



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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NEW LIFE AMONG THE OLD.

Last year, I was working in Australis and shared in a gathering of people from churches in the Melbourne area.

I was intrigued by one woman's story. She was in her mid-70s. She was or had been a church organist. But she didn't want to talk about the good old days when they had a choir of 30 and the church was full. She wanted to talk about the excitement she felt at what was presently happening to her and to others in an economically depressed public housing area.

For years they had watched their old church building become emptier and more irrelevant to the people who lived nearby. The congregation was becoming more and more elderly.

They appointed a young woman to be their minister who assessed the situation with her people, and then proposed that they should stop worshipping in the church, and they should stop worshipping on a Sunday. Instead they would move into the community centre and worship on a mid-week evening. There, rather than gather as strangers, they would begin every Wednesday with a community meal.

So, the congregation – this elderly bunch – agreed that for the good and growth of the kingdom of God, they would sacrifice what they had been used to all their lives and do something different.

And this former organist in her mid-70s was just ecstatic about how they now had three times as many people at worship as before, how they were linked into the community, how they now had children and young adults in their midst, how they now had changed the way they worshipped and sang to include rather than exclude strangers.

And as I looked at her, I realised that I wasn't looking at a 75-year-old organist, I realised I was looking at Sarah and Elizabeth and Anna – other old women to whom, in the Body of Christ, she is closely related. And these women – all of them – along with the men who stood by or obstructed them, are called to be midwives of the new order which God is about to initiate,

John Bell

Hard Words for Interesting Times

Sunday July 20th

<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 **Oodies “n” oodles**
With Sureka Goringe and Sonia Powell

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Amos 8: 1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1: 15-28
Luke 10: 38-42

What's on this week

Tue	Kids Playtime 10.00—11.30am
Wed	Social Games 1.00—3.00pm
Fri	Christian Meditation 2.30pm
Sun	eSoc trip to Barangaroo

Sunday July 27th

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9.30am **Worship Service with Amanda Jones**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...

10.45am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Amanda Jones and Sonia Powell**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Hosea 1: 2—10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11: 1-13

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

'Oodies and 'Oodles

Sunday 20th July @ 5:30pm

Noodles, stories,
songs, and candles

Worship, but not as you know it

Everyone is welcome



eSoc Barangaroo

Sunday 27th July

We will leave after church and catch a train to Wynyard. From there it is a short walk to Barangaroo for lunch in a café followed by a walk around the Barangaroo foreshore. We will then catch to Metro back to Chatswood.

All welcome.

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Occasional lift to Church

We usually give our neighbour Shirley Ann a lift to Church each Sunday. I am hoping to make up a list of people who would be prepared to pick Shirley Ann up from 56 Abingdon Road, Roseville and take her to church on the Sundays we are not able to do this. She loves the social contacts she makes at coffee after church too. If you would like to be on this reserve list could you please let me know.

Maz marionjberry@gmail.com or 0432 115 744

Chris will be on leave from 21st July to 3rd August

Join us in Prayer ...

Today, Lord give us the experience of your heart, draw us deep into your consciousness and into the core of your love for us and the world.

Help us to deeply listen so that we may discern your will in our lives and in the decisions we make. Help us to listen, in the stillness, so that we may be open to hearing you anew.

Lord bless our congregation. Help them to trust your will in their lives. Help those who are undergoing doubt, illness and conflict. Refresh them in these overwhelming concerns. May they not be alone but be aware of the love and concern around them.

Help us to honour one another by keeping an open mind. May each member voice their truth and listen with an open heart.

Lord may we always be aware of the injustice around us. If we can be an agent of change please give us the tenacity and will to stand up for others.

Lynn

More dates for 2025

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

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

12th September: A Taste of Meditation 1.00pm

18th September: Circle of Friends 10.00am

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

8th November: Working Bee

22nd November: Lindara Market



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