



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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Advent in two voices

Creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss

*For God so loved the world that God gave God's only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting
life;*

We must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty,
death and destruction

Jesus came that all may have life, and have it abundantly.

Violence and hatred have the last word, war and destruction rule
forever

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
his name shall be called wonderful counsellor, mighty God,
the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.*

We are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the
world

*To me is given authority in heaven and on earth,
and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.*

We have to wait for those who are specially gifted,
the prophets of the Church,
so that we can become peacemakers

*I will pour out my spirit on all flesh
and your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have
dreams.*

Our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity,
of peace, are for the world to come, not for this earth and for this
history

*The hour comes, and it is now,
that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.*

Let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:
Jesus Christ - the life of the world.

Chris

Sunday November 30th

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

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

5.30pm **Worship Service and Advent Workshop**
with Chris Goringe

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 2: 1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 36-44

What's on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am

Wed Book Club 10.15am
Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri PYES 6.30-9.30pm

Sat Christmas Party from 4.00pm

Sunday December 7th

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9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion**
with Chris Goringe
Organist: Robert Bevan
5 Minutes of Faith with Dan Reeve
In person and online...

11.00am **Congregational AGM**

5.30pm **Worship Service**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19
Romans 15: 4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

From the Resource Centre

Preparing our Hearts for Advent

Recently, the Resource Centre has been refreshed - new displays, new books just in time for Advent. Already there are many calls on our time: so much preparation and expectation. But there is another call, too: one inviting us to be still, to go beyond the immediate to what lies ahead, even to wonder.

As you visit the Resource Centre you will find resources enabling us to do just this.

'CHILD of the LIGHT. Walking through Advent &

Christmas'. Author, Beth Richardson: 'We all need this time of Advent to slow us down, to open our ears to God's quiet voice, to guide us through the chaos of the consumerist culture that Christmas has become.' A reviewer: 'We people who wait in darkness yearn for light. In a time of great hostility, Advent is a rumour that reconciliation is possible.'

'Doorways into Hope and Joy at Advent & Christmas'.

Author Michael McGirr: 'Advent is the original adventure, a journey that encourages us to look a bit further afield.' With words and images, he invites us to open doors - of welcome, of this day's needs, of warmth, of dignity... 'In the vast ocean of time, God can touch us in a moment.'

'Goodness and Light. Readings for Advent and

Christmas'. Author Michael Leach. These short stories and reflections come from 48 different authors including Thomas Merton, Pope Francis, Leo Tolstoy, Oscar Romero...

These and more are on our Resource Centre. They are ours: do come by, browse and borrow.



Join us in Prayer ...

Oh Lord we cry out to you in these dark days. We know circumstances can change. Help us to remember to never underestimate the power of love and justice to change the darkness around us. Help us be aware of our own responsibility to actively pursue these.

We cry out to you for the peoples living in countries besieged with conflict. Please may they experience peace and justice soon. We cry out to you for leaders of wisdom who will put their personal desires aside and act for the good of all.

We cry out to you for hope with climate change. Bless and give hope to those severely affected particularly in the Pacific. May we all be mindful of actions we can take to reduce the impact of our existence on this earth be it on land or in our oceans. Show us how to hand on a worthy heritage to those of the future.

Thankyou Lord for those who inspire us. Thankyou Lord for our community be it at our church or in our wider community. Bless those who work tirelessly to maintain your love and teachings among us.

Lynn

More dates for 2025

6th December: Congregation Christmas Party 4.00pm

7th December: Congregational Meeting 11.00am

11th December: Reflective Christmas Service 6.00pm

12th December: Taste of Meditation Afternoon Tea

14th December: Service of Lessons & Carols 9.30am

24th December: Christmas Eve Communion 9.00pm

25th December: Christmas Day Service 9.30am



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