



## FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

**September 2025**

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### Our Mission

Know, Love and Serve God, Bring Others to Christ

### FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, ten of our church leaders and I participated in a consultation hosted by the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery's Growth & Mission Committee (Katrina Freeston (Photo), Rev. Jeong Ha Hwang) at our church. This gathering provided us with a valuable opportunity to reflect on our current ministries and evaluate how effectively we are serving both our congregation and the wider community. More importantly, it invited us to consider strategically which areas of ministry



require our focused preparation and intentional action moving forward.

Throughout the consultation, it was evident that every participant carried a deep commitment not only to our church's ministries but also to the spiritual growth of our members, the wellbeing of our local community, and the long-term future of our church. I was struck by the passion, diligence, and wisdom of our leaders, as well as the prayers, engagement, and support of our congregation, all of which form an essential foundation for ministry.

Most significantly, I am reminded that our efforts are ultimately guided by God's Spirit. As we prayerfully discern next steps, I am encouraged to trust that through our faithful leadership, communal support, and God's providential work, His purposes will be accomplished in this community, advancing His kingdom and bringing life and hope to those we serve.

### **Sanghyeon's day-off and Study leave**

A reminder that Sanghyeon will have a day-off every Wednesday. The church office opens Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 1.30pm, except Wednesday. Sanghyeon will have the study leave from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September. For the duration of Sanghyeon's study leave, please contact Helen Gill, the Church Council Chair, for any matters pertaining to church ministry, business and pastoral care enquiries.

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

## **AUGUST HAPPENINGS**



3F On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> September a large group of over 30 people enjoyed a wonderful morning viewing and learning about the art in the Art Gallery of NSW. Lindy Batchelor opened our eyes with her knowledgeable and entertaining talk whilst our Chinese members shared with an interpreter. We had a lovely morning of fun and fellowship.





We welcomed Thomas and Lauren Jacobs and their family to third Sunday morning service. Having served and worked in Lesotho, Africa, they shared their inspiring journey of faith, life stories, and the heart of their ministry through the Lokisa Water Project. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear firsthand how God was at work across the world, and to be encouraged in our own walk with Him.



## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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, 7<sup>th</sup> September in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

**3F** On the 9<sup>th</sup> September we will meet in the church Hall for 'getting to know you', Sandra Rim and Mei Bao will each present a short talk about their childhood, youth, adulthood and beyond. This will be followed by a few games of crazy whist! A fun card game. All are welcome to join

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

**Play Group** Wednesdays 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 pause MBS in September and resume on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**Morning Worship Service for Chinese** "A Time In God's Presence Together". Worship; Prayer; Scripture Reading in Chinese with Christian faith, we embark on the road of experiencing God again in the busy and lonely daily life. Date & Time: **Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30am at the church chapel.**

**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 - 12:30pm at the church chapel.**

**Wild Geese** Will be meeting this month on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at the home of Sandra News-Smith.

**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.

**Dates for the Diary**

- **Operation Christmas Child Packing Day** - This year's packing day will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am in the church hall. We encourage all willing helpers to join us, followed by morning tea.

- **The end of year Christmas lunch for 3F** - The lunch will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Details to follow :) All welcome.

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

- Pray for the people of Ukraine, that God would surround them with His peace, protect them from harm, comfort the grieving, and fill their hearts with hope and courage in the midst of suffering.
- Pray for the communities in Gaza and Israel, that God would bring safety to the vulnerable, healing to the wounded, reconciliation where there is conflict, and His love to guide all toward peace and understanding.
- 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, Kevin Andrews.
- 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.
- Pray for the new Morning Worship Service for Chinese, that God would bless it with His presence, inspire hearts through worship, and draw the community closer to Him in love and faith.

# **POST-FATHER'S DAY COFFEE GATHERING**

**“Let us gather over a cup of coffee,  
nurturing the bonds of fellowship  
and brotherhood among men.”**

**Date: Saturday, 13 September at 10.30 am**

**Venue: Brewscape Cafe in the Forestville Centre**

**RSVP to Rev. Nam (0425 477 003) by 10 September**





## ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Int Prayer	Sunday School	Stewards	Morning Tea
7 Sept	Esther Osbourne	Marion Hesketh	Freda Tong	Helen & Nick	Mei Bao	Ruth Seymour & Dot McConnell
Pent 13 (23) Jer 18:1-11 Ps 139:1-6,13-18 Phlm 1-21 Lk 14:25-33						
14 Sept	Helen Gill	Robyn Cohen	Mark Brownlee	Helen & Nick	Robyn Cohen	Sandra Rim/Marion Hesketh
Pent 14 (24) Jer 4:11-12,22-28 Ps 14 1 Tim 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-10						
21 Sept	Ruth Seymour	Kevin & Joan Andrews	Keith Robards	Sophie & Dot	Alan Mann	Victoria & Mark
Pent 15 (25) Jer 8:18 - 9:1 Ps 79:1-9 1 Tim 2:1-7 Lk16:1-13						
28 Sept	Mei Bao	Alan Mann	Robyn Cohen		Helen & Nick	Mika & Chin Yeh
Pent 16(26) Jer 32:1-3a.6-15 Ps 91:1-6 1 Tim 6:6-19 Lk 16:19-31						
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