



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



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There are ‘times’, there is ‘time’ and there are ‘seasons’. Recently, our Wednesday small group thought about this, placing ourselves in our own time, but realising that we live in the larger context of ‘time’ that has always been. “As long as earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease...”(Genesis8:22)

We drew on two Greek words used throughout the New Testament: *chronos*: time measured in years, days, hours - and - “the present moment- a moment in which there is only Now”. (Michael Dowling) And then, there is the other Greek word, *kairos*: time as opportunity. What have been our ‘*kairos*’ times - opportunities that have changed, marked our lives decisively?

Time, times and seasons: these words come again and again throughout the scriptures. “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; ... to break down and to build up... to weep and to laugh...” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) How do we keep these contrasts in creative tension?

There are, of course, always times of ‘waiting’. We know these times very well. The Psalmist (13:31) utters them as a cry. “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?...Consider me and answer me...” Do Isaiah’s words (40:31) still hold true? “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint.”

But in all this, we live with a large measure of ‘not knowing’. This has always been so. At one point, Jesus answered his disciples. “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority.” (Acts 1:7) And recognising the natural reaction to give up, Paul said to the Galatians. “Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9) But it is Peter who places us in a very big context. “Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.” (2 Peter 3:8) For us, now, this is the day we are called into; and amidst all the uncertainties, still we are to plan our future. In doing so let us trust our ‘hints and guesses’ – and even more so the ‘glimpse’ of the love that is ours in our Christ Jesus.

Tangled in time, we go by hints and guesses,
Turning the wheel of each returning year.

But in the midst of failures and successes

We sometimes glimpse the love that casts out fear.

-Malcolm Guite. Sounding the Seasons. Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year

-Margot

Links

[Service live \(or replay\) streaming](#)

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Sunday October 20th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Dan Reeve and Amanda Jones**
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service with Jan and Dan Reeve**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

**Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5: 1-10
Mark 10: 35-45**

What’s on this week...

Tue: Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed: Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri: Spark 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday October 27th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Dan Reeve Organist: Sean Weatherley**
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service: Sharing the Jesus Story**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

**Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22)
Hebrews 7: 23-28
Mark 10: 46-52**

Upcoming events:

All Saints Service: Sunday 3rd November

Working Bee: 9th November

Congregational Meeting : 24th November

Heralding Advent Ecumenical Service : 26th November

Lindara Market: 30th November

Reflective Christmas: Thursday 12th December

Church Council

Advance notice for the Congregational Meeting. We will be calling for nominations for Church Council members, elders, congregational chairperson and church council secretary. There will be more information to follow.

Carrick

From the office.

I will be working remotely next week. I can be contacted via the office email or my mobile -

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Cath

A Brother from the Taize community in France is coming out and holding a quiet day / retreat day at Willoughby UC for anyone who is interested in taking time out of their busy schedules.

Quiet Day

Willoughby Uniting Church
10-12 Clanwilliam Street, Willoughby

Saturday, 26th October 2024

9.00am – 2.00pm (you are welcome to come and go as you need)

Morning Tea will be provided - BYO lunch

Cost: Free (donations welcome)



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