



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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Waiting! Something we're all familiar with on a daily basis: we're very experienced here. On Wednesday our Small Group went beyond the usual daily routine, recognising those times when our waiting comes with a strange mixture of hopeful anticipation –and of anxiety, even fearful apprehension. We're talking about 'time' and 'times' here: in-between times coming with questions: what, who are we waiting for? And why? Our group's personal recollections and stories showed how significant these times are for us.

Down the ages people, like us, have been waiting and hoping. We hear this in the cry of the psalmist, "How Long O Lord?" (Psalm 13), and in a voice that rings through the scriptures: 'be patient'. (James 5:7-8) We see in the natural world that 'for everything there is a season' (Ecclesiastes 3:1) and in our own lives, we come to accept this too: because after all, 'patience' is one of the gifts of the spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23) We wonder, can Peter's insight offer any perspective at all on our own here-and-now lives? "With the Lord one day is a thousand years and a thousand years as one day". (2 Peter 3:8)

In the next weeks, we will enter the season of Advent: 'waiting', 'coming', 'arrival' are words descriptive of this time, as we anticipate, remember the birth of Jesus. According to author Paula Gooder, "The church's narrative about time is never clearer than during Advent, when we are invited to wait..." (The Meaning in the Waiting). So, is there a space for us here to pause, to be still, to reflect - a time to engage 'patience' and 'hope'?

Yes, but Gooder continues: "we are waiting, but such a task of waiting cannot by any stretch of the imagination be classified as passive..." And so, For everything a season brings us alongside Everything in Common: UnitingWorld's call to take our part in transforming the lives of people who are waiting: "to put food on the table, pay for school fees, access clean water and build their own future with dignity." (Dr Sureka Goringe, National Director, UnitingWorld. 'Do these gifts *really* make an impact?')

So, thank you people of Roseville Uniting Church. While we may often wait alone, here in this place we wait together, reaching out, drawing alongside us, those who are waiting – this time - for us.

Margot

Sunday November 16th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
5 minutes of faith—Neil Proudlove
In person and online

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 65: 17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
Luke 21: 5-19

What's on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed Social Games 1.00-3.00pm
Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

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

Sat Lindara Market 8.00am

Sunday November 23rd

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

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

10.45am **Service of Healing & Wholeness**

5.30pm **Worship Service, music special with Rev. Ellie Elia**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Luke 1: 68-79
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Church Family News

Rosemary and Darryl Hurter have moved and will now be too far away to attend the morning service on a regular basis. We wish them well in their new accommodation, and hope to see them back here occasionally.

Join us in Prayer ...

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of each new day.

Guide my thoughts, my words, my actions.

Help me to trust You fully.

Give me peace during times of uncertainty and strength for whatever I face.

Lord, You are my hope, my peace, my joy.

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Arts for Tea

Charles Dickens abhorred it
The Times declared it "disgusting"
Queen Victoria removed it from display

Why was Victorian England
shocked by this painting?

Christ in the House of His Parents
by John Everett Millais

A short film followed by
conversation and morning tea

Friday 21st November 10am

Roseville Uniting Church, 7a Lord Street, Roseville



Advent Mini-Retreat for Women - Mary's Yes changed everything

Discover how one woman's courageous choice can inspire your own path.

Rediscover peace, presence, and purpose this Advent.

Go from busyness to stillness, from longing to light with story and reflection, meditation and creativity.

When? Saturday 6th December, 9am to 12.30pm

Where? Manly Uniting Church, 4 West Promenade, Manly

If this is you, why not come along ... Here's the link to join:

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

Carolyn Handley

Flyer on notice board.

More dates for 2025

21st November: Arts for Tea 10.00am

22nd November: Lindara Market

26th November: Heraldng Advent Service, Holy Family Catholic Church 7.30pm

6th December: Congregation Christmas Party 4.00pm

7th December: Congregational Meeting 11.00am

11th December: Reflective Christmas Service 6.00pm

12th December: Taste of Meditation Afternoon Tea

14th December: Service of Lessons & Carols 9.30am

ROSEVILLE
Asylum Seeker and Refugee
Support Group

Next year we will be continuing on the roster to provide meals for the Asylum Seeker Centre in Newtown. If you would like to help out by cooking and/or serving a meal, please contact Gwyn:

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