



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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Yesterday I went to a conference, run by DIAN (Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer's Network). It started with a presentation from a doctor on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle (on the four metrics, I was doing ok on one, and pretty much failing the others!) She made the comment that "it's never too early and it's never too late."

I think this comment may also be applied to learning. As some of you will know, I have been doing various units around theology through UnitingLearning. Firstly, such a big thank you to Chris and the RUC community, who have been so supportive and encouraging of my various preaching assignments. It's not anything I've ever done before, so it's had its challenges, but people have been so lovely! Studying the various units via Zoom, with participants from all over the state, has also made me appreciate the breadth and depth of the larger Uniting Church and all who are a part of it (plus the skill of the facilitators who manage, with great sensitivity, to hold us all together, even when we may have completely opposing interpretations of things!) In one course, there was someone who was new (a) to study and (b) to reading the Bible outside of a literal interpretation. By week 2, they were feeling confused, discouraged, uncertain, and not sure if it was for them. Around the week 4 mark, it was as if a switch had been turned on, and they were excited about all the new things to learn about reading and interpreting the Bible.

I have become aware though (perhaps many decades too late!) that when I come across something new, or a different perspective, which may be more aligned with what I think, that I jump into endorsing it and quoting it, boots and all. It's that black and white thinking again, of which I am often guilty ("four legs good, two legs bad"), and trying to change. Then I'll read something else, or hear something on a podcast, which makes me qualify my new enthusiastic understanding.

But one thing I have come to learn over many decades is that God is so much bigger than any human understanding, and also big enough to take all our uncertainties, changes of mind, and new discoveries, or our clinging to things that provide comfort and security, and walk with us through them all.

We are opening our hearts to God and praying for the discernment of the Holy Spirit as we try to be like Jesus and reflect his love to those around us. Our backgrounds are different, and we are formed in our faith of origin, whatever that looked like. Cont'd.....

Sunday June 1st

<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 Sonia Powell**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17: 20-26

What's on this week

Tue	Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am Ecumenical Service at Roseville UC 7.30pm
Wed	Social Games 1.00-3.00pm
Fri	Christian Meditation 2.30pm

Sunday June 8th

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9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...
10.45am **Second Cuppa**

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17, (25-27)

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

It is rare though, to never question, doubt or change at least some of the beliefs and understanding we originally held. And doing this is encouraged in scripture. We read in Hebrews 6:1-3

So come on, let's leave the preschool finger-painting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on "salvation by self-help" and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment. God helping us, we'll stay true to all that. But there's so much more. Let's get on with it! (Message version)

And we are blessed to discover this 'so much more' with love, support and encouragement from all the other members of the body of Christ, wherever we find them.

Amanda



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Ecumenical Service at
Roseville UC
On Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm
Preacher: Rev. Christian Hohl

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday 15th June 4.00pm

Join us in Prayer...

- **Israel-Gaza Conflict:** As many people around the world are looking on with horror about how difficult it is for civilians in Gaza (including many innocent children), let's pray for effective and urgent action from world leaders to bring relief. Pray for our Federal Government to add their influence for this outcome, while managing the conflicted feelings and priorities of Australians on each side.
- **Global instability:** As global trade disruption and uncertainty continues, let's remember that the impact is often felt most by those with least access to resources. Let's be thankful that God hears the cries of the poor and powerless. Let's ask that God's people everywhere respond in practical ways to provide assistance. Let's pray that Australians would live up to the Prime Minister's message that "kindness is not weakness" and find the courage to be generous.
- **Australian Christianity:** As the church in Australia continues to be regarded by many with distrust, let's pray that we might hear God's word for us. Pray that we might reform our ways where we should and that we find ways to give an authentic voice to God's message of love and hope for all. Pray for organisations like the Centre for Public Christianity, who are trying to engage in positive public dialogue on critical issues.
- **Our young adults:** Let's give great thanks for all the young adults who have a connection with RUC. Pray that they might grow in wisdom, strength, courage, and love as they explore life in relationship with Jesus. Pray for Chris, Sureka, and others who are leading them in small group and other discussions.

Stuart

eSoc Games Night Saturday 14 June 6.00pm

- Join us for our winter pot luck dinner and games night at the church.
- Bring along games you enjoy playing and would like to teach others
- Let Maz know (0432 115 744) by 13 June to help with organizing seating



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