



FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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Our Mission

Know, Love and Serve God, Bring Others to Christ

FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

Schweitzer and Hélène

Albert Schweitzer grew up in a privileged environment, receiving the best education money could offer. Yet even as a child, he showed a remarkable sensitivity to others. When his parents tried to dress him in fine clothes, he would protest, saying, "Others can't afford to dress like this—how can I wear it?" This deep empathy shaped his entire life.

As a young man, Schweitzer learned of the suffering in Africa caused by the lack of medical care. He could not simply ignore what he now saw as a call from God. So, already accomplished as a theologian and musician, he chose to begin medical school—determined to spend the rest of his life serving those in need.

But then, he fell in love. Her



name was Hélène. Those around him assumed he would abandon his plans for Africa to stay by her side. Schweitzer wrestled deeply with this inner conflict. One day, he visited Hélène and spoke with quiet determination: "I am someone who must go to Africa." Moved by his conviction and love, Hélène replied, "If I become a nurse, then I can help you in real, practical ways, can't I?" She went on to study nursing, and after they married, they journeyed to Africa together—where they spent the rest of their lives offering devoted, compassionate care.

True love does not insist on being understood first; it seeks to understand the other. It does not aim to change the other, but to accept and honour them. Every love that shines with true beauty is marked by commitment, sacrifice, and deep consideration.

As we enter a new month, may we grow in that kind of love—serving and caring for those around us with the same spirit of humility and devotion. May our homes, churches, and communities be shaped by love that is self-giving and faithful.

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same." (Luke 10:36-37, NLT)

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's Study leave

Sanghyeon will be on study leave from 29 August to 5 September as part of his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program.

Our church Facebook, Instagram and Homepage

Through Facebook, you will be able to access our church's news and share online fellowship with various people. Please search on Facebook for "Forestville Uniting Church" and on Instagram for "forestville_uc"

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

JULY HAPPENINGS

3F Came together with members of the congregation and friends from the Kirk to celebrate Christmas in July and raise funds for Operation Christmas Child. It was a joyous occasion with delicious food, Christmas carols and fun facts. Thanks to Robyn and Deirdre for the hard work and dedication they continue to put into running this event every year





< We've begun a new semester together. May it be a season of growth and grace.>



WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

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. Contact Sanghyeon or Freda for more information.

Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday, 3rd August in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday 5th August at 7pm at FUC.

Presbytery Growth & Mission Consultation for Forestville UC will be held on Saturday, 23rd August at 9.30am at FUC hall. The Presbytery team has agreed to come to our August 23rd M&V Day and since many questions they intend to pose will be discussed in our review. Please church Leaders and Council members note this and join the session.

3F On the 19th August we will be visiting the Archibald exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW with Lindy Batchelor. Meeting at Jamison Square bus stop (corner of Warringah Rd & Starkey St) at 8.55am to catch the 9.04am bus to the city.

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

Play Group Wednesday's from 9:30-11:30am during school terms, 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 11 and 25 August 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 Wild Geese will be held at Jacobs' house on Friday 29th August.

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 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.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) This month we will focus on collecting items of Hygiene. Margrit and Lorraine will collect toothbrushes, combs, face washers. Please pass on any donations to Margrit or Lorraine but also please feel free to shop for any of the items and leave in the Christmas Box at church - Remembering items must share space in a shoe box so need to be small. 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.

Dates for the Diary



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:

*By Direct Deposit (internet transfer) Reference: "Offering" FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH BSB 634 634 Account 100018395	*Cheques 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

- The ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as aid agencies warn that relief supplies have been nearly exhausted.
- Relief in Pakistan. Monsoon rains continue to batter the Punjab province. Two weeks ago, 65 people died and over 300 were injured, bringing the nationwide death toll since late June to more than 180.
- 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 - Mary Eggl, Sandra Rim.
- Pray for our church leaders for their governance and ministries and seek volunteers for our church ministries.
- 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 the students of Tuesday classes who study the Bible and English so that they may have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Int Prayer	Sunday School	Stewards	Morning Tea
3 Aug	Rosemarie Pursell	Brian Greeves	Minister	Helen & Nick	Helen & Nick	Esther Osbourne & Lorraine
Pent 8 (18) Hos 11:1-11 Ps 107:1-9,43 Col3:1-11 Lk 12:13-21						
10 Aug	Lily & Moa	Mark Brownlee	Sandra Rim	Sophie & Victoria	Mei Bao	Robyn C & Rosemarie Pursell
Pent 9 (19) Is 1:1, 10-20 Ps 50:1-8 Heb 11:1-3,8-16 Lk 12:32-40						
17 Aug	Joan Andrews	Robyn & Greg	Sarang Nam	Robyn J & Dot	Robyn Cohen	Helen & Nick
Pent 10 (20) Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2,8-19 Heb 11:29-12:2 Lk12:49-56						
24 Aug	Mika	Sarang Nam	Robyn & Greg	Helen & Nick	Alan Mann	Joan & Kevin
Pent 11(21) Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 Heb 12:18-29 Lk 13:10-17						
31 Aug	Robyn Cohen	Rosemarie Pursell	Alan Mann	Sophie & Victoria	Helen & Nick	Lily & Moa
Pent 12(22) Jer 2:4-13 Ps 81:1,10-16 Heb 13:1-8,15-16 Lk14:1,7-14						
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