



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus

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“I am the light of the world...” (John 8:12)

“You are the light of the world...” (Matthew 5: 14-16)

Our days are lengthening – day by day there is more light in our lives. Light is elusive - we can't actually lay hold of it – but it is very real to us. Light affects our decisions and behaviour. It is also a stirring metaphor, reaching into and across our whole human experience.

As our Wednesday Small Group looked into the scriptures this week, we found an easy, flowing movement between the physical and the metaphorical reality of light in human life and lives. Light has been here from the beginning. And God said, **“Let there be light,” and there was light. ...God saw that the light was good.** (Genesis 1:3-4) Continuing, we found this light in the life and presence of Jesus. **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it** (John 1: 4-5)

Light and darkness - both have their place, their purpose and their gifts: **The people walking in darkness have seen a great light...** (Isaiah 9:2) Continuing: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all....if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with him and with one another...** (1John 1:5,7)

Sister Joan Chittister, in her reflective work, “Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope”, points to obstacles that shut out the light, and asks: “Who has not known the God of Absence? There is only one way out of struggle and that is by going into its darkness waiting for the light and being open to new growth.”

Now that was a challenge, but we reflected: Have we ever experienced ‘light at the end of the tunnel’? We thought beyond ourselves: who – where – are those whose lives are ‘dark’, ‘imprisoned’ in many different ways? What would ‘light’, ‘liberation’, mean for so many of our fellow human beings?

As we begin our worship services, a candle is lit: Christ, the light of the world. This candle continues to burn as we worship: its light and warmth are ours, calling us to light the candles of others. We stopped for a moment, thinking of our shared lives here in Roseville Uniting Church: the light, the warmth touching our own lives and reaching out to others.

And still, we are reflecting:

There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22:5)

Margot

Sunday October 12th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
In person and online...

Organist: Sean Weatherley

Five Minutes of Faith—Jennie Tippins

10.45am **Second Cuppa**

11.30am **Uniting Churches Family Picnic at PLC**

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

In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Psalms 66: 1-12

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17: 11-19

What's on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Young Adults Dinner 7.00pm

Wed Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri Arts for Tea 10.00am

PYES 6.30-9.30pm

Sunday October 19th

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

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

In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Psalms 119: 97-104

2 Timothy 34: 14—4:5

Luke 18: 1-8

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)



Join us in Prayer ...

Loving God,

Please inspire us to continue to pray faithfully for our world. We continue to ask for peace in countries where people are living in fear due to ever-escalating cycles of vengeance. We pray for world leaders to govern with integrity for the good of their people. We ask for your justice to prevail, leading to systems that are fair for all people and for the planet we are part of.

We pray for the environment, and for wisdom to live and consume responsibly to protect creation. Inspire all of us with your vision of a world where people and all of creation thrive together.

We pray for people who are hurting, poor, or vulnerable. Inspire us to build relationships and a society where they can experience their full dignity.

Please keep transforming us – body, mind, and spirit – to grow in loving and serving you, one another, our neighbours near and far. Please strengthen and sustain us and bless us with love, peace, and joy.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Sonia

Two Weeks to go until PreachFest!2025!

PreachFest! is just two weeks away! There is still time to register to join us for an inspiring time of learning, connection, and renewal for preachers and leaders across the Uniting Church and beyond

- 24-25 October 2025
- St Stephen's Uniting Church, Sydney
- Online via Zoom (Keynote sessions only)

[Register](#) today for multiple ticket options:

- **All Access:** \$199
- **Day Pass:** \$109

SPEAKER LINE UP

Stan Grant | Rev. Assoc Prof. Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon | Rev. Prof. Sathi Clarke | Rev. Dr Anna Carter Florence | Emma Parr | Milise Foiakau | Moderator Rev. Faaimata (Mata) Havea Hiliau | Rev. Dr Rick Dacey | Pastor William Dumas | Rev. Dr. Bec Lindsay | Rev. Dr Amelia Koh-Butler | The Rev'd Dr Garry Worete Deverell | Rev. Mitch Forbes | Rev. Keith Garner | Tash Holmes | Dr. Toar Hutagalung | Rev. Dr. Michael Earl | Rev. Dr. Sunny Chen | Rev. Danielle Hemsworth-Smith and Rev. Dr Rosalie MacLarty

Learn more about the speakers and their session topics [here](#).

Contact the *PreachFest!* Team at preachfest@nswact.uca.org.au if you have any questions

More information on Notice Board

Arts for Tea

A conversation with
Van Gogh's Sunflowers

A short film followed by
conversation and morning tea

Friday 17th October 10am
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