



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

10th March 2019

WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME.

MAY YOU EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

10th March 8.00am Worship

Chris Wakefield

9.30am Holy Communion
Luke 4:1-13

Bronwyn Murphy

'Free to choose' 可自由选择 선택할 자유

2.00pm Chinese Service

Marion Gledhill

17th March 8.00am Worship

Sue & Phil Howes

9.30am Worship
Psalm 27:1-6, Luke 13:31-35
'From Threat to Lament'.

Michaela Sisk

12.00 Marsfield Outreach Barbeque

2.00pm Chinese Service

Esther Shih

欢迎所有第一次来参加崇拜的朋友们。

希望你们在和我们一起崇拜的时候感受到上帝的存在。

유나이팅 교회에 처음 방문해주신 모든 분들을 환영합니다. 함께 예배하는 가운데 살아계신 주님을 만나고 돌아갈 수 있길 소망합니다.



We are glad that you are here, and we hope that the service is thought-provoking, relevant and helpful as we worship together.

FAITH IN ACTION studies begin this week: Tuesday 8pm at Stephen Kemp's, Wednesday 7pm at Bronwyn and Kingsley's, Thursday evening—time and place to be confirmed and Friday morning at the church—time to be confirmed. There is still time. Please put your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

THE HAPPY WANDERERS are off to Buckley's Restaurant at east Circular Quay on Tuesday 19th March. Train to Circular Quay with a short walk to Buckley's. Enjoy lunch while looking across Circular Quay to the Overseas Terminal and Harbour Bridge. Trains leave Epping 10.47am, Eastwood 10.51, West Ryde 10.56. Arrive Central platform 16 at 11.25 and transfer to platform 17 for Circular Quay. Meeting point—Ferries to Manly Wharf by 11.45.



Return trains depart Town Hall at 12, 27, 42 and 57 past the hour. Speak to Ron Hoffmann for more information. Bring your Opal Card.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION EVENING - March 30th at 7.00pm. Please mark this in your diaries and come and enjoy the hospitality and entertainment from the staff here at EUC.

SYMPATHY to family and friends of Ray Thomson, who died on Thursday. Please see the newspaper or contact the office, for funeral details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:



Deborah Harris	Monday	11th March
Olive Howard	Thursday	14th March
Katherine Joannou	Thursday	14th March

THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

Monday	11 Mar	English Language Classes	9.30am
		Happy Friends Club	1.00pm
		'Meditation - a Christian Spiritual Journey'	8.00pm
Tuesday	12 Mar	English Language Classes	7.30pm
		Bible Study at Stephen Kemp's	8.00pm
Wednesday	13 Mar	Women's Bible Study	10.30am
		Bible Study at Bronwyn & Kingsley's	7.00pm
Thursday	14 Mar	Bible study	TBA
Friday	15 Mar	Chinese Prayer Meeting	10.30am
		Bible study at the church	TBA

MARSFIELD OUTREACH BARBEQUE Next Sunday at 12 noon in Waterloo Park Marsfield. A great opportunity to engage with the wider community. All welcome.



LENT AND MEDITATION Lent can be a time for "giving something up" as well as an occasion for beginning something new! Why not give up your lifestyle of being too busy to sit still - at least for a season - and begin to discover what meditation in the Christian tradition can accomplish in your life. For a practical introduction to this ancient Christian practice, join the Monday evening Christian meditation group at 8.00pm in the Lakeside Chapel.

If you have any queries please phone Allan Harrington on 0408 961 486.

SYNOD 2019. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to attend Synod this year, meeting July 5-7 in the Great Hall of Knox Grammar School in Wahroonga, please contact the church office for a nomination form. Nomination forms need to be sent to the Presbytery office by 25 March.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP will meet at Wings Restaurant, Vimiera Road, Marsfield on Friday 15th March at 12 noon. Please let Elaine know you will be coming. Phone 9868 2895.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

John Loxton now back home.

lentevent ⁺ 2019 - *'find courage, build hope, end poverty'*

is 40 days of simple living and inspiration from people building God's Kingdom. Join others who are giving up something from daily life and saving what they'd otherwise have spent, donating and fundraising for projects that end poverty and build hope. The focus in 2019 is water and sanitation, leadership and child protection in Timor Leste. Brochures and information available today.



Spiritual discipline for Lent

Sometimes we find ourselves saying, *"My get up and go has got up and gone."* Others say, *"I am so tired of being tired."* Still others declare that there is no vacation time long enough to recover an imagined previous energy. In the middle of these multiple fatigues—of body, spirit, culture, and capacity—we allow the exhaustion to Lenten us. Lent is not a verb, of course. It is a noun, a time of lengthening into the trouble we try so hard to suppress. This Lent let us lengthen into cultural and personal exhaustion. Then let us renew and rise.

How can we frame the question of energy in such a way as to be gentle to our fatigue while also combatting it? How can we Lenten it? How can we lift it off the shelf of suppression and repression onto the great table of renewal and resurrection? Can we be both tired *and* renewable, even long after we don't believe in our own renewal?

I believe yes, The answer is prayer. Prayer is not as big an item as people imagine it to be. Prayer is more like a pause than anything else. It is blessed reflection that follows excessive action.

Like solar and wind energy, prayer is a source of renewable energy, reminding us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Imagine renewal. Let the imagining be a form of renewal. Picture yourself as fearfully and wonderfully made.

Prayer: Renewing God, when we are too tired to pray, let us just pause and in the pause fill us with mysterious energy. Let the trouble come to us. Let us feel it long enough and deep enough to tend it. Let us let Lent Lenten us. Amen.

"For I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Psalm 139:14



GILGANDRA NEWS

Gilgandra UC has asked us to join their community in praying for relief from the continuing drought through their area.

WEST EPPING UC is inviting interested people from local Uniting Churches to explore holding a community action workshop, in conjunction with the Synod Social Justice Forum.

A meeting has been arranged for 2 p.m. on Sunday 24th March in 'The cottage' at West Epping UC. Further details will be advised in due course. For further information and expressions of interest please contact Marion Gledhill.

FOR SALE - Bikes and large items from goods from Market Day.

All items are new:

40cm Boys bike \$40, Cherry 40cm Girls Bike \$35,

Speed Trap 40cm Boys Bike \$50

Avigo 50cm Girls Bike \$60 all 1/2 retail price.

Plum Wooden Garden Swing Set \$140 (RRP \$349) 2 boxes - large - heavy, 4 Unit Swing Set \$70 (RRP \$140) 2 boxes - very large - heavy, 7 Station Swing Set \$100 (RRP \$200), 2 boxes - very large - heavy

The bikes are stored at EUC. Other items are currently stored at Denistone East. Please contact Robert Dive for more information or to arrange to see them.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2018 23rd March—1st April at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School Exhibition Space—Campbell St, Northmead. For more information or to book contact Northmead Uniting Church 9890 5814 or nuchurch@bigpond.net.au.

SYDNEY ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING is holding an event on 14th March at Sydney Town Hall to seek clear commitments from federal and NSW political leaders on improved policies for affordable and secure housing and access to renewable household energy. More information or to register: bit.ly/MarchAssembly

We are all ministers in Christ's name

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Mission: Witness to the gospel and spread the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action.

Vision: Engage and connect with our diverse community through active discipleship.

Values:	Visible	可见的	비전을 가질 수가 있고
	Inclusive	包容的	포괄적이 될 수있고
	Relevant	相关的	적절하고
	Active	积极的	역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Mar 10 Lent 1: Dt 26:1-11, Ps 91:1-2, 9-16, Rom 10:8b-13, Lk 4:1-13.
 Mar 17 Lent 2: Gen 15:1-12 & 17-18, Ps 27, Phil 3:17 - 4:1, Lk 13:31-35.

WEEKLY NOTICES, and **SUNDAY SERVICES** for Eastwood are available for viewing on our website. So, if you are away on any Sunday you can catch up at www.euc.org.au

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