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ANOTHER DEPARTURE

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the death of Charlie Kirk. This week there has been another death in the news; that of the primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall.

There's so much to like in her story – from being given a stuffed toy chimpanzee as a child through to her last days launching a tree-planting / reforestation project. In a male dominated field she inspired many young women to follow their passion for science.

Perhaps less well known was Dr. Goodall's spiritual approach to her work, for which she was awarded the Templeton Prize in 2021. She identified as a Christian throughout her life, though her spirituality emphasised the mystery of the divine, writing “I don't have any idea of who or what God is. But I do believe in some great spiritual power. I feel it particularly when I'm out in nature” and “we must accept that there is an Intelligence driving the process [of evolution], that the Universe and life on Earth are inspired and in-formed by an unknown and unknowable Creator, a Supreme Being, a Great Spiritual Power”.

As I read many of the tributes to Dr. Goodall I was struck by how her central contribution to science linked to our reflections on the Season of Creation. I suggested that the ‘original sin’ of our relationship with creation was that we as humanity had come to see ourselves as separate from creation, as categorically different from the rest of the created order.

And it was that attitude that Dr. Goodall's work challenged, as she showed again and again how similar we are to chimpanzees. She documented chimps making and using tools (until then considered a uniquely human skill), identified many parallels in chimp and human social structures, and even reported the darker similarities, observing dominant female chimps killing the young of other females to maintain their dominance. Her observation of personality variations in primates was ridiculed as anthropomorphism for decades before it became widely accepted that we are far more like the rest of the natural world than we often arrogantly assume.

And she did it all with humility and without ever losing her childlike curiosity. In the words of Timothy Dalrymple, president of the John Templeton Foundation: “She illuminated our interconnectedness with the natural world and exemplified how intelligence, courage, and love could come together in one person's pursuit of a cause greater than herself.”

Vale Jane Goodall.

Chris

Sunday October 5th

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

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

5.30pm **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe and Rev. Jan Reeve**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Lamentations 1: 1-6
Lamentations 3: 19-26 or Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Luke 17: 5-10

What's on this week

Tue Young Adults Small Group 7.00pm

Wed Small Group 10.00am

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm

Sunday October 12th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...
Five Minutes of Faith—Jennie Tippins

10.45am **Second Cuppa**
Combined Churches Family Picnic from

5.30pm **Worship Service with Nathan Tyson**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Psalm 66: 1-12
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)



Daylight Savings starts on Sunday 5th October. Don't forget to set clocks forward 1 hour.

eSoc Train to Little India (Harris Park) – Saturday October 11

We will explore Little India, including lunch and visits to Jaipur Sweets, The Saree Shop, and the Akshara Jewellery Shop.

We will meet at Roseville Station at 9:55 AM to travel by train to Parramatta, followed by a fifteen-minute walk to Little India in Harris Park.

RSVP Friday, October 10. Everyone is very welcome to come. Please feel free to bring along friends.

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Trivia Group

"Do you enjoy Trivia. We have a group in the church which plays Trivial Pursuit 7 or 8 times a year, culminating in a Christmas party.

We meet in each others homes on a Saturday afternoon for a game then socialise over a lovely afternoon tea.

We are looking for new members so if you'd like to join us or get further information contact Sue Nurse

0407 232 774

Uniting Churches Family Picnic



This fantastic gathering of local Uniting Churches is back for the third year!

Great company, silly games (mostly optional), and the rubber chickens.

Put the date in your diary:
October 12th
after morning service
Pymble Ladies College

If you would like a lift or are able to car pool talk to Cath

Join us in Prayer ...

Lord, we seek your guidance to align our thoughts and actions with your divine will. Let us desire to be more generous and compassionate from a sincere love for You and humanity.

May we always seek your presence Lord in our lives and to acknowledge and be grateful for your guiding hand, often when least expected.

We pray to you Lord, for an end to the destruction of war and man's inhumanity to fellow man, especially between Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia. We pray for the injured, especially where there are no adequate hospitals, doctors and medical supplies.

In these difficult times for many in the world, we pray that they find the resilience to keep going, especially in war torn countries, and to find peace and strength in your divine will.

Thanks be to God

Amen

Michael



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