



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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I have recently returned from a (working) holiday in the UK. At the Pastoral Care Team meeting last week, we were discussing the upcoming All Saints service on the 2nd of November. Connecting these two things is prayer, faithfulness and death.

There has been a church on our site at Roseville for over 100 years. During my time in England, I visited and prayed in tiny churches and massive cathedrals, (parts of) some of which were over 1000 years old. I always like to spend some time to sit and reflect on and pray for all the people and communities who have been part of those buildings; who have worshipped God so faithfully down the centuries; whose music has carried praise into soaring, vaulted, light-filled places, or echoed around dark wooden and stone interiors; who may have had quite different understandings of God (I hope all those medieval people who couldn't read but only looked at horrific wall paintings of souls in eternal torment were also told that God loved them, even if that made making sense of the paintings difficult!)

So many things make us different from all those church-goers of earlier eras; ideas which we may hold about our faith today would have been completely inexplicable then. Our knowledge and understanding of God, the way we follow Jesus, how we perceive the world around us, influenced by our culture, experiences and education, would make for interesting conversations were we to time travel. Perhaps our shared faith in God's faithfulness could be a meeting point.

The writer to the Hebrews tells us that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever. All those 'saints' who have gone before us, who prayed and worshipped in those ancient buildings and times past, or who have prayed and worshipped with us in our lifetime, have claimed the promise that God makes: "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deut 31.8)

When we meet on the 2nd of November, we will be remembering, and commemorating, those we have known and loved who are now with God. Whilst I have been writing this, a hymn has been running in my head, which helps to capture this sense of the presence and power and peace of God, in all places and in all times, and of our ultimate restoration to living forever in the one true light

*For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Amanda

Sunday October 26th

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

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

10.45am **Healing & Wholeness Service**

5.30pm **Worship Service**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Joel 2: 23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

What's on this week ...

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Young Adult Small Group 7.00pm

Wed Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
PYES 6.30-9.30pm

Sunday November 2nd

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ALL SAINTS SERVICE

9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion**
with Chris Goringe
Organist: Robert Bevan
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4
Psalm 119: 137-144
2 Thesalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12
Luke 19: 1-10

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

More dates for 2025

28th October: Young Adults' Study Group 7.00pm

2nd November: All Saints Service 9.30am and 5.30pm

7th November: eSoc trip to Paddy's Market

8th November: Working Bee 8.00-11.00am

12th November: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

22nd November: Lindara Market

26th November: Heraldng Advent Service, Holy Family Catholic Church 7.30pm

7th December: Congregational Meeting 11.00am

11th December: Reflective Christmas Service, Roseville UC 6.00pm

12th December: Taste of Meditation Afternoon Tea

14th December: Service of Lessons & Carols 9.00am

Join us in Prayer ...

- **HSC Students:** Thank God for all the work they've put in and the exams that are already behind them. Pray for courage, good concentration, perseverance, and encouragement from everyone around them as they see their exams through to the end.
- **Ceasefire in Gaza:** Give thanks for the progress that has been made in recent weeks. Pray that leaders everywhere will focus on paths to lasting peace with real and sustained actions to rebuild the lives and hopes of the people of Gaza.
- **Our preachers:** Let's be thankful for Chris and all those who preach in our Congregation. As the PreachFest Conference has finished, pray that those who attended will continue to be encouraged and empowered to develop their preaching gifts. And pray that this will help us all grow in sharing the love and welcome of Jesus.

Stuart

eSoc Friday 7th November

Paddys Market

Our next eSoc trip is to Paddy's Market. We will meet at Roseville Station at 10am, catch a train to Town Hall or Central, have a good look around the market and then have an early lunch in China Town. Please let me know by Wednesday 5th November if you are planning on coming.

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WORKING BEE

Saturday 8th November
8.00—11.00am

This Sunday, 26th October, Jews for Social Action have organised a guest speaker from the Justice and Equity Centre.

Emily Mayo is the Campaign Manager for Raise the Age and will be talking about the impact of the age of criminal responsibility in NSW being 10.

Northshore Temple Emanuel 28 Chatswood Avenue . Chatswood

7.00pm All welcome.

More information on the notice board.



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