



**Uniting
Church**
Boronia Park
Congregation

Joyful People + Christ's Love

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUE ONLINE:

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
7 February Presentation of the Lord	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)	Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, chaplains in the City of Ryde Zone	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City
14 February Transfiguration of Jesus	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	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland
21 February Lent 1	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	France, Germany, Monaco
28 February Lent 2	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Hunters Hill Congregational Church	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands
7 March Lent 3	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	Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
14 March Lent 4	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)	St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday and Fridays 18, 19, 15 and 26 February: 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.

Wednesday 24 February: The Sydney Central Coast Presbytery meeting on Zoom. Let us pray for the Presbytery and members.

Thursday 25 February, 10-12pm: The Boronia Park Uniting Church Elders and Church Council meeting at the office. Let us pray for the work of the Council and its members.

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
7 February	Communion Seung Jae Yeon	Robyn Harvey	Rosemary Brook	Barnabas Joo
14 February	Seung Jae Yeon	Jean Boyd	Alan Keast	Rosemary Brook
21 February	Youth Full Service Seung Jae Yeon	Ashley Han	Isabella Lee	Joshua Yeon
28 February	Seung Jae Yeon	Jenny Wren	Margaret Maxwell	Phoebe Kim
7 March	Communion Seung Jae Yeon	Gabby Su Young Lyons	Robyn Harvey	Isabellsa Lee
14 March	Family Worship Seung Jae Yeon	Sunday School Student	Sunday School Student	Sunday School Student

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 use vaccine and anti-virus medication in Australian and around the world.
- * For those who are suffering from physical and mental health problems, caring for their family member in hospital or being self-isolated at home.
- * For those who have had difficulty to seek job.

A way to seek God willing: Seung Jae's day walk along the Great North Walk – Part 4 (from Thornleigh Station to Hornsby Station)



Photo 1 – One of guiding posts on GNW. 210km to Newcastle from here.

On Sunday 15 November, I came back to the Walk. Gaining more confidence in following signposts and physical capacity to complete each day walk, I walked down the Thornleigh Station stairways. It was a bit dark because I left home way earlier than the previous walks. I was able to see the light of day rising from the end of my first corner of walk. I felt refreshed by the smell of the suburb where it has boundary between nature and human-made world: concrete, timber fence, metal posts, hedgers, grass and dogs barking at me. After walking a fair bit of well covered path, I was able to get my first step on dirt which could absorb my burdens and weariness from the human-made lifestyle. It soothed me, my soul and my being. I felt blessed already.

Again, there was no fellow human being on my first 10 minutes cruising down the track. When I walked on a fire track, I was able to see human traces like calling their friends, pushing bikes and stepping on the track with their walking sticks. I tried to accelerate moving my whole body to go deeper into the bush. I was able to cruise. So steep but very smooth. Uphills are very nasty, but on its hill, there are walkable paths where I can also look around the views. Maybe there had sever bushfires scratching their beauty and vivid wild lifestyle. I met many half-burnt trees. They seemed to greet me that they are ok because they have green buds, baby leaves and branches, and even flowers. Can you imagine that a char-black tree with green leaves strives to speak to other that they are ok and even able to flourish? And rising the Sun of the day added spotlights on each tree, grass, rock and pebble, highlighting the beauty of God's creation. I felt amazed. I lost my way. I went back to the track. Then kept continuing my walk.



Photo 2 – a burnt tree has its fresh new leaves.



When I passed two third of the track, I encountered with an old gentle man who walked with his walking stick. He looked over 85 years old. He came and passed through me, saying, “Hi, it’s a lovely morning. Good luck.” It was a steep corner of the track however he walked like moving in the air. I turned back because I was worried about him. But the old man kept walking up hill with his walking stick. Just wishing him all the best to complete walking safely.



Photo 3 – Am I on God's way? Or is God on my way?

Summer in the GNW was just beautiful. Trees make huge shades covering each other but they mutually grow well. It was time for me to feel a bit tired. Walking under the leafy trees, beside small streams and through the fresh wind blowing made me anew every single second and single step. “God, you there?” “...” “God, are you really there?” “...” There were only sounds of trees, streams and wind. I thought to myself that God is not there, but I am there in God. I was there in God who suffers from bushfires but grows new things from its wounds. I was there in

God who walks with the old man who passes the greeting to a stranger or a fellow wayfarer. I was there in God who is summer season flourishing and making this world richer and fuller. I gave up my own perspective to find out God's presence near or around me. But I gain my own spiritual eyes to find myself in God who owns all things under His name as Creator.

As I approached Hornsby Station, I found the commemorative monument of ANZACs and bowed my head down to pay my respect and gratitude. It was appropriate because Remembrance Day 2020 was just four days ago. Rest we forget.

[Next track will be between Hornsby Station to Cowan Station which is two days' walking distance. A challenge!]

