



## FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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### Our Mission

*Welcoming all generations in our culturally diverse community  
to Know, Love and Serve God*

### FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

#### "Her Choice"

In February 1954, one of the biggest stars of her time, Marilyn Monroe, married baseball legend Joe DiMaggio and set off for their honeymoon in Japan. During the trip, however, they made a sudden change of plans. Instead of heading to a glamorous resort, she chose to visit war-torn South Korea, where she decided to perform for American troops.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February, ahead of the performance, well-known Korean actors gathered at Daegu's Dongchon Airfield to welcome her. Large crowds



surged in, eager to catch a glimpse of the world-famous actress, causing considerable commotion. Yet in the bitter cold—down to minus 20 degrees Celsius—and without even a proper waiting room, she had to change her clothes behind a makeshift military tent.

Despite showing symptoms of pneumonia, she stepped onto the outdoor stage. Over four days, she gave eleven performances, singing before more than 100,000 American soldiers and offering them a sense of hope. For those moments, both the war and the freezing cold were briefly forgotten. She later reflected, "Performing in Korea was the best thing I ever did."

The most meaningful moments in life are often found not in choices made for ourselves, but in sincerely reaching out to others. Even when it costs us something, a willing heart that gives up its place can become a source of great strength to another—and a lasting sense of dignity within ourselves. It's a lovely season to be out and about, serving and loving our neighbours, isn't it?

*Do to others as you would like them to do to you. (Luke 6:31)*

### 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"

### Sanghyeon's day-off

A reminder that Sanghyeon has a day-off every Wednesday. The church office opens Tuesday to Saturday (Not Wed) from 8.45 am to 12.30 pm.

### Sanghyeon's study leave

Sanghyeon will be on study leave between 29<sup>th</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please address any concerns in his absence to Pastoral Care Leader, Greg Jacobs or Cross-Cultural Worker, Freda Tong.

## APRIL HAPPENINGS

As part of our Cross-Cultural Ministry, our Tuesday Bible Study and English classes visited the Hyde Park Barracks on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. This excursion offered a wonderful opportunity for our Chinese community members to explore local history, especially patterns of colonial settlement during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century.



On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, we welcomed Rick George, Regional Ministry Leader from Samaritan's Purse. He shared the profound impact of Operation Christmas Child, inspiring our continued stewardship. We truly appreciated the presentation he shared; the congregation found it incredibly insightful and were delighted to learn more about the vital work of Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child. It is certainly our hope that our church can provide ongoing support for these ministries.



## WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Please check the noticeboard & table in the church entrance for brochures and information.

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

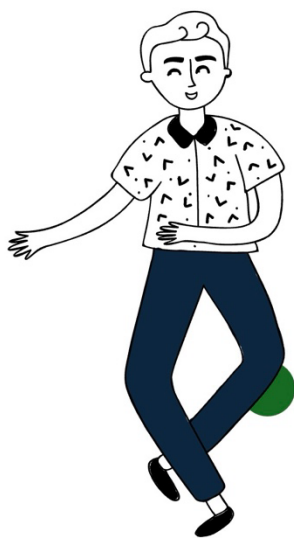
3F Please join us on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2 pm in the church hall, as we gather to raise funds for Operation Christmas Child. We will have a 'Ceilidh' - a traditional song and dance party with Marion's Scottish

choir and dancing group. This will be followed by sharing afternoon tea together, so please bring a plate to share if you are able.

# Ceilidh at Forestville Uniting Church

Saturday, 16 May 2-4 pm

星期六, 5月16日  
下午2點至4點



Adults : \$10 成人 : \$10

Children : Free 兒童 : 免費



*All proceeds go to Operation Christmas Child*  
所有收益將捐給聖誕兒童行動

Men's Bible Study (MBS) MBS will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 am at the church hall and the café, Brewscape. We ask for your prayers for MBS and the participation of those interested. Contact: Rev. Nam.

Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes run Tuesdays at the church during the school term. Bible Study from 9.30 am followed by ESL from 11.00 am. Contact Freda for more information.

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

Play Group Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am for children (0-5 years of age) and carers. Lots of fun and time to meet and share with young families.

Morning Worship Service for Chinese 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. Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am at the church chapel.

Wild Geese will meet on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm at Deirdre and Rob's home. Note the earlier start time for an earlier retirement.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) During the month of May, Margrit and Lorraine will be collecting hygiene items i.e. toothbrushes, combs and wash cloths (no soap please). Please leave items in the box in the church foyer. Likewise, if you would rather give a monetary donation please give directly to Robyn Jacobs or Deirdre and they will bulk shop for you. Please feel free to shop for any of the monthly items and give to the appropriate collection person - remembering items must share space in a shoe box so need to be small.

**24 May, Pentecost Sunday**

**COMBINED  
SERVICE  
WITH THE KIRK**

**9.30 am**

**@ Forest Kirk UC**

## Dates for the Diary

Christmas in July will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow over the coming months. Please save the date to enjoy this fellowship activity while supporting Operation Christmas Child.

3F - All members of the church are welcome to join in our next 3F activity, which is an excursion to the Quarantine Station in Manly for a tour on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am. Cost will be approximately \$25 plus additional cost for coffee etc. We will try to carpool as parking is limited. More details to follow.

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 nations ravaged by war, conflict, and violence.
- 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 - Alex Norquay, Mary Eggl, Robert Dundas, Jeanette Colditz and Chin Yeh Chou.
- Pray for our church leaders and seek volunteers for our church ministries.
- Pray for our cross-cultural ministry with leader, Freda Tong, the student minister, Jermaine Yan, and the Tuesday programs of Bible Study & ESL and Thursday's Chinese service.

- Pray for our church ministries - Wednesday Playgroup, 3F, Men's Bible Study, SRE, Different Taste, Donations - OCC & Women and Children First.
- 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 our school children & students' school life during the second term.

## ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Int. Prayer	Sunday School	Stewards	Morning Tea
3 May	Robyn Cohen	Sandra News-Smith	Freda	Helen /Nick	Robyn Cohen	Sandra Rim and Marion
<b>Easter 5 Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5,15-16 1 Pt 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14</b>						
10 May	Mika	Freda Tong/Lisa Weng	Pat Thompson	Sophie/Victoria	Mizi/Stephen	Ruth Seymour /Esther Osborne
<b>Easter 6 Acts 17:22-31 Ps 66:8-20 1 Pt 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21</b>						
17 May	Helen Gill	Sandra Rim	Alan Mann	Robyn J /Doti	Helen & Nick Gill	Yuan Chan/Shu Yen Li
<b>Easter 7 Acts 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10,32-35 1 Pt 4:12-14,5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11</b>						
24 May	Combined Service	At The Kirk	Kirk	-	Kirk	Kirk
<b>Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34 1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23</b>						
31 May	Joan Andrews	Deirdre Dundas	Mark Brownlee	Sophie/Victoria	Alan Mann	Robyn & Doti
<b>Trinity Sunday Gn 1:1 - 2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20</b>						
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