



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



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Looking Back – Moving Forward

As our Wednesday Small Group met for the last time this year we took the opportunity to look back and reflect, and to look ahead - realising that while we are coming to the end of our calendar year we are about to begin our 'liturgical year', our church year, which begins with Advent, the fourth Sunday before Christmas – this year, 1st December.

We began by looking at the liturgical year itself, reflecting in particular on Joan Chittister's insights. (The Liturgical Year)

“We come back year after year to look at what we already know, on one level, but are newly surprised by again and again.”

“Every year is a distinct growth point in life. ...Each year brings something unique to us and calls for something different from us... it is an adventure in human growth, an exercise in spiritual ripening.”

We asked ourselves: Are we ready for this? As Advent and Christmas approach are we open to new growth, are we able to feel again surprise at something experienced before, do we see our growth as an adventure, a spiritual ripening?

Poised to move ahead, we looked back at some of our small group reflections that we have shared throughout this year:

hope, gratitude, abundance, community

and as we thought of 'time, times, and seasons' we moved into the present – and the future.

Moving forward, then, what do our shared lives ahead hold for us here at Roseville Uniting Church? We have our Annual General Meeting coming up when together, as community, we give thanks for our Minister, for those who have served generously and will now step down, for those who will continue to lead, care and share – and for those who will step into roles and positions for the first time. We will be aware of our outreach to the wider community, affirming again, that we have everything – Everything in Common – for we are indeed, part of our 'UnitingWorld'.

So, looking back we give thanks that moving forward we do so with the Lord – and with each other.

-Margot

Sunday November 17th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Alan Caradus
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship service with Stuart and Sonia Powell**
Farewell to Frank Yuan

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

1 Samuel 1: 4-20
1 Samuel 2: 1-10
Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13: 1-8

What's on this week...

Tue: Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed: Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri: Christian Meditation 2.30pm
Spark 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday November 24th

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

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

10.45am **Congregational AGM**

5.30pm **Q & A Panel**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18)
Revelations 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37

Church Family News

Stuart Honey died peacefully last Friday night at Neringah. Our thoughts are with his family at this time. Stuart was chair of the Property Team, a member of the Finance Committee and a much loved member of the Congregation for many years.

Stuart's funeral will be held on Tuesday at 1:15pm, in the Palm Chapel at Macquarie Crematorium.



Garden Seating

New seats are being installed in the front garden to encourage passers-by to enjoy some time at our church, or for parishioners to chat and hold meetings.

With the approval of the Church Council, the seats have been donated by friends and relatives in memory of Jan Land and Jeanette Noack, two dedicated and much-loved members of the congregation. Thanks to the Property Team for their skilful paving and construction work.

eSoc – Train trip & Ferry Ride to Bundeena

Monday 25 November

Join us for a casual day at Bundeena for lunch.

We will meet at Roseville Station at 9.45 and catch the 9.53 train to Town Hall. We change at Town Hall and catch the train from Platform 4 to Cronulla, then walk from the station to the Cronulla Ferry which arrives in Bundeena in time for us to enjoy a casual lunch.

We can have a look around Bundeena and then catch the 2pm ferry back. We arrive back at Roseville soon after 4pm

Please let me know by Friday Nov 22 if you are coming. All welcome.

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Join us in prayer....

From John 14: 27

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Our world is full of wars, climate change problems, political uncertainties and brokenness that only You can change.

As we face uncertain and frightening things in this life help us to remember this verse.

We know that You will sustain us and uphold us when we come with burdens that weigh heavily on our hearts.

We know that You are the creator of all that is good and beautiful around us. Help us to turn our minds to that.

Ephesians 3: 20-21

To Him who is able to do far more than we ask, think or imagine, to Him be all praise and glory.

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Azizah Noor has reached out to us for help in providing funds to purchase blankets for Rohingya refugee families in Kutupalong as winter approaches. High quality blankets cost US\$20, but any contribution helps. Donations can be given to Sue Drury, Amanda Jones, Cath Pinchin or Sonia Powell.

Members of the Roseville Uniting Church are invited to participate in Shaping a Resilient Future: Community solutions for climate adaptation online forum at 7pm 14 November.

Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/adapt-nsw>

Blessings,

Dharshini Perera (she/her)

Social Justice Advocate



If you live in the Ku-ring-gai council area, it's worth knowing that they have a partnership with RecycleSmart, so you can get occasional RecycleSmart collections (including soft plastics) for free. Find out more

<https://bit.ly/smartrecycle>



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