



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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Today we feel the wind beneath our wings,
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays,
Today the church draws breath at last and sings,
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise. (continued below)

Pentecost – a time to celebrate, to witness to the coming, the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit - within us, among us – no barriers, God’s gift for all, for always. In so many ways, a new beginning – but then, every day, every moment is a new beginning.

As our Wednesday small group met this week we looked at the evidence in the Scriptures of the presence of God’s Spirit: from the beginning when ‘the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters’ (Genesis 1:2) to the events recorded in Acts 2 when the Spirit descended upon those gathered together in Jerusalem.

But essentially, we thought about what the Holy Spirit means for us today. What images help us grasp the nature, the presence of the Holy Spirit? Our hymns are rich with these images: of breath that inflames, transforms, heals, inspires (Hymn 422); of the bird who at one moment ‘wings over earth’ and at another moment ‘dances in fire.’ (Hymn 518)...

This week we focussed on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You might like to join us.

- What gifts do we see given within and beyond our Roseville Church here?
- What gifts do we ourselves have to offer? Are we open to receiving a new gift?
- Have we ever experienced an occasion when we have offered or accepted – just what was needed? The quiet prompting of the Holy Spirit?
- Encouragement: putting courage into...where does this take us?

This is the feast of Fire, Air and Water,
Poured out and breathed and kindled into Earth.
The Earth herself awakens to her maker,
Translated out of death and into birth.
Today the gospel crosses every border,
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.
Today the lost are found in his translation,
Whose mother-tongue is love, in every nation.

(Malcolm Guite. Sounds of the Season. Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year)

Sunday June 15th

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

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

4.00pm **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

What’s on this week

Tue	Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Wed	Social Games 1.00-3.00pm
Fri	Christian Meditation 2.30pm

Sunday June 22nd

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

10.45am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

Margot

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

https://www.commongrace.org.au/refugee_week_2025_webinar_end_the_waiting

We long for the day when those who come to our shores for safety are welcomed with the kindness and compassion that Jesus teaches.

In Australia, we are so thankful for the humanitarian resettlement program, and the efforts by the Government when they were first elected, to help 20,000 asylum seekers living in limbo find a pathway to permanent settlement. However, thousands of people who have sought safety on our shores still remain in limbo, facing an uncertain future. Many have lived here for years — raising families, working, contributing — yet remain denied permanent protection. Every day of waiting chips away at hope, dignity, and the possibility of rebuilding life.

Join us for a special Refugee Week Webinar '*End the Waiting*', Thursday 19 June 7:30pm - 9:00pm AEST, as our movement comes together in prayer and explores upcoming opportunities to take action together for Justice for People Seeking Asylum.

Sign up now.

Join Common Grace's Justice for People Seeking Asylum Coordinator James Harris and National Director Gershon Nimbalker to hear from people directly impacted by Australia's asylum system, learn how churches are standing together in solidarity and be equipped to take action through our upcoming **#EndTheWaiting** campaign.

Date: Thursday, June 19th, 2025

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm AEST

Location: Online via Zoom

Please share this opportunity with your church and faith community, to join in prayer and action this Refugee Week.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35)

Join us in Prayer...

Lord God, I give you thanks for the warm bed I slept in last night. Yet there are so many who sleep in the cold, on the streets of our towns and cities. So many around the world who are displaced, have no home to go to.

I give you thanks that I can walk in a beautiful city with no fear of bombs landing near me. Yet gangs of rival groups and drive by shootings disturb this relative peace in some areas of our cities.

I thank you Lord for the democratic society we live in, where differing opinions can be voiced without fear of retribution.

I give you thanks for the food in my cupboard and fridge when so many scramble for meagre rations in drought and war torn countries. May I never take for granted the clean water that comes out of my taps when so many walk kilometres each day for a few buckets of water.

I praise and thank you Lord, for being part of my life. For walking beside me through all the ups and downs of life. For loving me despite all my shortcomings. I thank all those in our Church community and those before us that guide us in our learning and understanding of your word.

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Church Family News



Congratulations to Sue Nurse following the arrival of a great grandson, Luke



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