



## FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

July 2025

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### Our Mission

Know, Love and Serve God, Bring Others to Christ

### FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

#### *The weight of a snowflake*

In the forest, a magpie says to a wild pigeon: "Do you know how much a snowflake weighs?"

The wild pigeon says, "It weighs almost nothing."

The magpie then says, "Then I'll tell you a story that I find hard to believe. I was sitting on a branch right next to a fir tree trunk, and it snowed. It wasn't snowing much, nor was it a heavy blizzard. It wasn't even violent; it was like a dream."

"Since I had nothing else to do, I counted the number of snowflakes that landed on the spot where I was sitting. There were exactly 3,741,952."

"The next snowflake, which, according to you, weighed almost nothing, broke the branch."

We don't know how many regrets are silently accumulating in our hearts like snowflakes right now. A momentary regret doesn't weigh as much as a snowflake. It doesn't destroy our lives all at once. However, if we keep piling up regrets, our lives will eventually fall apart. Let's not

make small things big. Let's not just regret and move on. If we just regret and move on, it can become a big problem.

Therefore, have time to repent for every small regret and have a clean heart. David prayed: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

### 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.

Sanghyeon will be on annual leave between 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please address any concerns in his absence to Pastoral Care Leader, Greg Jacobs or Cross-Cultural Worker, Freda Tong

### 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 the 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](mailto:fc.minister21@gmail.com)

## JUNE HAPPENINGS

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June we farewelled Geoff George who will move to Orange, NSW permanently. We thanked Geoff for his many years of friendship and contribution to our church community by both him and his wife Joy. We wish George many years of happiness in his new home

3F Our 3F gathering on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June was a fantastic Scottish Ceilidh, organised by Marion and her highland dancing group. It was a



fun afternoon of Dancing, Singing, Games and afternoon tea. We raised an impressive \$650 to support Operation Christmas Child.



< We miss you, Geoff >



< Want you join the Ceilidh dance? >

**LINC** - LinC stand's for Love in the name of Christ. Members of Forestville Uniting Church use this service, and we have four volunteers. LinC is happy to help you or anyone you know who could benefit from the various services.

We urgently need more volunteers due to several recent resignations, and to offer services more widely. We provide the following services, some of which are pending while we build up our volunteer base due to several recent retirements :

- Transport to medical appointments and to hospitals.
- Transport to dialysis and pick up (one or two days a week at present- will increase when we re-build our volunteer network).
- Taking residents shopping
- Visiting lonely people
- Take residents to a coffee shop for friendship and a chat. (pending-late 2025)
- Make weekly phone calls to lonely people.
- Staff the LinC Office in Dee Why to take calls from church co-ordinators re requests for help.

There is some training required relating to the safety of volunteers and clients. The aim is to provide a service in the name of Christ, not to make Christians. If people wish to talk to you about your faith, that is of course quite OK. Please let me know [b.mcl0264@gmail.com](mailto:b.mcl0264@gmail.com) or 0432 189007.

## WHAT'S ON IN JULY

Please check the noticeboard in the church entrance for brochures.

Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes will have a break during the school holidays. The classes will resume on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 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> July in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

Pastoral Leaders Meeting will meet on Tuesday 1st July at 7pm at FUC.





**3F** will celebrate Christmas in July and support Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fun night of food, games and Christmas songs on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 5.00 pm.

Cost: \$55 Children \$25. The closing date to finalise numbers will be the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please pay Robyn or Deirdre in cash and sign the sheet on the welcome table or pay by direct debit and mark your 'surname & Xmas in July'. If you pay by DIRECT DEBIT, please sign the sheet to say you are attending.



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

**Play Group** The last playgroup for this term will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. It will commence again on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. 9:30-11:30am, for children 0-5 years of age and carers. Share morning tea and meet other families in the community

**Men's Bible Study (MBS)** We will meet on Monday 28 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 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm at the manse.

**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"

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. **The Prayer meeting will resume on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 - 12:30 at the church chapel.**

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** This month we will focus on collecting educational items. Deidre will be collecting pencils, rubbers, stickers and small puzzles. Please pass on any donations to Deidre 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.

**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

We still require items from previous months i.e. underwear, t-shirts, shorts/skirts and knitted beanies. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please give directly to Robyn Jacobs or Deirdre and they will bulk shop for you.

Packing day will be advised nearer the time but following on from last year will be a Saturday in October.

### SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pray for ceasing the fire and having peace in Israel, Iran, Russia and Ukraine.
- The **people of Sudan**. The ongoing civil war is causing what the United Nations describes as the world's worst humanitarian crisis with nearly half their population experiencing extreme hunger and malnutrition.
- 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 - Esther Osborne, Robyn Jacobs.
- Pray for our new guests at the church and the Tuesday classes - Be well-settled and start well their faith journey at Forestville UC.
- Pray for our church leaders' governance and ministries and seek volunteers for our church ministries, especially prepare well for the Presbytery Growth and Mission Consultation in August.
- Pray for our cross-cultural ministry, Tuesday programs and our church ministries - Bible Study, ESL & Friday session. 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 school students to stay safe and healthy during the winter break.



< Dementia Workshop 1 with Rev. Frank >





**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><b>*By Direct Deposit (internet transfer)</b></p> <p>Reference: "Offering"</p> <p>FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH</p> <p>BSB 634 634</p> <p>Account 100018395</p>	<p><b>*Cheques</b> 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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# ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Int. Prayer	Sunday School	Stewards	Morning Tea
6 July	Ruth Seymour	Sandra News-Smith	Robyn Cohen	-	Helen & Nick Gill	Mika & Chin Yeh
Pent 4(14) 2 Kgs 5:1-14 Ps30 Gal 6:(1-6),7-16 Lk 10:1-11.16-20						
13 July	Helen Gill	Freda Tong/Lisa Weng	Helen/ Nick	-	Mei Bao	Sandra Rim/Marion Hesketh
Pent 5 (15) Am7:7-17 Ps82 Col 1:1-14 Lk 10:25-37						
20 July	Mei Bao	Sandra Rim	Pat Thomson	-	Robyn Cohen	Ruth Seymout/Dot McConnell
Pent 6 (16) Am 8:1-12 Ps 52 Col 1:15-28 Lk 10:38-42						
27 July	Nisi Vaokakala	Brian Greeves	Keith Robards	Robyn/ Lorraine	Alan Mann	Lena & Elizabeth
Pent 7(17) Hos 1:2-10 Ps 85 Col 2:6-15 (16-19) Lk 11:1-13						
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