



FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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Our Mission

Know, Love and Serve God, Bring Others to Christ

FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

"Talking"

Jane Addams was an American pacifist social activist who led the movement to enforce the 8-hour workweek for children and women, protect immigrant women, and establish the first juvenile court. In 1931, she became the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1889, she established the first social welfare centre in the United States, 'Hull House', in the slums of Chicago, and worked for the rights of the socially disadvantaged. She also devoted much attention and effort to the food and living problems of people experiencing poverty and their happiness.

She was especially committed to the abolition of child labour for the education and environment of children and was well aware of the importance of education at home, so she said, "Even if you open the store an hour later, talk to your children. Talking to your children is more important than burning food in the oven or opening the store early and earning more income."

In particular, vulnerable families have less freedom of life than the wealthy, and this leads to a lack of conversation, making it even more difficult to escape the situation, so she considered conversation with children important: "Talk to your children, your spouse, and your neighbours. Through conversation, we can plant seeds of hope and happiness in our hearts and minds."

In human relationships, conversation is an essential element that not only extinguishes misunderstandings but also leads to more mature relationships. In the home, conversations between family members decrease because we think, 'They know even if I don't say anything.' Just as even family members cannot understand each other if they don't talk, conversation is an important first step toward family peace.

The same goes for our faith journey. Conversation with God, 'prayer,' not only fosters fellowship with God but also matures the Christian faith and life. An essential first step toward living in God, His will, and His presence is to listen to His voice and ask Him, that is, to have a life of prayer. In this autumn, when the sky is clearer, why not take some time out of the day to have a deep and open conversation with God?

*"It doesn't matter what you say,
it matters what the other person hears." - Peter Drucker -*

Sanghyeon's day-off

A reminder that Sanghyeon will have a day-off every Wednesday. The church office opens Monday to Saturday from 8.30 to 1.30pm, except Wednesday.

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 website has been updated, please share with your friends, family and wider community

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

Combined Service with the Forest Kirk

The first half of the Combined Service with Forest Kirk will be held at Forest Kirk Church on 18th May at 9:30 AM. We hope to see many of you, and if you need vehicle assistance, please get in touch with Sanghyeon or Helen.

LiNC - Love in the Name of Christ LiNC is a local volunteer organisation assisting members of the local community with transport for Doctor's and other medical appointments, regular phone call contacts to the lonely and housebound along with several other services. If you would like further information, please look for the brochure on the bookshelf at the Church entry. If you would be interested in joining the organisation as a volunteer, please contact Bruce McLaren for further information - 0432 189 007.

APRIL HAPPENINGS

3F At our April meeting Robyn and Greg gave us an armchair four-wheel drive tour to the tip of Cape York. It was visually beautiful and much more comfortable from our Church pews. We may never have the opportunity to take the same route but at least we can appreciate the beauty of our land and God's creation. Thank you, Robyn and Greg! Everyone is welcome to join us for our next get together on Tuesday, 13 May. Details to follow.



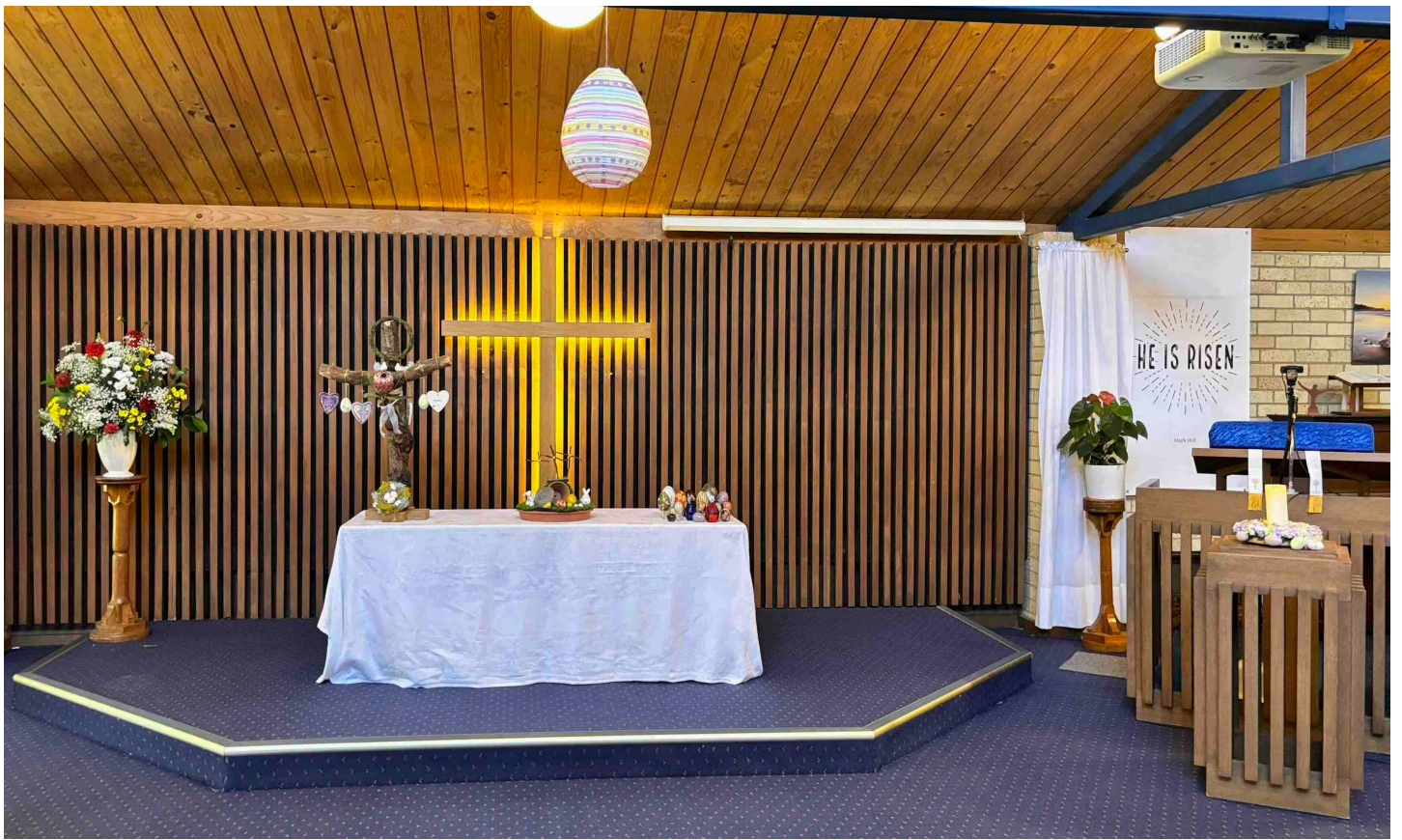
◁ Tuesday Classes' Excursion @ Rocks Museum ▷



< Godly Play @ Preschool for the Easter Season >



< 2025 Palm Sunday >



< 2025 Easter Sunday >

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Please check the noticeboard in the church entrance for brochures.

Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes Tuesdays from 9.30am at the church. Bible Study from 9.30am followed by ESL classes. The classes will **resume on Tuesday, 6th May**. Contact Sanghyeon or Freda for more information.

Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday, **4th May** in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

3F Tuesday 13th at 2.00pm On Tuesday 13th May, it is planned that we see a movie together but at this stage we do not know what films will be showing. Thursdays see the change in the following week's film showings. Information will be available closer to the date, and we can arrange transport by carpooling. Helen will be co-ordinating our coffee and movie get-together and everyone is invited.

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. Will start on 30th April.

Men's Bible Study (MBS) We will meet on Monday 12th and 26th 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 will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 30th May at Deirdre and Rob's home

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.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) This month we will focus on our WOW items of 'Something to Love' Marion will be collecting small cuddly toys, knitted animals and dolls. Please pass on any donations to Marion but also please feel free to shop for any of the items and give to the appropriate collection person - Remembering items must share space in a shoe box so need to be small.

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 10:30 - 12:30 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.



Ceilidh

*Contact
Marion Hesketh*

Venue: Forestville Uniting Church
 Date & Time: Saturday, 14 June 2025, 2 pm
 Cost: \$10/Adult, free for children

(All proceeds go to Operation Christmas Child)

Come & have fun Scottish Country dancing, games for the kids, other entertainment & afternoon tea

- **Discussing Dementia - Part 1**

Date: Saturday, 28th June 2025

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

Venue: Forestville Uniting Church

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:

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

- The Christian church in Palestine marking Easter in the midst of unfathomable suffering. May it know the solidarity and love of the crucified and risen Jesus who himself has felt our violence, pain and brokenness.

