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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It always feels strange to be saying “Happy New Year” when a month of 2026 has already passed. I used to have a rule that I would only wish people a Happy New Year up until Australia Day – I’ve extended that until the end of January now.

But I’ve also been reflecting a bit on what we think we are really wishing people when we mark the new year in this way. Happiness, of course, but that’s a pretty bland word – and a small wish, too. In a world in which we are seeing genocide in Gaza, antisemitism in Bondi, white nationalism in the USA, the attempted terrorist bombing of indigenous Australians and their supporters in Perth, and so much more, I feel our wishes – and our prayers – need to be bigger than “happy”.

Wednesday this week, January 28th, was the United Nations “International Day of Peaceful Coexistence. The United Nations website (see <https://bit.ly/UNpcd>) describes this as a “Commitment to Peaceful Coexistence and a Safe, Inclusive World”, and notes that:

Peace is more than the absence of war; it is the ability to live together amid our differences—of sex, race, language, religion, or culture—while upholding the justice and human rights that make such coexistence possible. It is an ongoing process and a long-term goal that demands constant care, vigilance, and active participation from everyone.

There are echoes in those words, of course, of the Hebrew concept of *Shalom*, God’s peace that is not an absence, but a presence: the presence of right relationships, the peace that is seen when all the elements of a system, an organism, a society, work together harmoniously in the way that they were designed.

So my wish for you, for us, and for our world in the year ahead is not just “Happy New Year” – yes, my wish is that those I love will have a happy year, but more: I wish that each one of us may have a “Peaceful New Year” – a “*Shalom* New Year”, even.

Chris

Sunday February 1st

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley

In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Micah 6: 1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1: 18—31
Matthew 5: 1-12

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe and Sonia Powell**

What’s on this week...

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed Book Club 10.15am
Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
eSoc 6.00pm
PYES 6.30-9.30pm

Sunday February 8th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Jillian Cranney
5 Minutes of Faith: Maz Berry

5.30pm **Worship Service**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b—12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, (13-16)
Matthew 5: 13-20

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris’ sermons](#)

From the Church Council

I am pleased to inform the Congregation, that the extension of the Supply Agreement for Rev. Aeryun Lee, has been approved by the Presbytery and NSW Synod. It will be great to continue to have Aeryun with us until the end of July.

I also wish to thanks to those Congregation Members who have responded generously to help us fund the additional ministry costs. We now have \$12,600 of our \$20,000 target. So if you are still considering and can review your offering, or assist with a one off donation, it would be appreciated. Any questions , don't hesitate to contact myself or Simran (treasurer@roseville.unitingchurch.org.au).

Dan Reeve

Dates for your diary....

24 February: Lenten Ecumenical Service, Killara UC, 7.30pm

10 March: Lenten Ecumenical Service, Roseville UC, 7.30pm

14 March: Working Bee

21 March: Lindara Market

24 March: Lenten Ecumenical Service, Holy Family CC
7.30pm

19 May: Pentecost Ecumenical Service, Lindfield UC, 7.30pm

11 July: Working Bee

18 July: Lindara Market

14 November: Working Bee

21 November: Lindara Market

1 December: Advent Ecumenical Service Killara CC, 7.30pm

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Join us in Prayer ...

God of all Nations,

We come before You with humble hearts,

Acknowledging the deep wounds of this land -

Wounds of dispossession, injustice, and pain endured by
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Lord, You call us to be strong and courageous,
To walk alongside our First Nations sisters and brothers
In love, truth, and justice.

Help us to listen deeply and to hear what we have not yet
understood.

Grant us the courage to face uncomfortable truths,
The wisdom to seek justice,
And the strength to stand up for the oppressed.

We give thanks for the faithful witnesses
Who have journeyed before us -
Elders, leaders, and prophets of hope and resistance.
May their lives inspire us to persevere
In faith, power, and love. AMEN

Safina Stewart

Aboriginal woman, storyteller and leader.

We pray for our nation,
For indigenous peoples and closing the gap,
For farmers and communities for fairness in pricing and
commerce.

For our politicians for truth, integrity, kindness and
cooperation with one another.

For those who are homeless,
For those suffering from mental ill health that the best
support can be provided,
For those who feel unsure about the year ahead, for
comfort and guidance.

We pray for our world, for honesty in politics,
For places of natural disaster and man-made warfare,
Ukraine, Gaza, Iran and others.

For those who are suffering climate disasters,
For all who are oppressed that freedom will come.

We pray for our local community and ourselves,
For the sick and dying, for our church family,
for safety in travel and for children and parents as school
terms begin. For patience and peace in daily life. Bless
Aeryun and Chris as they minister here. May we always
be an inclusive community, sharing the love and
welcome of Jesus Christ. AMEN Jan

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