



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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Is packing a suitcase a metaphor for my life???

I'm travelling to England in a couple of weeks. Part of the trip is working, for which I shall need a better quality wardrobe than the other part, which is walking and driving around in beautiful scenery (in hopefully not too much rain!)

My house has a library. It's my favourite room, with floor to ceiling bookshelves on all the walls, and a couple of tables, although after 20 years, I still haven't got around to installing a comfy chair! The two tables, and the floor, are currently covered in clothes and stationery and hiking gear and chargers and cables and books and wet weather gear and first aid stuff and toiletries and maps and printouts. I've been randomly putting things in there over the last few weeks, just in case they may be needed, and now the room is rather full. I'm sure weight limits on baggage were invented for people like me! Now, with not many more sleeps to go, the weeding out process is about to begin, as there is only room for so much.

Stuff goes in, stuff comes out. Stuff hangs around for a little bit, uncertainty surrounding its potential usefulness. And at least some of the 'just in case' stuff will survive, and travel across the world and back again without ever being taken out.

If, random metaphor, I consider the suitcase as my knowledge and understanding of God, over the decades, stuff has gone in, stuff has come out. Stuff hangs around, even when I don't want it to. Then there is the clutter. I can't hold everything in there, so there has to be culling. I am thankful for access to new ideas and teaching and theology, through church and people and bookshops and podcasts, and also to have opportunities to test the new ideas, as well as (re)discover the worth in older ones. And to be able to work on discerning those things that there is really no room for any more, even while God and Jesus are ever more expansive and inclusive (unlike suitcases!)

The pursuit of knowing God more fully and walking daily with Jesus is a lifelong journey. Paul prays for the Colossians, *asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.*

There is always more to learn. Perhaps I'd better buy another suitcase 😊

Amanda

Sunday August 24th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Jillian Cranney

In person and online...

10.45am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

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

In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

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

What's on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00—11.30am
Wed Social Games 1.00—3.00pm
Thur Young Adult Small Group 7.00pm
Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 6.30-9.00pm

Sunday August 31st

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Rev. Keith Garner**

In person and online...

5.30pm **SOUL FOOD**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 2: 4-13
Psalm 81: 1, 10-16
Hebrews 3: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 4: 1, 7-14

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Message from Lindara ...

Would you like to know more about the Lindara Family Program, the local welfare charity that receives the Lindara Market proceeds? Guest Speaker with an afternoon tea is planned for **Saturday 30 August** in the Lindfield Uniting Church Undercroft Hall (down the longest driveway, where the market indoors stalls are usually set up).

Arrive soon after 2.30pm with **speaker at 3.00pm**— the Lindara Family Social Worker, who is a member of the CatholicCare team based at Waitara. They provide support services to local families in real need, and link them to additional help. Some are facing financial distress, some are experiencing domestic violence and/or need help to avoid homelessness.

Many of the market volunteers will be present to hear an update on the cause, so it's also a great chance to ask questions about how you might get involved in preparations for our Nov 22 market, over a cuppa.

Lindfield Uniting Church 454 Pacific Highway.

RSVP to email lindfielduca@gmail.com

Ph 9416 2106 / 0497 698 179 and leave a message.

Join us in Prayer ...

God of compassion, God-with-us, be with us in these times of uncertainty.

Break into our lives, rekindle our hope and breathe love into our communities, that we might find new ways of supporting and upholding one another, bearing witness to your inclusive love of family, friend, neighbour and stranger alike.

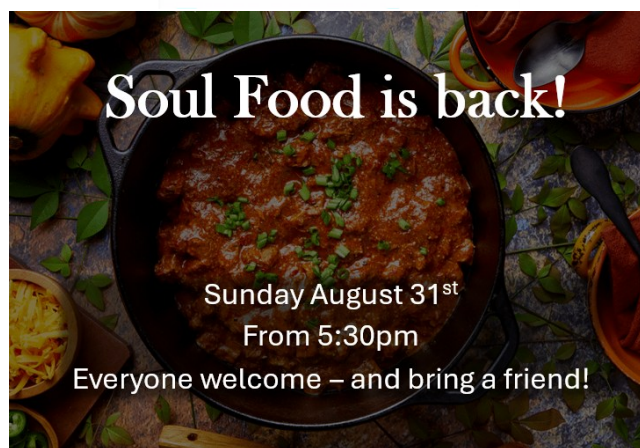
May our love for those most vulnerable in our community become a beacon of hope for all. In faith, hope and love, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Rev Denise Liersch

Circle of Friends

Come and join us for a relaxed morning tea.
Everyone is welcome!

18th September
10am – 11:30am



From the Presbytery Meeting 18 August..

A clear highlight was the presentation of Exit Candidate Michaela Antill-Cassie as ready for Ordination. Presbytery Minister Wellbeing, Rev Punam Bent, introduced Michaela and shared a bit about her history with the Presbytery and the Uniting Church. Michaela then had a chance to address the meeting and share more about her journey and call to ministry. She answered questions from members honestly and clearly and her commitment to the call to ministry was evident.

The presbytery voted formally and resolved by an overwhelming majority to affirm that, subject to receiving a call, Michaela Antill-Cassie is ready to be Ordained into ministry and requested the Pastoral Relations Committee to support Michaela as she seeks a placement.



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