



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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Creation, in the context of our own creative endeavours, was the focus of our Wednesday Small Group this week. There is a rich creative thread coming through our group as we engage with music and words, fabric, seeds and soil, with food...But then being creative is inherent in our very being. “In the beginning God created...” (Genesis 1), and to the end: “Behold, I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:5)

“When we create, when we make something new, we allow things to become possible”. (Joan Chittister) What new possibilities, we wondered, are coming through our own creative gifts and efforts? And is ‘newness’ always good? Does it align with the values of our Christian faith?

At a most demanding moment, Jesus gave a new commandment: “A new command I give you: Love one another...” (John 13:34-35) We thought further. When we create spaces of warmth and comfort and welcome others in, do we see signs of new life in a group or even one person? When insightful leaders enable a group, a community to envisage and to take a different, needed path, what possibilities emerge?

There’s more. “There comes a new moment in life when we must dedicate ourselves to creating the future. And that is hard, hard work.” (Chittister. Rebuilding is a spiritual gift. Benetvision) Much ‘hard, hard work’ is going on in our world right now. As we see governments, agencies and courageous individuals on the front line it would be easy to be overwhelmed. But, what of ourselves?

Have you come across Charley Mackesy’s classic: ‘The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse’?

“Most of the old moles I know wish they had listened less to their fears and more to their dreams. Imagine how we would be if we were less afraid...Everyone is a bit scared, said the horse. But we are less scared together...Sometimes all you hear about is the hate, but there is more love in this world than you could possibly imagine.”

Much of this, it seems, is about aligning faith and action. Here in our Roseville Uniting Church we gather together, we pray, we walk and talk together, together we envisage new, needed possibilities: creating, co-creation, is happening among us, through us and beyond us.

Thank you, people of Roseville Uniting Church.

Margot

Sunday August 17th

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

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

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

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11: 29—12: 2
Luke 12: 49-56

What’s on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00—11.30am
Church Council 7.00pm

Wed Social Games 1.00—3.00pm

Thur Daffodil Day. 10.00am—2.00pm

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm

PYES 6.30-9.00pm

Sunday August 24th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
In person and online...
Organist: Jillian Cranney

10.45am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6
Hebrews 12: 18-29
Luke 13: 10-17

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)



Daffodil Day 21st August

The church will be open for quiet reflection between 10.am and 2.00pm.

If you are able to help out on the day there is a roster on the table, or talk to one of the Pastoral Care team.

Roseville UC Movie Club

Our first Roseville Uniting Church Movie Club gathering is on Saturday 23rd August at Roseville Cinema. Mr Burton is showing at 2.20pm and we will meet at the church afterwards for afternoon tea. Please bring your friends. It would be helpful to know if you can come. Contact Pauline 0417 419 671



Join us in Prayer ...

"Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick,
Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
bless the dying,
soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

Amanda

More dates for 2025

21st August: Daffodil Day

31st August: Rev. Keith Garner to preach at Roseville UC

31st August: SOUL FOOD

12th September: A Taste of Meditation 1.00pm

18th September: Circle of Friends 10.00am

18th September: Young Adults' Dinner: 7.00pm

27th September: eSoc Blue Mountains Walk

12th October: Uniting Churches Family Picnic, Pymble Ladies College, after morning service

14th October: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

8th November: Working Bee

12th November: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

22nd November: Lindara Market

The third of the four men from Afghanistan, that I have been helping, has finally heard that his wife, Anis, and his son, Ali, can come to Australia.

This is wonderful news. When I first met Rahmat in community detention in 2013 he was severely depressed. Since that time, he has gone on to get his builder's license and now runs his own successful building company. This reunion has long been anticipated. He bought a house in Guildford and has been working to prepare a home for his family.

I would once again like to prepare an Australian welcome pack for Anis (25) and Ali (5). The welcome packs send a beautiful message of our love to these families who have been long separated. If you would like to help, please bring items by 31/8. They can be left in the office or on the table outside the office door.

Gwyn

ROSEVILLE
Asylum Seeker and Refugee
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