytery Rep: John Brereton

Members:

Margaret-Ann Green

Maria Hansen

Mike Huggett

Rick Staveley

Steve Watson

Rosters for May, 2026

	3rd May	10th May	17th May	24th May	31st May
Lectionary Readings	Easter 5 W Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Pt 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14	Easter 6 W Acts 17:22-31 Ps 66:8-20 1 Pt 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21	Easter 7 W Acts 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11	Pentecost R Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30 Ps 104:24-34, 35b 1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39	Trinity Sunday W Gn 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20
Message	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny	Danny
Young & Young-at-Heart	Danny	Danny	Joy	Danny	Danny
Reader	Vicki	Christina	Vicki	Andris & Marion	Sue
Intercession	Margaret Anne	Heather	Robyn	Carolyn	Margaret Anne
Singers	Lorraine & David	Carolyn & Tim	Lorraine & Mike	Carolyn & Tim	Maria & David
Tempo	Judy & Doug	Coral & Annalie	Judy & Doug	Coral & Annalie	Judy & Doug
Sunday Space	Carolyn & Robyn	Lorraine & Emma	Fiona & Maria	Communion	Carolyn & Robyn
Cleaning Crew	Marion & Robyn	Lorraine & Emma	Mark & Maria	Surjit & Andris	Carolyn & Surjit
Opening	Carolyn	Mark	Mark	Surjit	Carolyn
Greeting / Offering	Andris	Mark	Robert	Surjit	Andris

Deadline for the June 2026 Bulletin is 21 May 2026. Email Surjit Lawrence. Email Id: surjit.lawrence@gmail.com

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