



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



# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 26 September 2021

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## Readings

### 19<sup>th</sup> September

Est 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22.

Psalm 124

James 5: 13 - 20

Mark 9: 38 - 50

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Jb 1: 1, 2: 1-10

Psalm 26

Heb 1: 1-4 2: 5-12

Mark 10: 2 - 16

G'day folks,

Well, my first quarter is done and dusted. I've started my study leave. You are lucky enough to have Chris Williams preaching this week — that will be something special. I will be spending a week on university work and a week out of town on retreat, reflecting on my learnings from the first quarter here at Rosefield. I have had a lot of great conversations with congregation members and people involved in the wider church. These conversations will be the basis for my thinking and reflection. I will also be re-reading that excellent Rosefield 100th anniversary book (and another one on Adelaide one of you gave me) and my Bible.

I find it essential to take time to retreat. To pull back and reflect. Ministry gets busy, and starting in a new city, with a new community is a lot of new information. I find it helpful to step back and reflect. To put the information in order and pray through conversations I've had. The old saying about seeing the mountain from the valley and the valley from the mountain, the need to step out to reflect is vitally important.

Speaking of mountains, the Season of Creation ploughs ahead. This week our prayer relates to mountains. I've included it below. In October, we have our Gifted Generosity program starting. This is an opportunity to reflect on God's abundance and care for creation. We will reflect on our part here at Rosefield, and you will be invited to help shape our future. One of the joys in my first few months has been working with the Gifted Generosity team in creating this program. Scott will have more information coming soon. We have some very gifted people in our congregation (including you, dear reader). I've been so impressed with the way people have shared their gifts and time. We have a top-notch brochure, a prayer vigil, stories and probably a sermon or three. All of these things reflect on God's generosity and our response. It does include finance and more. It includes time and gifts, care and love.

Blessings, Richard

*God, our Creator, as we descend from the mountains, we celebrate the wonders of the wild that surround us. Help us to see in the surrounding landscape the places where the planet has been polluted and to empathise with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to recognise that the hills are alive with your Spirit and to rejoice with all our kin, especially the creatures of the wild. In the name of Christ who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.*

**Phishing:** Friends, from time to time churches are targets for phishing attacks. These are emails that look like they come from us, usually seeking a favour or some such thing. Be careful. Always check the email address that is sending it. We are being targeted again. If anyone received an email claiming to be from Richard seeking a favour, please report and block it. It would be helpful if you let Richard or Lorraine know that you received it. We are going to ask our IT specialist to come and help protect us.

## Red Dove Cafe Fund Raiser

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the virtual morning tea for the Red Dove Cafe. A total of \$1208 was raised. \$708 from the morning tea and \$500 from the Cycle Cluster



## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Rosefield Uniting Church is again participating in packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Brochures and boxes are available this week in the church foyer. Please take one (or two or three...) and return it to Rosefield Uniting Church Office by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Any questions please see Lorraine Schroder. Thank you in advance!

**Date for your diary:** A prayer vigil will be held at the church on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October as part of our Gifted Generosity program. The prayer vigil will be an opportunity to reflect on God's generosity to us and our response to God's generosity.

The church will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on that day, and you might like to come to the church for 30 to 60 minutes sometime during that day. There will be a printed prayer vigil guide for use during your time of reflection. The guide will be available the previous Sunday for those who would like to use it during their own time of reflection at home.

Please put Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October on your diary.

**Church Picnic**  
**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**  
**11am ish (after Church)**  
**Watch this space for more details!!**



## COVID-19 UPDATE

Singing Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.

Density requirements and additional directions:

- Density requirement for seated activities is now 3 per 4 square metres. This applies to churches services
- Density requirement for standing activities remains at 1 per 2 square metres
- Gyms and indoor fitness activities remains at 1 per 4 square metres
- Private gatherings in homes remain limited to 20 people
- Weddings, funerals and birthdays are capped at 50 people (at non-residential premises)
- Wearing of masks remains mandatory in high risk settings, personal care and health care services, passenger and public transport, secondary schools, and indoor public places – this includes churches

Churches are advised to continue to follow their updated COVID Safe Plan that they will receive from the government.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Barbara McDonald Funeral

2pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Numbers are limited because of COVID-19, Please contact Vern McDonald if you wish to attend.

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

A half-hour time of prayer for our church and community. 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. Scott Hutchinson and Rob Rodenburg. Go to: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9607672787?pwd=ZVJZeWVPRUlvR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Garden Group Outing, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> October

Our "September" outing will be a trip to Scott Creek on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> October, with a walk in the bush led by renowned conservationist John Wamsley (a friend of the Filby's). I have asked John to take us on a ramble of about an hour and a half over easy terrain. We can then have lunch at a cafe nearby (suggestions welcome). We will depart the church carpark at 10am sharp; those wishing to make their own way should be at the Almanda Silver Mine parking area on Dorset Vale Rd at 10.30am, and John will meet us there. Wear comfy walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat – and bring water.

RSVP, so I can give John an idea of numbers: Alice McCleary 0419 808 635.

### \*\*\*CHANGE OF DATE\*\*\*

**Women's Breakfast** will be on **October 12<sup>th</sup>** and the Host is Helen Mills

### \*\*\*CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE\*\*\*

**Saturday Nighters** will be on **Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** At the Church (probably in the back room or outside) Hosts will be **Carol Packwood and Bronwyn McCullum**

### Open Garden and Morning Tea.

Meff and Tony along with the Rosefield Garden Group invite you to share in one of two morning teas to be held at their home while the roses are blooming- hopefully.

This will be open to the first 20 people to register with Lorraine in the office for one of the dates below. Naturally this event is Covid dependant.

The garden is rather cottagey and is often in transition between seasons. Perfection is never attained!

Dates: Friday October 8, and Friday October 15

Time: 10.00am

Address: 3 Bowillia Ave. Hawthorn.

RSVP: Church Office: [admin@rosefield.ucasa.org.au](mailto:admin@rosefield.ucasa.org.au)

Phone: 8271 9528

No Cost – just come and enjoy catching up with others.

For more information, please chat with Alice McCleary, Meff or Tony Eldridge or the church office.

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

- Dianne welcomed all to the meeting.
- Nora led devotions, using words from John 1: 1-5 and selected readings from Richard Rohr as a focus, followed by prayer.
- Minutes from 17<sup>th</sup> August had been circulated and were accepted as an accurate record.
- The financial reports for August 2021 were accepted.
- Pleasing to note that the retiring offering in support of the Red Dove Café raised \$708.80 and we have also received a further donation from the Cycling Group of \$500.
- Following the Congregation meeting, the required documentation for the purchase of a Manse was sent to the Synod Property Committee.
- Noted that restrictions regarding COVID protocols for worship have not been changed - seating as before and singing with masks on.
- Rev. Richard Telfer tabled his report – noting that he will be on leave from 22/9 – 6/10 inclusive.
- With sadness we record the death of Barbara McDonald – we will celebrate her life at Rosefield on 27<sup>th</sup> September and Rev Sue Ellis will officiate.
- The Mission Plan for 2022 – 2023 was adopted.
- Preparations for the Gifted Generosity program are on track.
- Bob reported on a few property issues and it was noted that the Test and Tag as requested by Synod had now been done.
- Letter of appreciation for our Congregation's contribution to the Mission and Service Fund in 2020 has been received from Synod.
- We will be participating in the National Church Life Survey on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.