



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

1st December 2019

WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME.
MAY YOU EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

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| 1st December | 8.00am Worship | Phil & Sue Howes |
| | 9.30am Worship Psalm 122, Matthew 24:36-44 <i>'Waiting for the Face of God'</i> '等待上帝的臉' '하나님의 모습을 기다림' | Jason Masters |
| | 10.45am Holy Communion <i>'Now where did that come from?'</i> Luke 1:47-55 | Sandra Batey |
| | 2.00pm Chinese Service | Edward Lin |
| 8th December | 8.00am Worship | Phil Looby |
| | 9.30am Sunday School Service Luke 2:1-7 <i>'The gifts of Christmas'</i> 圣旦礼物 크리스마스의 선물들 | Janine Joannou |
| | 2.00pm Chinese Service | Tennyson Chan |



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 you are here, and hope the service is thought-provoking, relevant and helpful.

NICHOLAS is now out of hospital and at home recuperating, but he is very tired and weak. Please, no visitors at this stage. The family would like to thank people for their prayers and best wishes.

SPECIAL MISSION MEETING The church council has organised a meeting with Rev Dr Ji Zhang on **Thursday 5 December** at 7.30pm in the Worship Centre and extends an invitation to anyone interested in mission with Chinese-speaking people, to attend this meeting. It will commence with supper at 7.30pm followed by the meeting at 8.00pm.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR BUSHFIRES. The Synod of NSW and ACT has declared today—the first day of Advent—as a special day to acknowledge the efforts of all our emergency services, local authorities, volunteers and community members who all played a vital part in fighting the recent bushfires. Also if congregations would like to donate to the Moderator's Bushfire Appeal, with all funds directly assisting families and friends affected by the fires, please visit: tinyurl.com/bushfireModAppeal.



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. Each year we decorate the church for Christmas, by putting up the Christmas tree and assembling the large nativity scene. This year we will do this on **Wednesday 4th December at 4.30pm**. It will likely take about an hour. Come and join us—many hands make light work, and it's a fun afternoon! All ages welcome. Speak to Janine for any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| Geoff Widmer | Today | 1st Dec |
| Graham Craymer | Tuesday | 3rd Dec |
| Len Hough | Saturday | 7th Dec |

THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

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| Monday | 2 Dec | English Language Classes | 9.30am |
| | | Happy Friend's Club Table Tennis | 12.30pm |
| | | Meditation: A Christian Spiritual Journey | 8.00pm |
| Tuesday | 3 Dec | English Language Classes | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | 4 Dec | Women's Bible Study | 10.00am |
| Thursday | 5 Dec | Mission Meeting | 7.30pm |
| Friday | 6 Dec | Chinese Prayer Meeting | 10.30am |
| | | Loosely Woven Concert | 7.00pm |

EUC ENGLISH CLASSES ANNUAL CONCERT AND PARTY – you are invited! Monday 9th

December, starting at 9.30am. Members of our Congregation are warmly invited to come, to enjoy the items and the food to follow. Students and volunteers have been busily practising their concert items. This is an opportunity to see the classes and some of what they learn.



6F Our next meeting will be on Saturday **7th December at 12 noon** at the Viking Sports Club, Dundas Valley. If you would like to join us, contact Margot on 0408 250 790.

LOOSELY WOVEN—EVENING PRIMROSE. A light-hearted acoustic concert with 19 instrumentalists and singers. **7pm, Friday 6th December** in the Worship centre. More Information: Robert 9807 6728.

SUPPORT OF GILGANDRA UC For the next couple of weeks there will be a retiring offertory for Gilgandra UC. The money will be used to buy gift vouchers from Gilgandra Council to support their local businesses.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Nicholas F. now home
 Navan N. now back home
 Pat E. now back home
 Shirley W. in hospital

**Uniting's 'Give Hope' 2019 Christmas Voucher appeal has begun !
This is to assist people seeking asylum who are living in Australia.**

With your help again, we can provide a Christmas gift of hope to vulnerable children, young adults and families seeking asylum and living in our communities.



Sadly, thousands of people living and raising families close to home are weeks away from disaster. They face long delays in assessing their refugee claims – while they face increasing cuts to government support such as the Status Resolution Support Service program, meaning they're less able to meet health and other needs while waiting for their immigration status to be clarified.

Vouchers from a retailer of your choice provide a direct lifeline to those in need - whilst taking the lead in building a supportive and welcoming space within our communities. Each voucher gift is a reminder to someone that we care about their wellbeing and safety.

There are 3 ways to send the vouchers.

1. Put your monetary donation for purchase of a voucher in the tin in the labelled basket on the table in the church foyer.
2. Give voucher to Marion Gledhill (0423355759), or to the church office.
3. Purchase your own voucher and post to: PO Box 7137 Silverwater NSW 2128 (Ph: 9407 3230)
4. Purchase gift E-voucher/s on line, and send to:
socialjustice@uniting.org

What type of vouchers are needed?

\$25 department store voucher= School Starter Kit

\$35 supermarket voucher= Family Food Pack

\$40 eftpos card voucher= Visa Application Lodgement Admin Fee

\$45 department store voucher= Crisis Accommodation Bedding Pack

\$50 eftpos card voucher= One month of Public Transport Opal Top Up

\$70 department store voucher= Kitchen Starter Kit

\$100 pharmacy voucher= Medication Support (essential prescriptions for 1 week-1 month)

\$200 Lowes voucher= School Uniform kit

No voucher amount is too small!



Harvesting hope in Zimbabwe. Hope is scarce for the people who can't see their families after losing their crops to drought. Your gift helps them to farm

through the toughest of seasons, lifting them out of poverty and giving them hope for the future. You can donate using the envelopes available on the table in the foyer.



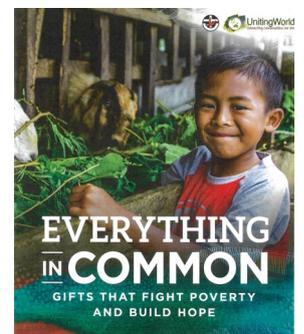
CHERRY PICKING BUS TRIP on 17th December.

Departing 7am from Eastwood Library and returning around 8pm. BYO lunch or join others for a buffet lunch at Orange Bowling Club (at your expense). Cost: \$60. Contact Tennyson or the church office to register.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NIGHT at Epping UC, cnr Oxford and Chester Streets, Epping on Friday 6th December, 7.30 pm - 9 pm. Come and hear about GLOBAL SISTERS whose works enable women to be financially independent & stand tall. Providing a genuine alternative for women by removing the barriers they commonly face, & make self-employment a viable option. This is a free event open to all the community and includes supper. For more information call 0412 687 105

PRESBYTERY has announced that Liam Miller has accepted a call as the Norther Hub Growth Minister, a newly created ministry position on the Central Coast. Liam's ordination will be at Epping UC on Saturday 21st December at 2pm.

UNITING WORLD - Everything in Common stall will be held every Sunday in December, in the church foyer after 9.30am worship. A wonderful opportunity to buy Christmas cards to post to your friends, and gift cards to support life-changing projects of UnitingWorld to help lift people out of poverty.



If you are planning to buy Christmas greeting cards to post, there will be assorted packs of 8 for \$12 a pack. Many colourful gift cards to support various UnitingWorld projects will be there for you to browse and select.

