



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



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Beginning – again! Our Wednesday Small Group began our first meeting for 2026, taking time to pause – and reflect.

What are we bringing with us from last year? Do we need to let some things go – and some things to stay? And when we are pushed beyond our comfort zones?

We saw that this pattern of leaving behind and starting anew has been a constant for people over time. From Isaiah who urged people to “Remember not the former things nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing...” (Isaiah 43:18-19); from the psalmist: “He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God...” (Psalm 40:3), and right through to the ‘future’ of Revelation: “I am making everything new!” (Rev. 21:5)

There is hope and there is challenge. Paul makes this very clear: “be made new in the attitude of your minds,” (Ephesians 4:22-24); “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

On Wednesday, our group explored the thoughts of Soren Kierkegaard. “Life must be lived forward, but it can only be understood backward.” Is our understanding, our acceptance of, our gratitude for the past, encouraging, enabling us to ‘live forward’? We have memories: some grateful, some painful ... But through it all, are we now allowing new things to become possible for us– even enabling others to ‘become new’ in some ways?

Our responses went beyond our personal and family lives. With our expanding horizons we hear Lent Event calling us in to ‘40 days of faithful action for God’s creation’; inviting us ‘to stand with families on the frontline of climate change’.

There are others like us, ‘beginning again’ and reflecting on the way. Let’s listen to two ‘characters’ who are doing just this.

From **Big Panda Tiny Dragon**, author James Norbury

This book is dedicated to anyone who got lost.

**“A new day, and a new beginning,” said Tiny Dragon.
“What shall we do with it?”**

Then, later as they have been travelling together through the seasons of the year.

“Are we nearly there yet?” asked Tiny Dragon. Big Panda smiled. “I hope not.”

Our response?

Margot

Sunday February 15th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Alan Caradus

In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Exodus 24: 12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9

3.00pm **Music Special with Stuart Powell**

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

In person and online...

What’s on this week...

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Pancakes at the Manse 7.00pm

Wed Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri Arts for Tea 10.00am
Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 6.30-9.30pm

Sunday February 22nd

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

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

10.45am **Service of Healing & Wholeness**

5.30pm **Worship Service**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4: 1-11

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris’ sermons](#)

Church Family News

Vale Robert Blake

Robert died earlier this week and there will be a service of commemoration on Monday 16th February at 1.00pm. The flowers today are in memory and a celebration of Robert's life.



From The Resource Centre at Lent

Devotions for Lent. A Way Other Than Our Own, author Walter Brueggemann

"We begin our Lenten journey addressed by the remarkable assurance that the God who summons us is the God who goes along with us."

So, Walter Brueggemann introduces "Devotions for Lent. A Way Other Than Our Own." Day by day, beginning with Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday, these devotions speak to us and lead us on. "We are on the road again! As followers of Jesus, we are on the road again in Lent, walking the way of obedience to Jerusalem ..."

"Self-giving God, call us to walk the road of newness – a new self, a new society, a new world, one neighbour at a time. May we have travelling mercies this Lenten season."

Richard Rohr. Wondrous Encounters. Scripture for Lent.

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest and founder of the Centre for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico. "These daily meditations for Lent are his gift to us for our transformation into our original 'image and likeness', which is the very image of God."

As you visit our Resource Centre to browse and to borrow, you will find so much more. Let's keep in mind Joan Chittister's assurance. "Lent is not a ritual. It is a time given to think seriously about who Jesus is for us, to renew our faith from the inside out." (from The Liturgical Year, the spiraling adventure of the spiritual life.)

Join us in Prayer ...

...for peace in our city and Australia, during and following the visit of Isaac Herzog.

...for the family of Robert Blake as they mourn his passing.

...for the family of Timothy Petkovic, that they may find peace.

...for our University students as they begin a new year.

...for all our political leaders, that they might have wisdom in their actions, and may be motivated by the welfare of all people.

...for everyone taking up a Lent Event challenge this year.

...for all the activities here at Roseville Uniting Church, and all who give them time to serve God and each other in this place.

Chris

ROSEVILLE Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group

A group associated with Roseville Uniting Church are continuing to provide meals at the Asylum Seeker Centre in

Newtown.. There are some vacancies on the roster to cook or serve meals at the centre. This is a practical way to show support for those seeking asylum and if you are able to help out contact Gwyn (gwyn@dentons.id.au) or talk to Cath.



Pancakes on Tuesday

7.00pm

Arts for Tea on Friday

10.00am



QR Code for Lent Event

You can also use this link

<https://bit.ly/ruc26>

to donate via the team, or to join the team.

Friday Movie Matinee

We have a Film Heritage Group that shows Silent Movies on the last Friday of the month at Roseville UC. The first for the year is on Friday, February 27 at 11am.

Complimentary light morning tea before show.

Tickets \$25/\$20 concession. Cash sales at the door (exact amount please). More details and tickets at the link

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJIQB>

All welcome.



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