



# ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

## *“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”*



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## ON BROKEN BONES

A few randomly connected, or probably unconnected, reflections on breaking a bone in my hand two weeks ago.

### One broken bone per Church

Until I went into the ministry, I'd never broken a bone. Now I've broken one bone per Church I've been the minister in. Just hoping there's no connection.

### Medical knowledge and technology are amazing

It's incredible to think that for most of history, a small break like I got would mean weeks of pain and probably a permanently misshapen hand. X-rays, theroset plastic casts, and people expert in incredibly specialised fields (I've seen a hand surgeon and a hand therapist – two medical specialists who just deal with hands, all day, every day) have completely changed that.

### Everything takes longer

Since my hand doesn't really hurt very much, the biggest pain is that everything just takes longer to do. Especially typing. I can normally type pretty much as quickly as I can think of the words I want to type: but now I'm having to slow down thinking to let my typing (and retyping all the typos) catch up. Which is really frustrating, but...

### Maybe that's not always a bad thing

There is a small part of me that wonders if maybe going at everything I do a little bit more slowly might not be such a bad thing. Perhaps it's not a bad discipline to think twice and type once, rather than dashing off the first thoughts that come into my mind.

### Life doesn't come with undo

About twenty years ago I slammed a car door shut only to realise my left little finger was on the wrong side of the closing door, which severed it at the last knuckle. When a work colleague heard, his response was "didn't you just wish you could press ctrl-Z?"

But of course life doesn't come with an undo feature. I've always instinctively felt that this was wrong somehow; that no stupid decision or action should have irreversible consequences – but of course, they do. Often in ways far more significant than a small broken bone.

Perhaps that's why I've always been attracted to the gospel narrative of second chances: that God doesn't remove the consequences of what we do, but allows them not to define us.

## Sunday July 7th

<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 Chris Goringe and Frank Yuan**  
*In person and online...*

### Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 5, 1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10  
Mark 6: 1-13

## What's on this week...

- Mon—Fri Holiday Program at Willoughby Northbridge Uniting Church
- Wed: Small Group 10.00am
- Fri: Christian Meditation 2.30pm
- Sat Working Bee 8.00-10.30am

## Sunday July 14th

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

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Amanda Jones**  
*In person and online...*
- 11.00am **Second Cuppa Group**
- 5.30pm **Worship Service**  
*In person and online...*

### Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29

## Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

## Church Family News

Please remember the family of Colin Whatmough, who died this week.

Funeral details will be provided later.



Working Bee

Saturday 13th July

8.00—10.30am

## Christian Meditation

Fridays 2:30pm



## Join us in prayer....

Lord, you are the light of the world. You are the centre of our creativity and the source of our loving spirits. We ask that you will spread your brilliance to enlighten our dark places and illuminate our minds.

We ask you to show us how to reach out to others and how to deal with those whose lives have been shattered by warfare, violence, and incompetent and uncompromising governments.

We ask you to stir the hearts of people and show them how to love where there is hate and to share where there is greed.

Lead us to be a caring, thoughtful people who seek after peace, justice, and harmony.

We pray for the community in which we live. For our family, our neighbours, and our friends. For our parish and for the loving warmth of our church community.

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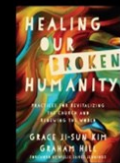
*Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion is in Australia to give the Cato lecture at the UCA National Assembly, after which one of her speaking engagements will be at Forest Kirk UCA*

**July 18, 7:30pm**

Renowned theologian and author

**Grace Ji-Sun Kim**

on faith, the Church, & the Holy Spirit



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