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SHALOM

I'm writing these words on Friday evening, having just returned from attending the Kabbalat Shabbat service at North Shore Temple Emmanuel.

I was one of about a dozen guests in attendance, including the local members of State and Federal parliament, and clergy from a number of different local Churches, all there to show solidarity with the Jewish community at this time.

There were three moments in the service that I'd like to share. The first was a thirteen-year-old boy, whose Bar Mitzvah is tomorrow, leading parts of the service, as is the tradition. He had been given the option of delaying until a time when there wouldn't be quite as many strangers present, but had chosen to go ahead regardless, which meant that those gathered were able to celebrate the continuity of their community into another generation.

The second was in Rabbi Nicole's reflection. She spoke about the word "Tel", that is part of many place names in Israel (such as Tel Aviv). "Tel", in a place name, speaks of the city having been built upon the ruins of a previous city, that had been destroyed in conflict or abandoned for some other reason. As such, "Tel" is a word that reflects the loss of something, and at the same time speaks of a rebirth, of something new growing in the rich soil of what went before. She described the sense that many Jews in Sydney have that this is what they are living through now – that the Sydney they thought they knew has gone, but that something new will grow in its place.

She quoted a song that a New York Rabbi had written for his baby daughter the day after the Twin Towers came down (I think Rabbi Nicole is originally from New York), with the simple refrain:

*I will build this world from love.
You must build this world from love.
If we build this world from love,
God will build this world from love.*

And the third was the closing blessing. I love the Franciscan prayer that begins "May God bless us with discomfort..."; I'll close with the starting words of the blessing we were dismissed with:

Disturb us, O God, ruffle us from our complacency; Make us dissatisfied. Dissatisfied with the peace of ignorance, the quietude which arises from a shunning of the horror, the defeat, the bitterness and the poverty, physical and spiritual, of humans.

Chris

Sunday December 21st

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley

In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 7: 10-16
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
Romans 1: 1-7
Matthew 1: 18-25

Wednesday December 24th

9.00pm **Christmas Eve Communion Service with**
Rev. Aeryun Lee

Thursday December 25th

9.30am **Christmas Day Service with Aeryun Lee**
Organist: Sean Weatherley

Sunday December 28th

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9.30am **Worship Service with Amanda Jones**

In person and online...

Organist: Alan Caradus

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 63: 7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2: 10-18
Matthew 2: 13-23

9.30am **Sunday January 4th**

Worship Service with Holy Communion
with Rev. Aeryun Lee
Organist: Robert Bevan

9.30am **Sunday January 11th**

Worship Service with Rev. Aeryun Lee

9.30am **Sunday January 18th**

Worship Service with Rev. Aeryun Lee

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Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

From the Resource Centre

Still there are more materials at the Resource Centre to accompany us through this season of Advent – and so soon, into Christmas. Have you yet to meet Sister Wendy Beckett? Sister Wendy was a Carmelite sister living in a monastery in Norfolk. She was an art expert. Some years ago she was featured in a BBC documentary series on art history. Look for:

Sister Wendy on the Art of Christmas.

"I cannot imagine a better or more congenial guide to Christian art than Sister Wendy Beckett. In this beautifully illustrated and beautifully written book you will learn much about the fine arts, but much more about God." (James Martin, author of The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything.)

Advent for Everyone. A Journey through Luke. Here, author Tom Wright explores the Gospel themes of encouragement, renewal, justice and celebration guiding us towards the wonder and joy of Christmas.

Advent and Christmas. Wisdom from St Francis of Assisi. Through these daily meditations we are invited to listen to the wisdom of Saint Francis, and to deepen our spiritual life.

The Resource Centre is ours. Moments spent here are worthwhile.

From the Church Council

Following our Congregation Meeting on the 7th December 2025, the Church Council unanimously elected the following people to the key Council Positions:

Chairperson of Council –	Dan Reeve
Deputy chairperson -	Pauline Callan
Secretary of Council -	Neil Proudlove
Minute Secretary -	Matt Carter
Treasurer -	Simran Dryden
Church Council Executive -	Dan Reeve,
Neil Proudlove, Simran Dryden, Pauline Callan,	
Lynn Gough	

The Church Council wish to also formally thank Michael Dowling, Carrick Martin, and Chris Savundra who have each provided a great contribution to the Council and who have recently stepped down as Councilors.

We also note that as resolved at the Congregation Meeting, Church Council has sent off the formal application to Presbytery to extend the supply agreement of Rev. Aeryun Lee by 6 months, and the necessary paperwork is being put in place.

Join us in Prayer ...

Mighty and ever-loving God,
We wait.
The time has come again for your wondrous gift,
Hope of the world, born in the night.

You revealed yourself in a vulnerable infant
born in a borrowed manger.
And so we join with the host of herald angels
to celebrate the emptying of heaven onto earth,
the human face of your love.

We thank you for holding in your gentle, tender hands
all who are suffering in the world, especially at this time.
We stand before you with gratitude
and with faith in your power to make all things new,
all things possible.

At this Christmastime you bring us to the crib of life
to begin again, full of hope.
Give us purpose every day,
Help us to see holy meaning in our lives,
To see how we can help others find meaning.
Refresh our minds and our hearts, draw us close,
call us by name to follow your star wherever it leads us.

Angela

Chris will be on leave from 21st
December to 18th January.
The office will be closed for the first
and third weeks of January.

Summer at Six

4 January
Rob & Maz's
with swimming pool
58 Abingdon Rd Roseville
☎ 0411 026 466 (Rob)
☎ 0432 115 744 (Maz)

18 January
Chris & Sureka's
2 Bancroft Avenue Roseville
☎ 0402 012 418 (Chris)
☎ 0414 555 349 (Sureka)

11 January
Andrew and Tricia's
19 Clermiston Ave Roseville
☎ 0416 112 032 (Andrew)
☎ 0416 057 114 (Tricia)

25 January
Cath's
with pizza oven
22 Duntroon Ave Roseville
☎ 0490 467 114

Please RSVP if you can – otherwise just show up from
6pm. Bring your own drinks & something to
cook on the BBQ or pizza toppings at Cath's.
Five Thirty Worship restarts 1 February.



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