



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

"Things Shine Brightest in Their Proper Place"

When we see a large fish gliding gracefully through the still waters of a peaceful pond, we cannot help but admire its beauty. Yet imagine that same fish lying on a dining table for no particular reason. Most people would find it unpleasant or even repulsive. The fish itself has not changed in any way, so why does it evoke such completely different reactions? The answer is simple: it is in the wrong place. In the same way, the rich soil that nurtures life in fertile farmland becomes nothing more than dust to be swept away when it is scattered across the living room floor.

Everything in this world is at its most beautiful and valuable when it is found in the place where it truly belongs. This truth invites us to reflect on whether we are living in the place where we can most fully become the person God has created us to be. Each of us has a place to keep and a role to fulfil—at school, in the workplace, and within our

families. When we faithfully remain in the position entrusted to us, our lives naturally begin to display a quiet and enduring beauty.

Yet remaining faithful to our place is often far more difficult than we expect. At times we feel unsettled, and at other times we are tempted to walk away altogether. One truth, however, remains certain: there is no place that feels perfectly suited to us from the very beginning. It is through perseverance, faithful commitment, and countless drops of sweat that a place gradually becomes our own. As we grow through dedication and endurance, that place becomes where we truly belong—a place where God enables us to flourish and where our unique light can shine for His glory.

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25, NLT)

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 9.00am to 1.00pm.

JULY HAPPENINGS

Induction of Rev. Minh Towner

On Saturday 11th July, the congregation of Hornsby Uniting Church gathered to celebrate the induction of Rev Minh Towner. The service was officiated by Rev Keith Garner AM, Chairperson of the Presbytery.

Bill Laidlaw extended a warm welcome to all in attendance, and Edwina O'Brien delivered the Welcome to Country. Rev Dr Peter Walker, Synod General Secretary, preached an inspiring message encouraging the congregation and Rev Minh focussing on the authority with which we do ministry. That authority lies in selflessness and servicehood. This sets the tone as they begin this new chapter of ministry together. A highlight of the service was a beautiful musical offering by The Sau Faupula UC Congregation youth, whose joyful singing added to the spirit of the celebration and worship.

We pray God's richest blessings on Rev Minh, the congregation, and the wider community as they journey together in faith and service.



Christmas in July

On the evening of the 25th of July, our church family and the people from the Kirk gathered for our 'Christmas in July' celebration—a wonderful night of winter warmth, delicious food, and joyful fellowship.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the dedicated organisers, our incredible kitchen team, and the tireless volunteers who spent hours preparing the hall and the feast. Your servant-hearted leadership behind the scenes was a beautiful reflection of our faith in action. We are equally grateful to everyone who attended and gave so generously. Your warm presence and open hearts made the evening a resounding success.



Beyond the carols, games, and shared meals, our celebration carried a clear missional purpose. All proceeds directly support

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, carrying the life-changing message of the Gospel and bringing immense joy to vulnerable children overseas who might otherwise receive nothing.

Thank you for partnering in this vital ministry, embodying the generosity of Christ, and helping us be His hands and feet to children in need.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

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

"Dementia everyday life"

Free Dementia Workshop

Practical Approaches to Dementia

With Rev. Frank van der Korput

Master of Chaplaincy, Dip. in Dementia Care
Chaplain at the retirement village

@ **Forestville Uniting Church**
(9 Darley St. Forestville)

Saturday 8 August

9.30 am – 12.00 pm

(Inc. Morning Tea)

Enquiry: Rev. Nam 0466 277 649



Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday, 2nd August in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

Church Council Meeting on Tuesday, 4th August at 7pm at the church.

3F Our activity for this month will be an excursion to the Archibold exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, together with the English

conversation class and everyone is welcome to join us. The details are as follows. Please see Robyn Jacobs for any further information and to RSVP.

Date & Time: Tuesday 4th August. Meet 8.55am sharp at Jamieson Square to catch the 9.04am, 270 bus to the QVB, then the 441 bus from stand D at the QVB building at 9.48am. We will have morning tea before the tour, and you may want to stay for lunch after the tour.

Cost: \$27 concession. (\$30 full fee paying)

Men's Bible Study (MBS) MBS will be held on **Mondays, 17th and 31st** at 7.15 am at the church and the cafe. We ask for your prayers for MBS and the participation of those interested. Contact: Rev. Nam.

Wild Swans English Conversation Classes run Tuesdays at the church during the school term. ESL from 10.00 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, 28th August** at 7.30 pm at the home of Sandra Newns-Smith. Please bring your textbook, 'Life Lessons from John'.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) During August, Robyn will collect small toys like games, marbles, skipping ropes, puzzles, and balls. Please place items in the church foyer box. Alternatively, monetary donations can be given to Robyn Jacobs or Deirdre for bulk shopping. Remember that all items must be small enough to fit in a shoebox.

Dates for the Diary

New Course Starting! Join our **Basic Christianity** course, designed for newcomers, beginners, and those preparing for baptism.

Beginning Sunday, 23rd August, sessions will run on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, in English and Mandarin, over six sessions. Everyone is warmly 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:

*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

- Pray for the people of Kumamoto and the Kyushu region in Japan following the recent earthquake.
- Pray for Australia's economy, public safety, and the stability and wellbeing of everyday Australians.
- 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, Chin Yeh Chou and Hai Lian Yuan.

- Pray for our church leaders and volunteers.
- Pray for our cross-cultural ministries - the Tuesday programs of Bible Study & ESL, Thursday's Chinese service and Different Taste.
- Pray for our church ministries - Wednesday Playgroup, 3F, Men's Bible Study, SRE, Different Taste, Donations - O.C.C. & Women and Children First.
- Pray for our community - Forestville. For sharing God's love and the gospel of Jesus Christ through our ministries and services.

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