



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



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In the current edition of Insights (available in the hall foyer), Rev Jane Fry, the General Secretary, writes: “It has sometimes struck me...how reluctant or embarrassed we are to speak about Jesus... I've been in many UCA worship services where Jesus doesn't get a mention, let alone a starring role”.

In one of my Living Our Faith online sessions recently, two participants echoed this, commenting that Jesus is rarely spoken about in their churches. I've also heard it said quite a few times (since coming to the Uniting Church in 2019), that we are better at 'showing' than 'telling'. And for me, even after 50 years as a Christian, I suspect I am one of those who prefers to show rather than tell. I admit to an awkwardness around initiating conversations about Jesus, or inserting him into an existing one.

On the other hand, here at Roseville, Jesus is not overlooked or neglected. We proclaim our desire to share the love and welcome of Jesus. Every week, we hear about him in our services. As a local church community, I believe that we do have Jesus at the heart of what we do and say, and we are regularly challenged to think about what that means for us and those with whom we interact, locally and more widely.

Early on, when I was dipping my toes in the water of preaching (and being greatly encouraged and supported by Chris), he said something along the lines of putting the person and work and love of Jesus in the centre and using that as a way of testing my thoughts and reading. This has proved very helpful, especially when there are so many differing and sometimes conflicting interpretations around!

Perhaps I (we?) need to be more attuned to opportunities that come my way. Perhaps even ask that that should happen. There is certainly a big opportunity on our horizon right now, with Easter Sunday not far away. What could be more needed in our world today than the good news of hope, love, truth and grace that we find in the risen and living Jesus, the Son of God, the light of the world, the hope of nations. On Easter Sunday we will join with Christians across the globe in affirming:

“He is risen”
“He is risen indeed”

Amanda

Sunday April 6th

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

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

5.30pm **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Dan Reeve and Chris Goringe**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b—14
John 12: 1-8

What's on this week...

- Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Lenten Ecumenical Service Holy Family Catholic Church 7.30pm
- Wed Small Group 10.00am
Social games 1.00-3.00pm
- Thurs Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm
- Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday April 13th

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

Palm Sunday

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

10.45am **Second Cuppa**

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2: 5-11
Luke 19: 28-40

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Services for Holy Week

Sunday 13 th April	9:30am and 5:30pm
	Palm Sunday
Thursday 17 th April	8pm
	Last Supper
Friday 18 th April	9:30am
	Words from the Cross
Sunday 20 th April	9:30am and 5:30pm
	Resurrection!



Daylight Savings ends on Saturday night (5th April). Turn your clocks back and enjoy an extra hour!

Sign the petition for Australian Aid at <https://churchpetition.saferworld.org.au/>



The Heads of Australia's Christian denominations* have written to our political leaders, urging them to protect Australian Aid ahead of the election. Add your name to show that Christians across the country stand for compassion, justice, and a safer world for all.

Sign online at <https://churchpetition.saferworld.org.au/>

*President or equivalent of the following national bodies: Catholic, UCA, Anglican, ACC, Salvation Army, Adventists, Baptist, Lutheran, Churches of Christ, and National Council of Churches

Join us in Prayer...

Dear compassionate and merciful Lord

As we reflect on what is happening in the world and in our personal lives we trust in you a divine plan that will ultimately deliver a more compassionate world in our times.

May we play a role in your divine plan and help us cultivate compassion in our hearts.

Compassion for ourselves and others who may be experiencing upheaval in their personal lives and also for those saddened by unfolding geopolitical events.

We know it is often the small things we can do that can brighten peoples lives for which we give thanks for the wonder of human life.

May we be a source of comfort and resilience for those who need our help and may your love and blessings be with us now and always, as we feel your presence in our hearts.

Thanks be to God

Amen

Michael

Did someone inadvertently take a yellow umbrella from the stand in the downpour that we experienced last Sunday?

eSoc Thursday April 24

The date for our next eSoc outing to **Art Express** has been changed and will now be on **Thursday April 24**. Meet at Roseville Station at 9.55am, catch the train at 10.02 to Chatswood and then the Metro to Martin Place. We will walk across the Domain to the NSW Art Gallery. Then we can have lunch together at the Art Gallery. Please let me know by Tuesday April 22nd if you will be joining us.

The 'Cultural Walks' App walk I have changed to Saturday May 17 - more information to follow.

Hoping you will be able to join us.

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