



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



roseville.unitingchurch.org.au

@530worship

@rosevilleuniting

Living our Call—Kids Playtime

KPT is full of fun and joy. It is offered to children up to 5 years old and meets at Roseville Uniting Church every Tuesday during school terms from 10am until 11.30am. Our dedicated team of 9 volunteers includes long-serving members of the congregation and each team member brings individual skills and helps set up a safe, creative, happy atmosphere for kids and carers to enjoy. The team includes experienced teachers. Children have a wide range of ages, come from nearby suburbs and represent several nationalities and different faiths: a real community gathering. There is succession! Baby brothers and sisters also attend and, in time, become active members.

KPT has long been part of our Church’s community outreach. In earlier years, there were about 30 children at a time when there were fewer opportunities for young children to experience day group activities. With the enormous growth of early childhood centres, demand has fallen, but we still have an average of 12 eager children regularly attending. The smaller group has provided an opportunity for us to offer more individual attention. Carers, parents and grandparents stay with their young ones, helping them join in activities and enjoying their child’s growing ability to master skills and to socialise. For active, physical play there are cars to drive, toys to set up and manipulate, a most important home play corner and the wonderful jumping castle. For fine motor skills, colourful materials are provided for individual creative drawing, pasting and craft work. Carers have a relaxed time to get to know each other and share experiences. We often have an extra family member, or a friend, join us for the morning.

After pack-up, we say grace before a simple picnic snack. Children then find a cushion for story time and simple, familiar songs. Visits and storytelling by Chris are a highlight. After group time, it’s music and movement in the big space. There are action songs, percussion playing and moving with scarves to music. All ages and stages join in. Finally, we happily wave farewell.

We are a community, where children, carers and volunteers come together, where the teachings of Christ of love and acceptance are embodied, and where everybody benefits. There is joy in seeing the children progress and the carers make new friendships. Opportunities sometime arise to discuss with carers our church and its spiritual beliefs. We hope this contact with our church and its people encourages some to consider exploring Christianity.

Sunday July 21st

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Stuart Powell and Pauline Callan**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service with Stuart Powell**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 20-37
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

What’s on this week...

Tue: Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed: Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri: Christian Meditation 2.30pm
eSoc Walk 5.00pm
Spark 7.00-9.30pm

Sat: Lindara Market 8.00am—1.00pm

Sunday July 28th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
In person and online...

11.00am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

5.30pm **Stories and a shared meal**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

Links

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

[Zoom \(for meetings\)](#)

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

A tale of two islands

Two tiny English Channel islands, Saint Michael's Mount (Cornwall) and (Mont-Saint-Michel (Normandy) have little in common except names, mainland proximity (1km) and sunset silhouettes. I knew of Mont-Saint-Michel from French class, but until I visited Cornwall I had never heard of its English counterpart.

Arriving in Penzance, locals suggest we tour Saint Michael's Mount. The island is connected by a cobbled causeway but at high tide you take a launch. A castle dominates the small island owned by the St Aubyn family since 1659. John St Aubyn was given the title Lord St Levan in 1887.

The launch docks at a pier and we hike up to the castle where the current elderly Lord St Levan, and Lady St Levan, present a brief history of the castle now owned by the National Trust. The family retains a 999 year lease over the estate. On a low table I notice a pile of recipe books authored by Lady St Levan on sale to raise funds for charity. I buy one and after her presentation I politely ask Lady St Levan to sign the title page. She agrees, then carefully annotates my booklet with message and signature.

Eighteen years later, during a visit to St Malo in Normandy, my travel companion suggests we visit nearby Mont-Saint-Michel. From the immense carpark we join the long queue for the free shuttle which traverses the low carriageway across the estuary to the island and disgorges us near another queue for tickets. Inside we find the abbey precinct overrun with tourists, gift shops, restaurants and takeaways. The steep labyrinthine paths, stairs and corridors are packed. We buy tickets for a tour of the abbey. Signs explain its history, modifications, visiting pilgrims, and alternative uses over time as a prison and for concerts and light shows.

Back in the car park at dusk, gazing at the silhouette of Mont-Saint-Michel I recall its "twin" across the English Channel (La Manche). How serendipitous were my chance visits to these contrasting (sublime versus chaotic) locations each named for St Michael!

This essay, written by Fred Cook, first appeared in The Weekend Australian and is reproduced with permission.

Join us in prayer....

God of wisdom and might, thank you that you hear the cries of those in distress in the darkest of places. We pray that you might challenge world leaders to respond with compassion for their people and for those who are influenced by their actions. Be at work in the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, in the political uncertainty of the US and France, and in many other places. Bring hope for the UK in their new government.

God of love and compassion, thank you that you understand the grief of suffering. Be with those in our community who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Help them to find joy in remembering and strength to cope with the loss.

God of hope and new beginnings, thank you that you have found ways to evolve your church over centuries. Guide us, in our Congregation, in the Uniting Church, and in churches throughout the world, to hear your call and understand what it means to grow your kingdom now.

Stuart

eSoc Walk Friday 26th July

Join us for a casual walk around Long Reef Headland, meeting at 5pm in the Long Reef Golf Club carpark, or for 'Steak Dinner' (\$19.00) at 6pm. Plenty of parking. Please let me know by Wednesday 24 so I can confirm table seating numbers.

Maz: 0432 115 744

Lindara Market

Saturday 27th July

8.00am—1.00pm

Lindfield Uniting
Church

ROSEVILLE Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group

Is anyone available to help with providing lunch at the Asylum Seeker Centre on 23rd August, either by serving, making a dish or baking?

Contact Gwyn.

gwyn@dentons.id.au



Roseville Ministry Contacts

Office Address

7a Lord Street
PO Box 44, Roseville 2069

Church Office

Cath Pinchin 9416 5185
office@roseville.unitingchurch.org.au

Office Hours Typically Tue, Wed and Fri

Website roseville.unitingchurch.org.au

Minister

Rev. Dr. Chris Goringe
0402 012 418

Congregational Chairperson

Sue Drury

Direct Giving

Carrick Martin
0418 978 480

Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support

Gwyn Denton gwyn@dentons.id.au

Church Council Chair

Pauline Callan
0417 419 671

Church Council Secretary

secretary@roseville.unitingchurch.org.au

Treasurer

treasurer@roseville.unitingchurch.org.au

Safe Church Officer

Di Knowles 9498 4736