



# ROSEVILLE NEW CHURCH

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## MARCH/APRIL 2026

“Natural concepts that occur in our thought [such as time, space and matter,] become spiritual for the angels who are with us.”

*(Heaven and Hell #166)*

## Directory

Society Minister

Rev. Howard Thompson

Officers

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Graham Hall

Treasurer

Joel Duckworth

Church Officer

Debra Barratt Thompson

### **Sunday Service -**

**The Roseville New Church** holds a **twice-monthly service** of worship the **1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:00am**. The first Sunday of each month includes an opportunity to partake of the Holy Supper.

### **Sunday Social Hour -**

After every service we have tea and coffee, an opportunity to meet socially, sometimes more formally.

### **Calendar - *Included***

### **The Swedenborg Centre -**

The Centre is generously supported by the Sydney Society of the New Church and provides an independent and relaxing place to meet and discuss a personal approach to finding spiritual meaning. The Centre has a wide range of study materials, Swedenborg's works, and books by supporting authors. The Centre and its director Joe Vandermeer can be reached on phone (02) 9416 2812 or email [info@swedenborg.com.au](mailto:info@swedenborg.com.au) Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm. More events details at [www.swedenborg.com.au](http://www.swedenborg.com.au) The Centre can also be used to answer enquiries about the New Church, its literature and its teachings.

**The Lord's Divine Providence is present within the smallest details of a person's life; for there is only one source of life, namely the Lord, from whom we derive our being, life, and action.**

~ Arcana Coelestia ~

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In This Issue

**This edition of the Roseville  
New Church Newsletter is  
abbreviated as explained in  
the note below.**

### Spiritual Shorts

Our minister, Rev. Howard Thompson, shares weekly videos on his YouTube channel, Spiritual Shorts. The channel has recently completed its third evolution and is reaching a growing audience well beyond our local community. Each week features a 5-minute Sunday message summary, a 1-minute inspirational reflection, and a deeper exploration of Heaven and Hell. If you haven't already, take a look!



Spiritual Shorts YouTube Channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCsrICJGeGmrnXVawn\\_Y7UQA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsrICJGeGmrnXVawn_Y7UQA)

## **Change is Hard. Focus on What's in Front of You.**

*That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life— whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"*

*(Matthew 6:25-27)*

I'd love to say that the Lord's words in Matthew are a comfort to me, but right now many things need to be done and I have many worries about the future. As noted in the last edition of the Roseville New Church Newsletter I have been asked by the General Church to return to service in the United States. Specifically, I have accepted the position of Asst. Pastor and School Principal of the Washington New Church and School in Mitchellville, MD. Debra and I will be leaving for our new pastorate immediately following our last service in Roseville on 7 June.

With this in mind and given the many details to be attended to; the physical move, wrapping up our ministry here in Roseville and preparing to take on a new and challenging role in Mitchellville, this month's edition of the RNC Newsletter needs to focus solely on the details of services over the next several months. I do believe our readers will understand.

Howard

## **Upcoming Services**

### **March**

- 01 - Service of Worship including Holy Supper - 10:00am  
Rev. Howard Thompson
- 08 - Service of Worship - 10:00am  
Coinciding with New Church Women's Weekend  
Rev. Howard Thompson
- 15 - Service of Worship - 10:00am  
Rev. Howard Thompson
- 22 - Service of Worship - 10:00am - Roseville  
Rev. Julian Duckworth
- Service of Worship - 10:30am - Canberra  
Rev. Howard Thompson
- 29 - Palm Sunday Service - 10:00am  
Rev. Howard A. Thompson

### **April**

- 05 - Easter Sunday Service incl. Holy Supper - 10:00am  
Rev. Howard Thompson
- 19 - Service of Worship - 10:00am - Roseville  
Rev. Julian Duckworth

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### **Swedenborg Centre News**

The Thompson's move will also impact some activity at the Swedenborg Centre, so please check the website for details of all upcoming events and Zoom links:[swedenborg.com.au](http://swedenborg.com.au).

If you're planning to visit the Centre, it's always good to send an email beforehand to [joe@swedenborg.com.au](mailto:joe@swedenborg.com.au) as there may be occasional events which are run remotely, which makes it hard to offer you that free coffee.

Wishing you all the very best.

**Joe**

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**Monday's Meditation**  
**with Kathryn Baker**

Just a reminder that Kathryn Baker has been guiding members of our community in meditation for many years. Recently there has been an upsurge in activity and Kathryn has returned to a regular Monday morning meditation held in the quiet of the church sanctuary.

In today's ever-changing, fast-paced and sometimes overwhelming life, meditation offers a gentle respite—an opportunity to re-centre, quiet the mind and become more aware of the comforting presence of the Divine. Even a short time of stillness can soften anxiety, renew focus, and deepen our capacity to love and serve.

If interested, feel free to join the group any Monday at 10:00am. If you'd like to speak with Kathryn before coming along, feel free to contact her at ph. 0410 166 482.

## **Minister's Contact Information and Office Hours**

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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The Lord is my shepherd, I have all that I need... Surely your  
goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of  
my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

~ Psalm 23 ~

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