

Hornsby Uniting Church News for November 1, 2026

Our Vision: To grow together in Christ and share His grace with the Hornsby Community



News from the new Northern Presbytery

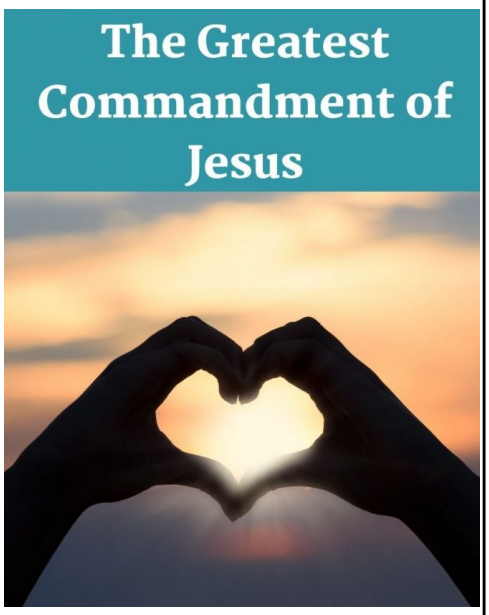
The **Rev. Simon Lee** has accepted a call to serve as the inaugural Presbytery Minister of the Northern Presbytery. A Special Meeting of Presbytery last Tuesday warmly endorsed the recommendation of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) to call Rev. Lee. Simon currently serves alongside Rev. Paul Simpson in the ministry team at Pittwater Uniting Church. In accepting this call, Simon will conclude his ministry there – a little earlier than planned – to commence the lead role with the Northern Presbytery from February 2027.

Rev. Minh will be undergoing some surgery next Tuesday, and will then be at home for recovery during the week. Please be considerate in giving her some quiet time; email or send a message in preference to phoning.





Reflection from 'Insights' magazine: 25 October – Pentecost 22
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46



The Law of Moses contains 613 commandments. Part of interpreting the Law would have been to judge the relative importance of different legal prescriptions. One can't treat all commandments equally, after all. It was natural, then, to ask "Which commandment is the greatest?"

This was a lively debate in Jesus' time. In Matthew 22:34–46, it arises as a test orchestrated by the Pharisees. Jesus' two-fold answer reverberates through history: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:37–39).

It seems so simple. But this is no mere rule, a straightforward "do this" or "don't do that." Rather, it's a virtue, a way of life, not just something to obey. It's meant to characterise one's entire existence, not merely particular moments in time. All things, whether they relate to God or neighbour, are meant to be characterised by love. Crucially, this love is demonstrated to us in a specific way, namely that of the saviour of the world crucified on a Roman cross.
-Dr. Matthew Anslow

We don't run "Stewardship Campaigns" like the old days; but it's important to remember that your congregation has significant expenses and depends to a large degree on your generous offerings.

https://hornsby.unitingchurch.org.au/finance.html

Direct Debit is the simplest way these days. The bank is **Uniting Financial Services**. The account is called **"Hornsby UC - Giving Direct", with BSB 634634, and account number 100030480**. Add a comment such as "offering" so the Treasurer can allocate the money; you don't need to identify yourself.





Voluntary Assisted Dying Community Forum

Reliable information, open conversations and directions on how to offer support and care.

Ask your questions about this sensitive topic at our free community forum.

We will discuss:

- What's involved and who is eligible?
- How does the process work?
- How do we talk about this topic?
- How do we listen and provide support?
- Medical, legal and pastoral perspectives

We will have expert advice from an authorised medical practitioner from NSW Health. There will be roleplays and examples to help us learn. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 4 November
9:30am – 1:00pm
Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church
1 Paling St, Thornleigh
Morning tea provided

For catering purposes, RSVP to forums@thornleigh-hillcrestuca.org.au or call David 0407 805 487

Community Forums

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YOUR GUIDE TO REGULAR EVENTS at the Worship& Activity Centre

Blue Bin



The Blue Food Bin is in the foyer or the office, for donations of non-perishable foods to be distributed to those in need.

Tai Chi (Movement for Missions)

8:45 - 9:40am Thursdays
A short time of gentle exercise led by experienced helpers.





Bible Conversation

10:00am to Noon Tuesdays
Lively discussion on Biblical topics as they relate to our lives.



Lunch at Magpies

(opposite Waitara railway)

Every Sunday after the service.
Get together for lunch and chat at Magpies.



Ladies Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm, 3rd Monday of month, Jan - Nov.

Play Mahjong

1:00 - 5:00pm Fridays
Play Mahjong for fun; for experienced players or come and learn the game.



Thursday Club

10:00am to Noon Thursdays

Social group for everyone... not just church folk! Morning tea, slides, games, carpet bowls, talks and craft. Invite your friends or neighbours!



Asquith Markets

Monthly on the fourth Saturday, corner of Royston Pde and Baldwin Avenue. Community event hosted by Asquith and Hornsby members; bring your money! Enjoy a coffee.



Carpet Bowls

1:30 - 3:30pm, 3rd Tuesday
Carpet Bowls for fun and fellowship!

