



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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INITIATING THE NEW ORDER

This expectation of God that adults will embrace and initiate a new order, despite the odds seeming to be stacked against it, flows from the narrative of the birth of John the Baptist right through the ministry of John's cousin Jesus.

There is a moment in Mark's gospel when Jesus is predicting to Andrew, Peter, James and John that the world will not be a safe place, even though he has come as its saviour.

You will hear of wars and rumours of wars.

Nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom,

There will be earthquakes in many places, there will be famines.

...and before Jesus says any more, maybe we want to interject,

We know what you're talking about.

... because we – all of us, irrespective of our age – have been aware of nation rising against nation; and it has not been limited to the Second World War. It has been much more recent: in the Falklands, in the Gulf, in Israel-Palestine, in Indonesia, in Yugoslavia, in the Ukraine, in Afghanistan.

And you and I, irrespective of our age, have witnessed albeit via television pictures the ravages of earthquake and famine and flood – whether that be in Ethiopia or in Los Angeles, Worcester or York.

And with the possibility of a transatlantic co-operation in a new breed of Star Wars defence systems, we may be justified in wondering if we are living in end times. Whether, with the new political world order and the incessant ravages on the environment, humanity will be around for much longer.

Yet just as Zacchariah and Elizabeth, who thought that old age spelt slow-down, were confronted with pregnancy, so in Jesus' eyes what seems like the end times are identified by Jesus as unpremeditated labour pains.

These signs ... are the birth pangs of a new age.

For people of faith, pessimism is never an option, nor is apathy.

For people of faith, even those who feel keenly within themselves an anxiety about the way society is going or about the destiny of the world, the word of Jesus is the antidote to despair. It does not say that everything will be easy; it says that the hostility of nations or problems with the environment have to be seen as preparation for a new age, for new birth.

And the people of God are recruited to be midwives of the new order which God wishes to bring about in our societies, and in our world.

That, essentially, is what we are in the Church: not a collection of complainers who sing that things can only get worse, but an odd assortment of midwives who in the midst of confusion pray and believe and prepare for the new thing which God intends to happen.

John Bell "Hard Words for Interesting Times"

Sunday June 8th

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

PENTECOST

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley

In person and online...

10.45am **Second Cuppa**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris and Sureka Goringe**

In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17, (25-27)

What's on this week

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
Church Council 7.00pm
Young Adults Dinner 7.00pm

Wed Wednesday Small Group 10.00am
Social Games 1.00-3.00pm

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm

Sat eSoc Potluck Dinner 6.00pm

Sunday June 15th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Alan Caradus

In person and online...

4.00pm **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)



eSoc Games Night Saturday 14 June 6.00pm

- Join us for our winter pot luck dinner and games night at the church.
- Bring along games you enjoy playing and would like to teach others
- Let Maz know (0432 115 744) by 13 June to help with organizing seating

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday 15th June 4.00pm

insights

The Winter Edition of Insights is now available to collect. Please let me know if you would like a copy mailed to you.

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Join us in Prayer...

Dear Lord,

- in these troubled times we ask for your peace to calm our anxieties and fears as we prepare for the week ahead.
- give us strength and courage to face challenges and help us to be beacons of love and kindness to those around us.
- we pray for those in our community facing hardship or illness that they may receive your peace and healing.
- we pray for the salvation of the innocent citizens caught up in wars, especially the Middle East, Ukraine and elsewhere. We pray these wars end soon and the world finds peace and harmony once again.
- we pray for all those in our Church for their faithful contribution and the good work they do in bringing our community together.
- guide our steps Lord and bless our hearts with your grace.

Thanks be to God

Amen

Michael

BOOK CLUB

1ST Wednesday of the month
at Roseville Uniting Church
10.15am in the Conference Room
Morning tea provided
Contact Pauline : 0417 419 671

Offertory

If you would like to make your offering on line the process is straightforward and flexible. Those who use internet banking can set up or change a regular direct deposit through the bank's internet banking website. Alternatively, direct deposits can be arranged at a bank branch. Our banking details are as follows:

BSB:634634

Account Number:100018040

Name: Roseville UC Cheque Facility

Talk to Carrick if you have any questions.



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