



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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**In the beginning was the Word...
And the Word was with God, and the Word was
God. (John 1:1)**

This week our Wednesday small group met for the first time this year. Together we've made many new starts, but this time we asked ourselves: 'What does this particular 2025 'beginning' mean for us? What might it hold for us?'

Each day of the year, I turn to a book of Daily Readings. As I turned to the reading for 1st January, 2025, I found myself instantly engaged. *“There is something extraordinary about the start of a new year. No matter the season of your life, a fresh year offers a new perspective....”* (W.R.Simpson. Upper Room Disciplines.) The writer continues. *“One way I tend to my soul at the start of the year is to ask God for a word that brings clarity or focus to the year. I have learned about claiming a word for my year...”*

If we do this, we may find that this chosen word holds a richness of meaning yet to be discovered, reminding us that always we are in the process of growing and changing. It has the power to speak to us – as we allow it. *“Each season of the year, I am amazed at how God meets me with my word. I am in awe of how what I thought my word meant, shifts and provides new learnings along the way.”*

But can a word be so powerful? We recalled words spoken or written to us in the past – words that still evoke a response from us. How can this be? Has it been the impact of the person speaking – the impact of the time, the place, the situation? And we thought of the impact of our own words and said to ourselves:

*Before we speak, ask ourselves:
Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?*

Finally, we took up the invitation to find a word or words which we might allow to lead us on through the year. We came up with several:

abundance ... peace in our time ... love one another...
patience...bend and stretch...
now listen ...reassure myself ... hope... possibilities ...
acceptance ... sympathy ...
empathy... joy... smile... abide ... kindness.....

But there is a larger issue here: are we ready for a new perspective? For new growth? For new opportunities? And of course, the even larger, overarching issue is not just our words, but our response to The Word.

**In the beginning was the Word...
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
This Word, spoken in the beginning, still speaks. Such is the power of Word and words.

-Margot

Sunday February 16th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Robert Bevan
in person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe and Stuart Powell**
in person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Luke 6: 17-26

What's on this week...

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Wed Social games 1.00-3.00pm
Church Council 7.00pm
Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 7.00-9.30pm
Sat Games Night 6.00pm

Sunday February 23rd

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
in person and online...

10.45am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris and Sureka Goringe**
in person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50
Luke 6: 27-38

eSoc Saturday February 22, 6.00pm

Rob and Maz: 58 Abingdon Road Roseville (entrance in Kimo Street)

Join us for Thai takeaway and games. We will have dinner delivered from Thai SkyBar Roseville \$25 p.p. Please look at the Thai SkyBar website and choose one entrée/dish you would like. Of course, our choice of meals will depend on how many come.

Bring games you enjoy or which aren't too difficult or ones you would like to teach others.

BYO drinks, I'll do a simple dessert during the evening. Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday 21 as I need to pay when ordering.

Maz and Rob

Asylum Seeker Lunches

We are looking for a cook to make a veggie dish to serve 20 people on 28th February. A vegetable lasagne, pasta dish, or dal? We have enough servers but short on help for this upcoming shift.

If you can help please call Gwyn 0419150139

ROSEVILLE
Asylum Seeker and Refugee
Support Group

Join us in Prayer...

Loving God, we pray:

- For our RUC young adults, as they kick off a year of increased engagement in small groups, bible studies and young adult dinners.
- For those in our RUC community who are about to begin their journeys at uni or TAFE, and for our PYES ("Post Youth Era Spark") group which is beginning to meet on Friday nights.
- For our friends at Turramurra Uniting Church as they get back into the routine of Evolve nights for 2025, and for Jonty as he hosts a Filthy Hope live podcast recording at Evolve next Sunday night.
- For Aussies who have been impacted by fires or flooding in recent weeks and months, that you would be with them and provide them with loving community as they navigate the impacts of these extreme weather events.
- For the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, that a way forward would be found that is peaceful for all.
- For our Jewish Australian friends, as they face scary instances of antisemitism, that you would provide them with comfort and strong, kind community.

Sophie

**WHEN THE
WORLD CALLS,
WILL AUSTRALIA
ANSWER?**

3rd April 2025
Public Forum
Bradfield

Discover what your candidates
are pledging for Australian Aid
this election.



SAFER WORLD FOR ALL - BRADFIELD ELECTORATE FORUM AT ROSEVILLE UC

Date: Thursday 3rd April Time: 7.30pm

Registration link here

<https://events.humanitix.com/safer-world-for-all-electorate-forum-in-bradfield>

Flyer available on table in foyer

Shrove Tuesday

4th March

Pancakes at the Manse

Lent Event

5th March—17th April

Respect for Seniors

9th March



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