ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind.

This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored.

There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

The symbol for 2025 is The Garden of Peace. The symbol is characterized by a dove carrying an olive branch bringing life to the Garden of Peace.

In the Biblical story of the flood, the dove plays the role of the blessed messenger: the dove sent out by Noah returns to the ark with a fresh olive branch in its beak, signalling that the flood is receding.

As the flood story begins with a situation where "the earth is filled with violence" (Genesis 6: 13), the return of the dove with the olive branch came to be known as a sign of new peace.

Sunday September 7th

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 and Confirmation with Chris Goringe**
In person and online...

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:
Jeremiah 18: 1—11
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1—21
Luke 14: 25-33

What's on this week ....

Tue	Kids Playtime 10.00—11.30am
Wed	Small Group 10.00am
	Social Games 1.00—3.00pm
Fri	A Taste of Meditation 1.00pm
	Christian Meditation 2.30pm
	PYES 6.30-9.00pm

Sunday September 14th

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

10.45am **Second Cuppa**

5.30pm **Worship Service**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:
Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1Timothy 1: 12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

Links | Service live (or replay) streaming | Zoom (for meetings) | Church website | Chris' sermons

Church Family News

Many of you will remember Edith Kidd, who died last week. Edith and Lindsay were long time members of this church, and their daughter Rowena designed the gardens when the hall and offices were built. The Memorial Garden is in her honour. Edith was involved in many areas of church life, and following her move to the South Coast near her son, continued to play the piano for services in her retirement village.

More dates for 2025

12th September: A Taste of Meditation 1.00pm

18th September: Circle of Friends 10.00am

18th September: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

21st September: International Day of Peace 3.00pm Knox Cultural Centre

27th September: eSoc Blue Mountains Walk

12th October: Uniting Churches Family Picnic, Pymble Ladies College, after morning service

14th October: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

8th November: Working Bee

12th November: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

22nd November: Lindara Market

Join us in Prayer ...

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

https://seasonofcreation.org/

Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have be come from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action.

Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation.

Prince of Peace, through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world.
Through your resurrection, make us people of hope with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labour for your peace a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places.

Amen.

This week is the start of the Season of Creation. If you have a pot plant or something similar that you would like to bring along it would help to make the sanctuary greener for the month.

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