



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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MISSION IMAGINATION

Late last year many of you came along to a gathering, hosted by Martin Levine, one of the Presbytery ministers, to discuss the ‘Life and Witness’ of Roseville Uniting Church. Out of that gathering came the idea of recruiting a second minister, on a part-time basis, so that we could be more creative in our exploration of our mission, both in the morning community and the 5TW community.

We’ve now worked through the practical arrangements, and I’m delighted to say that we will be inviting Aeryun to continue with us for the rest of the year. From the start of June she will be officially working to support a ‘special project’, the re-imagining of mission at Roseville Uniting Church.

Recognising that we do have limited resources (and, in particular, that none of us are getting any younger!), the aim of this project is to look for ways to increase the effectiveness of our mission and ministry which feel more like things we want to do, and will enjoy doing, than duties we feel we ought to do. This was, after all, the original rationale for Soul Food, and is, I’m fairly sure, the source of the energy behind Kids Play Time, Social Games, Christian Meditation, and eSoc!

Pauline has suggested that we aim to try one new thing each month for the rest of the year; either as an extension of something we are already doing, or the creation of something new that we think we might love! The intention is that these new ideas be ‘held lightly’ – they might be a big hit and gather energy behind them, or they might not, in which case we can just let them go. As a Church Planter I heard recently put it, “mission is like throwing lots of things at the wall and seeing what sticks”.

So in May, Michael Dowling will be extending Christian Meditation by inviting anyone who would like to come to join for a simple lunch beforehand (with no obligation to stay!). “A Taste of Meditation” will be next Friday (May 23rd) at 1pm, with Christian Meditation to follow at 2:30pm, and everyone is both warmly invited to attend, and encouraged to invite friends and neighbours to come along as well!

After that... well, there are a number of ideas for the following months – a second book club?, a movie group?, school holiday park picnics?, a fix-it shed?, English conversation?, movie screenings? - and what we do is going to depend entirely on what people would like to get involved with! The aim is for ‘easy and fun’ – for instance, organising a movie group might just mean looking at the Roseville Cinema program, picking a screening once a month, and asking Cath for a room to meet in for coffee and chat afterwards.

So... is there something you think would be great, and ideally, that you’d be willing to help organise? Have a chat with Pauline, Aeryun or Chris!

Chris

Sunday May 18th

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

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Amanda Jones**
Organist: Alan Caradus
In person and online...
- 10.45am **Second cuppa**
- 5.30pm **Worship Service with Amanda Jones and Sonia Powell**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 11: 1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35

What’s on this week

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

Sunday May 25th

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

- 9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...
- 11.00am **Healing & Wholeness Service**
- 5.30pm **Worship Service with Stuart Powell and Chris Goringe**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 16: 9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21: 10, 22-25:5
John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

More dates for 2025

23rd May: A taste of Meditation 1.00pm

3rd June: Ecumenical Service, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Roseville UC, 7.30pm

10th June: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

Church Council 7.00pm

14th June: Potluck Dinner and Games Night 6.00pm

15th June: Congregational Meeting **4.00PM**

12th July: Working Bee

9th August: Women's Gathering 9.00am—3.00pm

19th July: Lindara Market

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

8 November: Working Bee

22nd November: Lindara Market

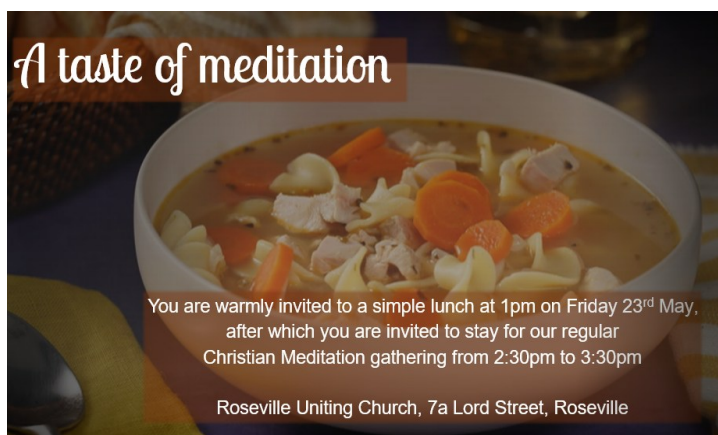
Join us in Prayer...

- * We praise you, God, for the beauty of this continent, landforms and waterways, plants, creatures, cities and towns, farmland and wild places, magnificent skylines stamped with your authorship.
- * We give thanks for your first peoples of this land and we pray for reconciliation among all who live here now. We pray for refugees newly arrived. Please help us welcome them with safety, support, love, and acceptance.
- * We give thanks for peaceful elections, for fair and transparent counting of votes, for moments of grace and respect between political opponents. We pray for the ongoing counting and checking for Bradfield, and for all waiting patiently – or trying to – for the result.
- * We pray for the new ministers of our national government for wisdom, self-control, integrity, humility, teamwork, and care for others.
- * We pray for all senators and for members of the new parliament. Please work through their debates and the different insights and ideas each person brings to enact better laws. Please soften their hearts for all who are hungry, cold, afflicted, excluded, or who have no place of safety.
- * We pray for earth's climate, for justice among the nations, for the world's energy needs. The challenges seem so huge, but you – creator of the universe, love incarnate, conqueror of death – are greater. We continue to pray for swords to be turned into ploughshares.
- * May each member of our Roseville Uniting community richly experience, and abundantly share, the love and welcome of Jesus Christ.

We pray these things in His name.

Amen.

Sonia



Christian Meditation

Fridays 2:30pm



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