



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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BEING A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH

We are...

Forty years ago the Uniting Church made the declaration “The Uniting Church is a Multicultural Church”. As our current President, Charissa Suli put it, these words “have become a vision, a calling, and a commitment”. A vision of what a truly multicultural Church might look like, a calling to make that a reality, and a commitment to the hard work involved.

At Pentecost I reflected that the miracle of tongues wasn’t necessary – for both Greek and Latin were sufficiently close to a lingua franca of the day that everyone could have heard the Good News of Jesus in language they understood. That was the Roman solution to the problem of culture – make everyone Roman. But throughout the spread of the Good News, what we see is not a drawing in, a homogenisation, but the message going out: “*in our own languages we hear them speaking*”.

But...

The world today is torn by so many conflicts along cultural and racial fault lines – genocide in Gaza, conflict between Israel and Iran, and with Hezbollah and Hamas, racial profiling and deportations in the United States, the almost forgotten war in Ukraine, countless other conflicts large and small that don’t even make our news. Any fragile peace that the modern world has been able to achieve fractures easily along lines of culture. So easily we scapegoat an ‘other’, find an alien to unite against.

And we feel powerless to do anything about it.

In the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 5:14, Jesus said “*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden*”. Both these images, the light shining out, the city visible from far afield, speak to a sense throughout the Scriptures that the people of God were called, have always been called, to witness to the world, to demonstrate that there is a different way to live. “*let your light shine before others,*” Jesus continues, “*so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*”

So...

So perhaps this is why our commitment to the hard work of genuinely being a multicultural Church (and, indeed, a multicultural nation) is now more important than ever. Because there are few messages the world needs to hear and believe more urgently than this: that people can, across all barriers of race and culture (and the rest), live together in the Shalom of God.

Chris

Sunday June 29th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Rev. Aeryun Lee**
Organist: Jillian Cranney
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service at Turramurra UC with Rev. Dr Peter Walker**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

What’s on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed Book Club 10.05am
Social Games 1.00-3.00pm
Elders’ Forum 7.30pm

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm

Sunday July 6th

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

5.30pm **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe and Stuart Powell**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Church Family News

Robert Yorston died earlier this week, and a service to celebrate his life will be held here at Roseville on Tuesday 1st July at 2.00pm



More dates for 2025

12th July: Working Bee

17th July: Young Adults' Dinner at Cath's 7.00pm

19th July: Lindara Market

20th July: Extraordinary Congregational Meeting 4.00pm

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

8th November: Working Bee

22nd November: Lindara Market

Join us in Prayer...

Dear Lord,

In a world so conflicted at present, may our hearts remain open to the joy and beauty around us. May we be aware of receiving your grace today and every day. May we welcome the gifts you so freely give, embracing your love with gratitude and joy. Help us to share your grace with others as we journey. May we show kindness, compassion and joy to the world.

We pray for the work of the Uniting Church in the world, particularly in the Pacific. Let us not forget the plight of our near neighbours as they deal with the stress of climate change in their communities. Help us support them as they make significant changes to their lives.

Pray for world leaders as they make decisions which affect world relationships. May they act with dignity and respect toward each other and may they be mindful of the most vulnerable.

We pray for those in our community who are experiencing any difficulties at present. May your sustaining grace carry them through their challenging times and hope sustain them.

Lynn



“Women Gathering”

Saturday 9th August



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