



**Rosefield**  
Uniting Church  
*in the heart of Highgate*

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# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

WEBSITE: [www.rosefield.org.au](http://www.rosefield.org.au)

This  
Christmas  
end a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten  
friend. Dismiss suspicion,  
and replace it with trust.  
Write a love letter. Share some  
treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep  
a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.  
Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you  
were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your  
demands on others. Think first of someone else.  
Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a  
little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a  
child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the  
wonder of Earth.  
Speak your love.  
Speak it again.  
Speak it yet  
Once again.

## Readings

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16  
Luke 1: 46b – 55 or  
Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-261: 46b-55  
Romans 16: 25-27  
Luke 1: 26-38



**This Sunday will be a service of Lessons and Carols.**



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

As you are aware COVID has presented us with some challenges in accommodating everyone into the church as restrictions have limited our numbers. In order to be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend a Christmas worship service we will hold a service on Christmas Eve at 7pm and one on Christmas Day at 9.30am. These services will be very similar, and we are asking that you **give us an indication of which service you plan to attend**. We will be able to have 140 people at each service (restrictions permitting). You may want to request to attend both (and you are welcome to do so if numbers permit) but we would need to let you know if that is possible. We would like to leave some availability for people from our community who may just arrive on the day. While this may be different from the usual Rosefield Christmas, we want to encourage everyone to join us for at least one of the services.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS

**The Church Office will be closed from Wednesday**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, 12 noon until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 10am.**

**This is the last Newsletter for 2020 it will recommence on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

## MINISTER IN SUPPLY

Rev Robyn Caldicott will finish on 31st December 2020 and from 1st February 2021, for an initial period of 4 months, Rev Sue Ellis (Ex-Moderator) will come to Rosefield as Minister in Supply - 0.5FTE. We look forward to welcoming Sue into the Rosefield Community. During January we will have different preachers rostered each week.

## Ellen Horner and Nick Kitching Wedding

Dear Church Community, Nick and I have been touched by the well-wishes of Rosefield for our wedding this coming Saturday. We would love to invite you all along to the service, but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are not able to. We have organised a livestream, so if you are interested, you are welcome to watch along at 2.30pm Saturday 19th December. The link is: <https://youtu.be/n43WL26EdOY>  
From, Ellen Horner and Nick Kitching

## Alice McCleary and Peter Murchland Wedding

For those who would like to be part of our wedding via live casting, you can click on this link - <https://vimeo.com/485421014> from 11.45am on Sunday 20 December. We appreciate your support and your generosity in making space for others.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria**

Life was already tough for Syrian refugees living in Jordan. And now, the economic crisis unfolding as a result of the coronavirus has made the situation even worse. This Christmas your gifts will help refugees in Jordan to stay safe through the pandemic. Your kindness will translate into lifesaving food rations, hygiene kits and medical care. What a wonderful way to share God's love. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

## PASTORAL CARE

### ROSEFIELD PRAYER MEETING - 8:00 am Wednesday mornings (online)

A half-hour time of prayer for our church and particularly for the JNC and the whole process of calling a new minister. Come online at 8:00 am on Wednesday mornings if you would like to be part of praying for our church, or if you would like prayer (for yourself or someone else) or would like to pray for something on your heart. Everyone is welcome. Go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9607672787?pwd=ZVJZeWVPRUlVbR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

Scott Hutchinson and Rob Rodenburg

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

Living with Covid 19 continues to change how we do things.

Thinking about how different things have been during 2020, this is a request for anyone to send an item to be included in the Annual Report.

Please forward your photos, group/activity report or item/reflections for 2020 to Heather Williams, [heather.j.williams43@gmail.com](mailto:heather.j.williams43@gmail.com)

The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021

### SAVE THE DATES – SUMMER MORNINGS IN JANUARY

Rosefield's popular Summer Morning programme will return in January 2021—albeit in a COVID safe manner. Wednesday mornings:

13<sup>th</sup> January - Picnic in the Park, Scammel Reserve, Myrtle Bank

20<sup>th</sup> January. Musical Morning, Rosefield Uniting Church

27<sup>th</sup> January - Movie Morning, Wallis Cinemas, Mitcham Shopping Centre

The program now available at the Church. Contact Wendy Davis on 0407 781 623

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **MESSAGE FROM WOW (WOMEN ON WEDNESDAY) BAG SALE**

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent fund raiser – the total amount raised was \$1522.00

We are raising money to replace the Air Conditioning in meeting rooms 1-3.

Congratulations to Dick Heddle who won the raffle prize of a quilt.