



FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

**March 2025**

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**WITH OUR WARMEST GREETINGS TO YOU**  
**WHEREVER YOU MAY BE**  
**FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK**

### **The Eternal Victory of the Lord**

Marx was originally an economist and philosopher of history. However, he called himself a revolutionary. There are various interpretations of his role, but the world had to experience a much more intense history of conflict and bloodshed with the communist revolutionary theory he advocated. His dichotomous view of humanity soon formed a 'structure of opposition of hatred' between the haves and the have-nots, the capitalists and the workers, the haves and the have-nots. Under the pretext of fair distribution, he established a dictatorship more cruel than that of the capitalists by enthroning a small class of workers, and controlled the people with chains and prisons that exploited human rights. However, the communist empire he built with his ideas failed utterly.

Even Napoleon, the hero who ruled Europe, was eventually exiled to St. Helena and left these words: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I built empires with force... But Jesus Christ built his empire with love... What a vast chasm exists between my misery and the eternal kingdom

of Christ! Who is he whom people still love, worship, and he rules the world? ... He is God!"

The way Jesus changes the world was unprecedented, beyond human imagination. That is why even his closest disciples betrayed him. But in the end, everyone knows Jesus is the only true way and the truth.

Before Easter on April 20, we begin Lent on March 5. God gives us time and opportunity to experience his love, suffering, sacrifice, death, resurrection and life, as we confess that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life for all. During Lent, I hope we will become close to God's Word and experience the eternal victory of Jesus Christ through his death on the cross and his resurrection through time of prayer and meditation.

"All the powers of our body and mind should be constantly prepared to serve God." - Charles G. Finney

### Sanghyeon's day-off

Starting this month, Sanghyeon will have a day-off every Wednesday. The church office opens Monday to Saturday from 8.30 to 1.30pm, except Wednesday.

### Sanghyeon's leave

Sanghyeon will be on short leave from the 25<sup>th</sup> March to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

### Our church Facebook, Instagram and Homepage

Through Facebook, you will be able to access our church's Instagram and news and share online fellowship with various people. Please search on Facebook search window with "Forestville Uniting Church". Our church homepage is renewing at this moment, so we will have an updated church homepage soon.

### Regarding Prayers of the People



Those who lead prayers of the people, please send the prayer to Rev. Nam by Wednesday. His email address is [fc.minister21@gmail.com](mailto:fc.minister21@gmail.com)

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

The Ladies Fellowship met to discuss and plan meetings for this year. The first item on the agenda was a change from a female group to a non-gender specific group where everyone is invited to all meetings and activities. This required a name change and "3F" was chosen meaning "Forestville, Fellowship and Fun". We hope that everyone will relate to these activities. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March for a "Getting to Know you" short chat and card games to follow. The list of proposed activities is on display on the noticeboard and there are handouts on the Stewards' table.



< "Restart our study!" from Tuesday Bible Study >





< Playgroup Volunteers Catch Up >



< Pray & Blessings for the School Students >



## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> March in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

Leaders' Meeting on Tuesday 4th at 7pm at the church.

3F Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm Everyone is invited to a getting to know you chat with Ruth and Helen before we enjoy some group card games and 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) This month MBS will meet on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<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.

### Baptism & (Re) Affirmation Education Class

Baptism education class will run for those who are interested and thinking of being baptised & affirmation this year. The class will start for six times when we have a candidate. Please contact Rev. Nam or Freda.

Friday Prayer Meeting - "Small Seeds Prayer Meeting"



Starting with Lent, we will begin a prayer meeting every Friday morning. Those interested and willing to join the prayer meeting are encouraged to gather to read the Bible, share prayer topics and pray.

Date & Time: From 7<sup>th</sup> March every Friday from 10:00 - 12:00 at the church chapel.

### Women and Children First

We will again be collecting pantry, and other non-perishable, items for the *Women and Children First* charity, helping victims of domestic violence and homelessness in the Northern Beaches area. Donations can be placed in the basket in the entrance to the church throughout March.

Pantry & Household staples - Rice, Pasta Sauce, 2 Min Noodles, Peanut butter, Vegemite, Honey, Muffin Mix, Muesli Bars, Olive Oil, Long Life Milk, Tuna/Salmon, Kids Breakfast Cereal (not oats, we have loads), Biscuits sweet and savoury, School snacks for lunch boxes, Coffee, Nappies in size 4 or size 5, Baby Wipes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hand Soap, Laundry liquid/powder.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

### Discussing Dementia - Part 1

Dementia is the leading cause of death of Australian women, and will soon be the leading cause of death for me also. But what is dementia and what types are there? What are its symptoms and stages? Is there a cure? How common is it? How can we care for those living with dementia? Where is God in dementia? Please join us for a special presentation by Rev. Frank Van Der Korput. We will answer these questions, and more. This event is open to everyone and public.

Rev. Frank was the Minister of the Word at Kincumber UCA for nine years, Chaplain at Northaven Retirement Village for thirteen years, and is currently doing Supply Ministry at Central Coast South UCA - Umina and Kincumber. His understanding of dementia and the needs of people living with dementia and their carers is exceptional. Backed up by his





Masters in Chaplaincy and Diploma in Dementia Care he has a wealth of knowledge to share. His website is [www.hopeandjoy.com.au](http://www.hopeandjoy.com.au).

**Date:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Time:** 9:30am - midday (with a morning tea break)

**Venue:** Forestville Uniting Church

## **SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS**

- All those marking Ash Wednesday on 5<sup>th</sup> March and the beginning of Lent. In the days ahead may we journey with the One who forges a trail of new life through the dust.
- Healing across divisions around the world.
- 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, Rosemarie Pursell, Margaret and Alex Norquay.
- 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 fellowship and Men's Bible Study, SRE.
- 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.

**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:

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

| Date  | Flowers           | Sound       | Stewards                    | Readers              | Inter-cessory Prayer | Morning Tea                 |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 Mar   | Lily & Moa        | Helen Gill  | Robyn Cohen                 | Lily & Moa           | Rev. Freda Tong      | Brownlee Family             |
| Transfiguration of Jesus Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 Lk 9:28-36  |                   |             |                             |                      |                      |                             |
| 9 Mar   | Mika              | Helen Gill  | Helen & Nick Gill           | Mika                 | Sarang Nam           | Sandra Rim & Marion Hesketh |
| Lent 1 Dt 26:1-11 Ps 91: 1-2, 9-16 Rom 10:8b-13 Lk 4:1-13   |                   |             |                             |                      |                      |                             |
| 16 Mar  | Helen Gill        | Robyn Cohen | Nita & Alan Mann            | Pat Thompson         | Robyn & Greg Jacobs  | Joan & Kevin Andrews        |
| Lent 2 Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 27 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 13:31-35   |                   |             |                             |                      |                      |                             |
| 23 Mar  | Mika              | Helen Gill  | Mei Bao & Chinese Community | Mark Brownlee        | Alan Mann            | Robyn Cohen/Lili & Moa      |
| Lent 3 Is 55:1-9 Ps 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13 Lk 13:1-9  |                   |             |                             |                      |                      |                             |
| 30 Mar  | Rosemarie Pursell | Robyn Cohen | Helen & Nick Gill           | Joan & Kevin Andrews | Mark Brownlee        | Helen & Mika                |
| Lent 4 Jos 5:9-12 Ps 32 2 Cor 5:16-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32   |                   |             |                             |                      |                      |                             |
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**LENT**  
*Season of Reflection*