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CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

You may have seen that the President of the Uniting Church, Rev. Charissa Suli, wrote recently about the situation in the Middle East. As this is so much on our minds (and screens) at the moment, I thought I would share extracts from it.

Dear members of the Uniting Church in Australia and our broader community,

It is with a heavy heart that I reach out to you regarding the tragic events unfolding in Lebanon. On 23 September 2024, devastating airstrikes in southern and eastern Lebanon claimed the lives of over 492 people, leaving more than 1600 others injured and displacing many countless families. As violence escalates in the region, the situation has deeply affected the lives of people in Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine. This ongoing conflict continues to cause immense suffering and loss on all sides.

As we grapple with this news, we are reminded of the deep connections we have within our Uniting Church family. In the past 24 hours I have heard from people in the Uniting Church community grieving for their family, friends, and loved ones back in Lebanon. We hold them in our prayers, standing in solidarity as they process pain and uncertainty.

In these troubled times, we turn to the Word of God for peace and hope. These words of Jesus remind us:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (Jn 14:27).

This peace, a gift from Christ, transcends the fear and violence that so often consumes our world. Let us hold fast to this promise, even in the darkest moments.

My President’s theme for the Uniting Church in Australia this triennium is, *Threads of Love: Weaving Christ’s Love Across Cultures and Boundaries*. In this spirit, let us weave threads of love through our prayers, actions, and solidarity with the people of Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine.

I urge us all to be instruments of peace, carrying the love of Christ into a world that so desperately needs it. May God grant us the strength to be peacemakers, and may we continue to uphold the people of Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine, and all those suffering in the region, in our prayers.

Sunday October 6th

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Celebrating creation and International day of Older Persons.

9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Rev. Jan Reeve**
Organist : Robert Bevan
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service - Q & A Panel**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Job 1:1 2: 1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12
Mark 10: 2-16

What’s on this week...

Wed: Small Group 10.00am

Fri: Pastoral Care Meeting 1.00pm

Sat: eSoc trip to Cabramatta 10.00am

Sunday October 13th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Rev. Jan Reeve**
Organist Sean Weatherley
In person and online...

10.45am **Second Cuppa Group**

11.30am **Combined Churches Picnic at PLC**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Nathan Tyson**
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

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)



Don't forget—Daylight Savings starts on Sunday morning — clocks forward one hour.

eSoc Walk Saturday 12th October

Note the change of date! Meet at Roseville Station at 10.00am, train to Auburn and then Cabramatta. After a good look around the shops and food stalls we will have lunch at one of the fine Vietnamese restaurants.. Feel free to invite friends. Let Maz know by Thursday 10th if you are able to join us.

Maz: 0432 115 744

Church Council Vision Planning Meeting

Our first Vision Planning Meeting is set for Saturday 19th October, 2024, 9am to 12noon. Rev Martin Levine, Presbytery Minister Growth and Mission, will lead this meeting which is open for anyone to attend, especially leaders.

The results of the questionnaire which we have completed as part of a Life and Witness Consultation for Roseville Uniting conducted by the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery, will be used to assist in setting a vision for our church and planning our future path.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by email to paulineacallan@gmail.com.

Join us in prayer....

We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging.

Let us search for these places: in the world, in ourselves and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them.

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our soul be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom.

Amen

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Upcoming events:

eSoc Outing: 12th October

Combined Churches Picnic: 13th October

Vision Planning Meeting: 19th October

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

Celebrating the Covenant The Road to Reconciliation

Special guest Nathan Tyson
Sunday 13th October 5:30pm



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