



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



We have entered the church season of Lent; a 40 day period in which to reflect, reset and renew. Traditionally, it involved (and still does, for many) fasting, or giving something up, one of the aims being to draw us closer to reliance on God. It is linked to Jesus’ 40 days of prayer, fasting and temptation in the desert.

When I was younger, it always (a) confused me, because the wilderness thing didn’t happen in the lead up to Easter, and (b) made me obsessed with what I was giving up, usually sweets or coffee or TV, rather than leading me to focus more on God, or deepen my prayer life. So, a bit of a fail (for me), although I am sure that for many of you, this is a very helpful and fruitful practice.

Rather than giving something up, I am now more attracted to the idea of taking something up.

One option I recently came across is a 40 bags/40 objects in 40 days simplified/decluttered lifestyle thing, with anything good enough being donated to assist others in need. This is in line with the traditional almsgiving part of Lenten observation.

Or, carrying out a deliberate ‘act of kindness’ on each of the 40 days.

Or, committing to read, for example, indigenous or female theologians, rather than the more dominant white, male writers.

Or, as suggested by our own denomination, taking part in the [Lent Event](#) 40 days of faith-filled practical action, as part of a climate challenge to support our global neighbours and help our planet. In a video released on Wednesday, three suggestions were made:

1 Take *practical* action through a financial [donation](#) to Uniting World. This support empowers vulnerable communities to build resilience and create sustainable futures.

2 Take *personal* action through participating in one of the climate [challenges](#), for 40 days, transforming the way you eat, shop, travel or use energy.

3 Take *political* action, especially with a Federal election coming up, to advocate for change, in our own country around emissions, and in our region, where our neighbours face hardship and destruction from climate change.

So many things we can join in with throughout Lent! Let us draw near to God, through participating in actions which will contribute to building up God’s kingdom on earth, as a place where all people and all creation can flourish as God intended.

Amanda

Sunday March 9th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Rev. Aeryun Lee**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...
Respect for Seniors Service, followed by morning tea.

11.00am **Second Cuppa**

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b—13
Luke 4: 1-13

What’s on this week...

- Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Lenten Ecumenical Service Roseville UC. 7.30pm
- Wed Small Group 10.00am
Social games 1.00-3.00pm
- Thurs Young Adult’s Dinner 7.00pm Cath’s
- Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday March 16th

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9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Alan Caradus
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe and Jan Reeve**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 17– 4: 1
Luke 13: 31-35 or Luke 9: 28-36

Solar Energy at Roseville UC



For environmental reasons, and to reduce energy costs, 110 solar panels were installed on our roof some 7 years ago. Surplus energy produced through the panels has been returned to the grid for a "feed-in" tariff credit. This credit is now very small. We have recently installed solar batteries that will store excess energy produced in the day for use at other times, thereby increasing our savings. Our thanks to the Property Team and Mark Northern.

ROSEVILLE
Asylum Seeker and Refugee
Support Group

Thank you from the Bahadori family. They loved their Welcome Pack. Graham and I got to visit them in their new home in Smithfield and the children had great fun with the street chalk, uno and the fabulous books. They are excited about starting school and getting on with their new life.



Join us in Prayer...

We simplify our lives,
We live gladly with less,
We let go the illusion that we can possess.
We create instead.
We let go the illusion of mobility.
We travel in stillness. We travel at home.
By candlelight and in stillness,
In the presence of flowers,
We make our pilgrimage.
We simplify our lives.

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LINDARA MARKET

8am - 1pm

Charity jumble sale at
Lindfield Uniting Church

Saturday 22nd March



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