



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



One of my husband Graham’s favourite Bible verses is Micah 6:8

.... And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

This verse has underpinned his life, career and relationships with others. The Jesus he follows embodied the way of living which Graham has always striven to emulate.

Along the way there have been many ‘heroes’, Biblical, Christian and secular; people on a similar path to reflect the heart and light and love of God into the lives of others, particularly those struggling and vulnerable, unable, for all sorts of reasons, to flourish as God intended.

If he were still able to comprehend such things, I think he would add a new ‘hero’ to his list; The Right Rev Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington (US), who presided at the post-inauguration Service of Prayer for the Nation, traditionally attended by government and community leaders. A transcript of her sermon is <https://sfbaytimes.com/full-transcript-of-the-2025-inauguration-prayer-service-address-by-the-rt-reverend-mariann-edgar-budde-the-bishop-of-washington/> should you wish to read it in full.

Despite my being in a self-imposed media/news blackout since the November US election, things creep through (who knew that empathy was toxic?!) Budde’s sermon gave me hope and courage; what fearlessness she showed in her desire to call ALL in her congregation that day to pursue and pray for unity as a people and a nation, to foster community across diversity and division, to serve the common good and to genuinely care for one another, even amongst disagreement.

As Australia gears up for a federal election in the next few months, I am already seeing (despite that news blackout!) rhetoric which is seeking to divide rather than unite our community, to create anger and even outrage around the so-called ‘culture wars’ and ‘woke’ issues. To create categories of ‘us’ and ‘them’. I have to admit, this makes me feel nervous and even a bit fearful, given what we see happening overseas.

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Sunday February 9th

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

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
in person and online...
- 10.45am **Second Cuppa Group**
- 5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
in person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke 5: 1-11

What’s on this week...

- Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
- Wed Wednesday Small Group 10.00am
Social games 1.00-3.00pm
- Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday February 16th

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

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Robert Bevan
in person and online...
- 5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
in person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Luke 6: 17-26

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

But being followers of Jesus means we don't sit around in fear and hopelessness. We have hope; we have someone who loves us and knows struggle and pain and suffering. Through Jesus, we don't walk in darkness, but have the light of life. We have something to offer amidst despair.

We are called to come together to resist brokenness, to work against injustice, and to be agents of love and restoration to one another and the world around us.¹

Budde concluded her sermon, in an echo of Micah:

May God grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people. The good of all people in this nation and the world.

Amen

Amanda

https://www.commongrace.org.au/january_2025_news

Church Family News

Congratulations to Harry and Joy Pavey, who are celebrating the arrival of their 14th great grandchild, a boy named Will.



Coming up at eSoc...

February 22 nd	Takeaway and Games Night
March 17 th	Yum Cha in Chatswood
April 14 th	Art Express (NSW Art Gallery)
May 25 th	Culture walk (Town Hall to Glebe)
June 14 th	Potluck Dinner and Games Night

Join us in Prayer...

God, You fill our lives with light, help us to show Your light and love to others.

May our words to others lift them up rather than put them down. Give us Your wisdom in choosing our words carefully.

Remind us God, to continually ask are we doing Your will or following our own ways? May we show compassion and commitment in all we do.

May we live a life of mercy, justice, faithfulness and generosity

We pray this confidently in Your name.

Amen

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Dates for 2025



2nd March: Dedication of seats for Jan and Jeanette

8th March: Working Bee

11th March: Lenten Ecumenical Service at Roseville UC

22nd March: Lindara Market

25th March: Lenten Ecumenical Service Lindfield UC

8th April: Lenten Ecumenical Service Holy Family CC

7th July: Lindara Market

13th July: Working Bee

31st August: Rev. Keith Garner to preach at Roseville UC

8 November: Working Bee

22nd November: Lindara Market



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