



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

15th December 2019

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

15th December	8.00am Worship	Stephen Kemp
	9.30am Holy Communion Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 1:1-12 <i>'Incarnation: God is with us'</i> 道成肉身: 上帝與我們同在 성화 : 하나님은 우리와 함께 계신다	Graham Perry
	2.00pm Chinese Service	Tak Wong
22nd December	8.00am Worship	Stephen Kemp
	9.30am Worship Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:8-20 <i>'The Mysteries of Christmas'</i> 聖誕節的奧秘 크리스마스의 신비	Christopher Cooper
	2.00pm Chinese Service	Rev. Kau Lee



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.

Thank You

To everyone who has contributed so far to support the people in Gilgandra. This week Emma J. was able to purchase another 16 x \$50 Coo-ee cards to have sent to Gilgandra UC's P O Box ready to distribute to their community. These gift cards are for use in their local businesses.

Today is the last day to donate however if you were planning on making a donation after today please speak to Emma, or leave a note in the basket for her, so she knows a total amount to purchase.

FREE BOOKS Please help yourself to any of the books on the table outside the crèche. There are Bible commentaries and similar with some interesting titles among them. Any left over books will then be taken to the Lifeline Book Depot.

SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Philip Kennedy who died Wednesday. Details for his memorial service are still to be confirmed.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Monday	16th	7.30pm	Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.
Tuesday	24th	11pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday	25th	9.30am	Combined Service

THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

Monday 16 Dec	Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving	7.30pm
Tuesday 17 Dec	Cherry Picking Bus Trip	7.00am
Thursday 19 Dec	Friday Fellowship Christmas Lunch	12 noon



FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP - Will meet at Wings Restaurant, Vimiera Road Marsfield on **Thursday 19th December at 12 noon**. Please let Elaine know you will be coming. Phone 9868 2895.

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.

INSIGHTS Magazine for the summer is available on the table in the foyer.

The Uniting Church Assembly invites us to pray for:

- People living in situations of gender-based violence, that their circumstances may change to allow them fulfilled and happy lives free from abuse.
- The families and friends of Rev Harry Herbert, Rev Garlett AM and Terry Butler whose lives are being remembered and celebrated by Uniting Church members around the country.
- All those struggling with loss, hardship or sadness during this festive season.

‘PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS’

Elisabeth C. in hospital
 Hans D. in hospital
 Nicholas F. now home
 Navan N. now back home
 Pat E. now back home
 Shirley W. in Royal Ryde Rehab

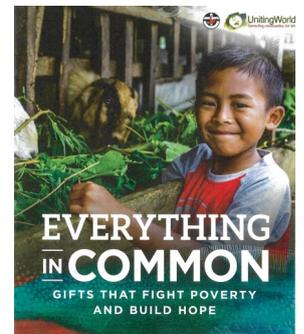


Is it possible to be joyful when the natural disasters that batter your island home become more destructive with every year? By giving through the Christmas Bowl this year, you can help more families in Tonga to stay resilient through the next disaster. You will also bring them the joy of knowing they can protect their family and community during the times of greatest need.

You can donate using the envelopes available on the table in the foyer.

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.

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. Give voucher or money for voucher to Marion Gledhill (0423355759), or to the church office.
2. Purchase your own voucher and post to
PO Box 7137, Silverwater NSW 2128 (Ph: 9407 3230)
3. Purchase gift E-voucher/s on line, and send to:
socialjustice@uniting.org

Feel free to include a Christmas message that will be passed onto the family or person seeking asylum.

How will our vouchers help?

Uniting 'Give Hope' partners with support agencies, including the Jesuit Refugee Service, House of Welcome and the Asylum Seekers Centre. These agencies are providing an increasing level of emergency relief in a crisis of homelessness and hunger. They distribute your vouchers as a form of wrap around support to people seeking asylum during critical moments of their journey.

What type of vouchers are needed?

The following Giving Guide helps you understand what types of support your voucher can provide. No voucher amount is too small, and will go towards any of the support kits below.

\$25 department store voucher= School Starter Kit

\$35 supermarket voucher= Family Food Pack

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

\$45 department store voucher= Crisis Accommodation Bedding Pack

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

\$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

