



## FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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### Our Mission

Know, Love and Serve God, Bring Others to Christ

### FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

#### *The Heart of Coffee, the Heart of Faith...*

These days, many people enjoy drinking coffee. If you look at the cafe menu, there are so many types of coffee. Among them, there is one that is hard to reach for because it is small in quantity, strong, and bitter. That is espresso. Espresso may be difficult to drink on its own, but it is the basis of all coffee.



If you add water to espresso, it becomes a short black or long black, and if you pour warm milk, it becomes a cafe latte. If you add milk foam and top it with cinnamon powder or chocolate powder, it becomes a cappuccino, and if you add caramel syrup, it becomes a caramel macchiato. If you add chocolate syrup, it becomes a cafe mocha. The starting point of such a variety of coffee menus is espresso. That is why espresso is called the 'heart of coffee.'

There are basics in our lives, but they are so small that they are not noticeable, monotonous, and even so difficult that we hesitate to do them, but without those basics, we cannot achieve anything. If you are faithful to the basics, you can build anything on top of them. Just as espresso is the starting point for various coffees, our basics will also be the starting point for creating a richer life. Believe in the small but

strong power of basics. There may be sweet, creative, and amazing possibilities hidden within them.

The heart of the Christian faith lies in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The place where God's love was revealed through His Son Jesus Christ is the cross and his resurrection. The basics and beginning of the Christian faith begin with the cross and resurrection. May this Easter season be a time when we can recover, experience, and share God's love and grace.

*"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8, NLT)*

### **MARCH HAPPENINGS**

3F held its inaugural meeting at the church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. A friendly 'getting to know' you discussion was held between Ruth and Helen, followed by some card games and afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome to join us for our next get together on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Greg & Robyn Jacobs will guide us through their travels to Cape York. The list of proposed activities for the rest of the year is on display on the noticeboard and there are handouts on the Stewards' table.

### **WHAT'S ON IN APRIL**

Please check the noticeboard in the church entrance for brochures highlighting *Lent Event*, *Frontier News* and the *Leprosy Mission* work.

**Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes** Tuesdays from 9.30am at the church. Bible Study from 9.30am followed by ESL classes. Contact Sanghyeon or Freda for more information.

**Communion** will be celebrated on the first Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

**3F Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm** Please note this month's change of date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in April. Everyone is invited to view a video and discussion with Robyn & Greg Jacobs on their trip to Cape York, followed by afternoon tea. Please join in the fellowship and fun.

**Kids @9** Sunday School learning and fun for all children. Come and join in the activities during term time.

**Play Group** Also, during term time, Wednesday from 9:30-11:30am for children (0-5 years of age) and carers. Lots of fun and time to meet and share with young families.

**Men's Bible Study (MBS)** We will meet on Monday 14 and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 am at the café, *Brewscape*, and at church. We ask for your prayers for MBS and the participation of those interested. Contact: Rev. Nam.

**Wild Geese** A reminder that Wild Geese will not be held in April as it falls on Anzac Day.

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** We will continue our support of Operation Christmas Child collecting the following donations but also please feel free to shop any month for any of the items and give to the appropriate collection person - Remembering items must share space in a show box so need to be small

**April** - Robyn Jacobs - Something to play with i.e. - marbles, skipping ropes, puzzles, balls

**May** - Marion - Something to Love i.e. small cuddly toys, knitted animals

**June** - Victoria - Something to Wear i.e. underwear, t-shirts, shorts

**July** - Deirdre - Education i.e. coloured and lead pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, stickers and small puzzles

**August** - Margrit and Lorraine - Hygiene i.e toothbrushes, combs, face washers, soap bars

Packing day will be advised nearer the time but following on from last year will be a Saturday in October. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please give directly to Robyn Jacobs or Deirdre and they will bulk shop for you.

**Friday Prayer Meeting** "Small Seeds Prayer Meeting"

Those interested and willing to join the prayer meeting with prayer requests are encouraged to gather to read the Bible, share prayer topics, and pray on Friday morning. Date & Time: Fridays from 10:00 - 12:00 at the church chapel.

**Dates for the Diary** Please save the date to help us celebrate Winter Christmas on Saturday 19th July 2025 - More details to follow

**Offerings** The need to support the Church and its work in the community continues. EFT, cheque and cash donations can be made in the Offering Pouch on Sunday mornings or as listed below:

<b>*By Direct Deposit</b> (internet transfer) Reference: "Offering" FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH BSB 634 634 Account 100018395	<b>*Cheques</b> made payable to Forestville Uniting Church can be sent to FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH PO BOX 264 FORESTVILLE 2087
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### **SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS**

- All Christians around the world celebrating the central story and season of our faith this year Easter. May we know God's resurrection grace and love which nothing can break or end, not even death.
- Pray for our congregation's members who are facing physical, mental, and spiritual struggles and those who find it difficult to meet at church for various reasons - Kevin Andrews, Margaret and Alex Norquay, Mary Eggl.
- Pray for our church leaders and seek volunteers for our church ministries.
- Pray for our cross-cultural ministry, Freda Tong and Tuesday programs - Bible Study, ESL & Friday session.
- Pray for our church ministries - Tuesday English classes, Wednesday Playgroup, Friday Prayer meeting, 3F and Men's Bible Study, SRE.
- Pray for seeking a family worker for our family ministry.
- Pray for our community - Forestville. May God's grace and the gospel of Jesus Christ be shared with our community through our ministries and services.
- Pray for our school children & students to have a safe and meaningful school holidays.

## ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Sound	Int. Prayer	Stewards	Morning Tea
6 Apr	Ruth Seymour	Sandra News-Smith	Helen Gill	Minister	Robyn Cohen	Mark & Victoria Brownlee
Lent 5      Is 43:16/21      Ps 126      Phil 3:4b-14      Jn 12:1-8						
13 Apr	Esther Osborne	Freda Tong/ Lisa Weng	Robyn Cohen	Robyn Cohen	Helen & Nick Gill	Mika & Chin Yeh
Palm Sunday      Is 50:4-9a      Ps 118: 1-2,19-29      Phil 2:5-11      Lk 19:28-40						
20 Apr	Robyn Cohen		Robyn Cohen	Helen & Nick Gill	Mei Bao	Sandra Rim & Marion Hesketh
Easter Day      Acts 10: 34-43      Phil 118:1-2      1 Cor 15:19-26      Jn 20:1-18						
27 Apr	Helen Gill	Sandra Rim	Helen Gill	Sandra Rim		Ruth Seymour & Doti McConnell
Easter 2      Acts 5:27-32      Ps 118:14-29      Rev 1:4-18      Jn 20:19-31						
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