



# November, 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/c8a1259f0a42/newsletter-21-23-october-18272619>

### Pastor's Ponderings

What a great day Saturday the 18th of October was. My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in any way, shape, or form. I won't start naming names, I don't want anyone to feel left out. It was a huge day and very successful in so many ways. It evidenced just how much we are part of our community. The support from Dayboro and beyond with actors and dancers made me very proud. And there were so many people from outside the congregation in attendance. You don't get that level of support without good relationships, and a good reputation, in your community.

The easy option for us would have been to dedicate a Sunday morning service to the 125-year celebration, perhaps with a guest minister, and a shared lunch & of course a fancy 125 anniversary cake. But opting for the easy option isn't our way. Taking "A Walk Through the Decades in Theatre and Song" in two performances was ambitious and a joy to be involved in. Providing a sausage sizzle lunch and a high tea style afternoon tea following the two free performances was part of our gift back to a people that see us as very much part of this community.



## **Yard Sale Donations**

### **Good quality used clothing**

We accept - Good quality used clothes for our Yard Sale.

We do not accept - Under wear, swim wear and sleep wear.

### **Jewelry**

If you are having a jewelry clean out please consider donating items to the Yard Sale new and old items are welcomed.

### **Empty jam / pickle jars**

Smaller jars are preferred up to 500gms with their clean matching lids.

Thanks for your continued support.

If you have any questions please speak to Marion Karklins.

## **Safe Church Training**

If you want to attend face to face the Presbytery is running a session on Wednesday Nov 5th at Chermside/Kedron Uniting Church.

See Carolyn for details.

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 choir*

*Calling all who love to sing carols and would like to be part of our wonderful choir for Christmas Eve.*

*Practice starting Tues 11th Nov at 430pm.*

*Hopefully this time and day will suit most and we will start doing weekly practices and see how that goes.*

*Thanks,  
Carolyn*



### **Rosters for November, 2025**

|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                                  | 9 <sup>th</sup> November                                                                                | 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                             | 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                                                                           | 30 <sup>th</sup> November                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lectionary Readings</b>        | Pent 21 [31] G<br>Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4<br>Ps 119:137-144<br>2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12<br>Lk 19:1-10 | Pent 22 [32] G<br>Hag 1:15b – 2:9<br>Ps 145:1-5,17-21<br>or Ps 98<br>2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17<br>Lk 20:27-38 | Pent 23 [33] G<br>Is 65:17-25<br>Is 12<br>2 Thes 3:6-13<br>Lk 21:5-19 | Christ the King or<br>The Reign of Christ<br>Jer 23:1-6<br>Lk 1:68-79<br>Col 1:11-20<br>Lk 23:33-43 | Advent 1<br>Is 2:1-5<br>Ps 122<br>Rom 13:11-14<br>Mt 24:36-44 |
| <b>Message</b>                    | Joy                                                                                       | Shirley                                                                                                 | Danny                                                                 | Danny                                                                                               | Danny                                                         |
| <b>Young &amp; Young-at-Heart</b> | Joy                                                                                       | Shirley                                                                                                 | Danny                                                                 | Danny                                                                                               | Danny                                                         |
| <b>Reader</b>                     | John                                                                                      | Sue S                                                                                                   | Vicki                                                                 | Christine                                                                                           | Margaret-Ann                                                  |
| <b>Intercession</b>               | Shirley                                                                                   | Margaret-Ann                                                                                            | Robyn                                                                 | Paul                                                                                                | Carolyn                                                       |
| <b>Singers</b>                    | Tim & Mike                                                                                | Maria & David                                                                                           | Tim & Mile                                                            | Carolyn & David                                                                                     | Carolyn & Tim                                                 |
| <b>Keyboard</b>                   | Coral                                                                                     | Judy                                                                                                    | Coral                                                                 | Judy                                                                                                | Coral                                                         |
| <b>Sunday Space</b>               | Fiona & Robyn                                                                             | No Sunday Space                                                                                         | Carolyn & Maria                                                       | Communion                                                                                           | Fiona & Emma                                                  |
| <b>Cleaning Crew</b>              | Fiona & Marion                                                                            | Chris & David                                                                                           | Mark & Maria                                                          | Carolyn & Lorraine                                                                                  | Everyone                                                      |
| <b>Greeting</b>                   | Andris & Marion                                                                           | Sue & Mark                                                                                              | Andris                                                                | Robert                                                                                              | Maria and Mark                                                |

### *November Birthdays*

2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Bell  
5<sup>th</sup> Cameron Stewart  
8<sup>th</sup> Grace Hallam  
8<sup>th</sup> Arthur Stewart  
22<sup>nd</sup> Surjit Lawrence  
26<sup>th</sup> Steve Watson  
26<sup>th</sup> Glennis Williams  
29<sup>th</sup> Ellen Marks

### *November dates at a glance*

11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Eve choir  
practice  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yard sale pricing  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yard sale

### **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

### **Date Claimer**

#### **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.

*“Blokes Breakfast” is about building deep, valuable, & lasting friendships.*

## Still the best-seller, but how is it used?

I was wondering if the Bible had been knocked out of #1 position as the most read and sold book in the world, so I checked. No, nothing has changed. Yet, I don't know too many people who buy Bibles and read them, even in the social circles I move in. However, for Christian churches, the Bible is one thing we all have in common. We hold it in a special place, a place we call holy, even though we may use its contents in different ways.

My son, who is a journalist and radio producer, and also an occasional preacher, used an interesting analogy about his relationship with the Bible. As he is under 40, whereas I'm much older, I thought it was worth sharing with you. He said *'One of my favourite stories from the Bible is the one about Jacob wrestling with God. While travelling back to Canaan, Jacob encounters a stranger on the road. They fight, and Jacob wrestles with the man all night. For hours and hours, neither can best the other, and as the sun begins to rise the stranger says "Please! Release me!" But Jacob says, I WILL NOT LET YOU GO UNTIL YOU BLESS ME. Jacob leaves that encounter wounded — and transformed. That's what reading the Bible is like, to me.'*

If you have read the Bible, and I mean really read it, not just the sanitised verses picked out for weekly preaching, you will know that sometimes it makes us uncomfortable, even horrifies us, puzzles us and challenges us. It is, of course not one book, but a collection of writings from different eras and authorships, different cultural settings, of different genres and different languages. What each of us reads may have passed through multiple attempts at translation, yet somehow, God through the Bible, continues to speak to us, inspire us and guide us thousands of years later.

Some say that the Bible is the word of God. The great author, C.S. Lewis disagrees. He says *"It is Christ Himself, not the Bible, who is the true word of God. The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him. We must not use the Bible as a sort of encyclopaedia out of which texts can be taken for use as weapons."*

So, let's not use our sacred text to wound people and divide one another. God's truths are not bricks to throw at one another. They are bread to feed us.

Joy Salmond  
Glasshouse Country Uniting Church



## A New Serenity Prayer

By Fr. James Martin, SJ

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the people I cannot change,  
which is pretty much everyone,  
since I'm clearly not you, God  
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,  
Please give me the courage  
to change what I need to change about myself,  
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,  
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.  
It's better for me to focus on changing myself  
than to worry about changing other people,  
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,  
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up  
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter  
than everyone else in the room,  
that no one knows what they're talking about  
except me,  
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,  
grant me the wisdom  
to remember that I'm  
not you.  
Amen

Deadline for the December 2025 Bulletin is 21 November 2025.  
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