



**Uniting  
Church**  
Boronia Park  
Congregation

# Joyful People + Christ's Love

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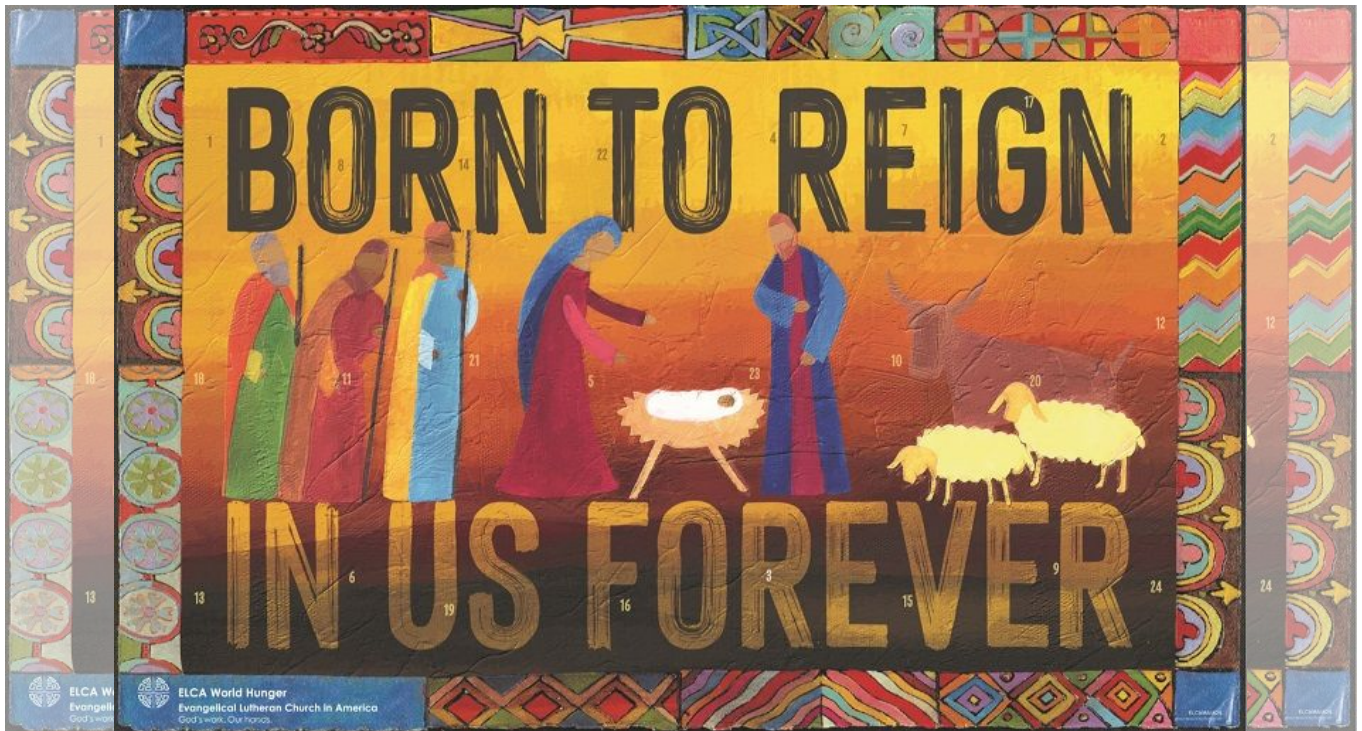


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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES FROM SUN 29 NOVEMBER:**

**WE WILL REGATHER AT CHURCH FACE TO FACE FOR WORSHIP**

Worship resources are still available on our website

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# **BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH**

## Readings and Prayers for weekly spiritual practice

Day	Bible Readings	Local Churches' Prayer Cycle	World Cycle of Prayer
<b>22 November</b> <b>Christ the King</b>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, chaplains in the City of Ryde Zone	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore
<b>29 November</b> <b>Advent 1</b>	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Glades Hill Presbyterian Church and the Kalos Korean Church	Myanmar, Thailand
<b>6 December</b> <b>Advent 2</b>	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Villa Maria Holy Name of Mary and St. Peter Chanel	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam
<b>13 December</b> <b>Advent 3</b>	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Hunters Hill Congregational Church	China, Hong Kong, Macau
<b>20 December</b> <b>Advent 4</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill - All Saints and St. Mark's	Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan
<b>25 December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)		
<b>27 December</b> <b>Christmas 1</b>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Stateless people (Refugees)

### Dates for your Diary:

**Thursday 26 October, 3, 10, 17 December:** The church office is open **between 10 am and 2pm**. Minister will be attending the office, welcoming you if you need prayer or simply talk. Also, your donation for the emergency aid of Sydney Community Services will be received.

**Tuesday 24 November, 10-12pm:** You are more than welcome to join the monthly morning gathering with coffee/tea. It is a great opportunity that you may come and meet with people of the congregation over drinking coffee/tea together. Let your elder know if you intend to join.

## Church On-line Worship Roster

*\* All elders are on duty of pastoral care service for your need.*

Date	Lead	Bible Reading	Kid's Talk/ Grown-ups'	Prayers of the People
22 November	Seung Jae Yeon	Alan Keast	Jenny Keast	Justin Han
29 November	<b>Reopening</b> Seung Jae Yeon	Robyn Harvey	Margaret Maxwell	Rosemary Brook
6 December	<b>Communion</b> Seung Jae Yeon	Elaine Wallbank	Margaret Treble	Robyn Harvey
13 December	<b>Kids Worship</b> Seung Jae Yeon	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School
20 December	Kevin Lee	Joshua Yeon	Robyn Harvey	Jenny Keast
25 December	<b>Christmas Day</b> Seung Jae Yeon	Justin Han	School Holiday	Barnbas Joo
27 December	Seung Jae Yeon	Jenny Keast	School Holiday	Isabella Lee

**From Sunday 29 November the worship service will be face to face as well as online.**

### Prayer Requests

Elders and the minister will continue holding all the members and their family near and far. If you want them to pray for your current circumstances and issues, please let them know. All information you share with is confidential.

- \* For those who works at the frontline in order to reduce the curve of COVID-19 pandemic and to develop vaccine and anti-virus medication in Australian and around the world.
- \* For those who are suffering from the disease, caring for their family member in hospital or being self-isolated at home.
- \* For those who have lost job or been depressed by being isolated.

## A way to seek God willing: Seung Jae's day walk along the Great North Walk – Part 3 (from Macquarie Park to Thornleigh Station)



[Photo 1] This was where I began the real trail walk just out of the main road.

On Monday morning 9 November, I woke up 5am for the day given. It was still dark out there, but my mind was so clear with the excitement to go there. I had quick breakfast checking the bus timetable from where I live to Macquarie Park station, the starting point. The Sun was rising when I started the walk. I was there still a business district but gradually walking into the bush where the real trail is. During the first few kilometres, I could hear all noise from the main road, human's neighbourhood and airplanes. Though I walked along Lane Cove River, I could not notice the beautiful stream and valley is going down to the harbour. Thought to myself, 'how long I could walk and find tranquillity here?' It was not easy to be surrounded by absolute quietness in the bush. What I could do was just to keep walking.



[Photo 2] The carved stone step on a hilly trail.

The trail was hilly, dusty, sandy, rocky, wobbly and risky, being very different to the previous trails. There were only few meters with concrete covered otherwise my feet got hurt very much. However, the trail was gently challenging my muscles in my whole body. I had been all the time careful stepping on variety of terrains and walking forward to find God's presence in nature He created. I, in the midst of the trail, after two hours, was able to feel me in God's very secret place where He speaks, and I listen to. It took quite long period of

time after I felt my muscles were sore and top and short were sweated. I gained that special moment though I felt physically tired. But it was worth because of Him and His presence I always need in my entire life and faith journey.

This bible passage came to my mind like the voice of God, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28) I came walk and seek Him bearing my sore muscles, painful feet, tired body. I did my walk on purpose which was to find His presence. I came for Him then He was there for me. When I come with all my life stories and even burdens, He is always there welcoming and receiving as who I am. It is life. It is faith, a little faith that we might have today in Jesus Christ. So, I am a Christian, who lives an ordained life serving with God’s people. I am so blessed in this journey.



[Photo 3] The symbolic post of Great North Walk is there for me and many telling where I am on the trail. Whenever I meet this post, I give thanks to God and those who explored before me.



**[Next story: From Thornleigh Station to Hornsby Station. I completed this Sunday 15 November, the second last Sunday before reopening our Sunday worship]**

Thanks be to God. Seung Jae Yeon