



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

22nd December 2019

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

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
24th December	11.00pm Holy Communion Luke 2:1-20 <i>'Mary, did you know?'</i>	Bronwyn Murphy
25th December	9.30am Worship Isaiah 11:1-9, Matthew 1:18-25 <i>'A shared orange'</i> 分柑同味	Bronwyn Murphy
29th December	9.30am Worship <i>'Reflections'</i>	Emma Jarvis
	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 you are here, and hope the service is thought-provoking, relevant and helpful.

**Happy
Christmas**

From all the staff at Eastwood Uniting Church.
Thank you for all your help, support and prayers throughout the year.

NICHOLAS is 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. We raised a total of \$1500.

ROSTERS If you are able to help during January could you please add your name to the roster on the table in the foyer.

SYMPATHY to family and friends of Geoff Widmer, who died last Thursday. His funeral will be at Eastwood Uniting Church on Tuesday 24th at 11.30am.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from Wednesday 25th December. It will reopen on Thursday 2nd January. For any pastoral needs please contact Lesley on 0418 492 018.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday	24th	11pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday	25th	9.30am	Combined Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



John Brunton	Wednesday	25th Dec
Elaine Luckie	Wednesday	25th Dec
Bronwyn Murphy	Wednesday	25th Dec
Shirley Watton	Friday	27th Dec

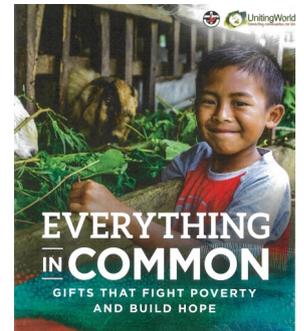


**Christmas
Bowl**

God's love in action: How do we share God's unconditional love with those who have suffered unimaginable violence? Rima and her husband Kateb fled for Jordan with their children. Since then, the family have been living in refugee camps, with no way to support themselves. Through Christmas Bowl, you can share God's love by helping to support Syrian refugees, as they rebuild their lives. You can donate using the envelopes available on the table in the foyer.

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

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.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Elisabeth C. now in Poplars at Nth Epping.

Hans D. in hospital

Nicholas F. now home

Navan N. now back home

Pat E. now back home

Shirley W. in Royal Ryde Rehab

Uniting's 'Give Hope' 2019 Christmas

Voucher appeal. Vouchers provide a Christmas gift of hope to vulnerable people seeking asylum and living in our communities.



Sadly, many of these people are weeks away from disaster. They face long delays in assessing their refugee claims – while they face increasing cuts to government support. This means 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 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

You can include a Christmas message that will be passed on to them.

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?

\$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).

A Christmas message from Presbytery Chairperson Ian Lawrence

I was asked last week if I would write something for our final newsletter of 2019. My first response was to think – leave to others better able to pen eloquent words than me. But the last week has given me fresh impetus to offer some words.

We live in strange times – the world is changing around us. Fires seem endless, both close by and abroad; there is no rain; our political leaders seem stuck in the one place; we can now fly non-stop to nearly anywhere around our globe. Change is never comfortable – it takes courage and persistence to engage positively and continue to move forward.

We see this in our Church – last weekend we inducted a new Minister into the Presbytery and in a few days we are ordaining a new minister into our midst – don't think either of these leaders will be able to resist moving the Church into new and exciting things.

I pray that we can all see the vision shown to us in Jesus who rocked the boat, created change and forged a new way forward which we are still trying to follow over 2000 years later.

Take time to reflect on God's gift to those 2000 years ago and all those since and into the future. How can a single life influence so many and continue to offer hope today?

May peace, hope, love and joy be with you and your loved ones this Christmas.

The Uniting Church Assembly invites us to pray:

Merciful God of peace,
your work, spoken by the prophets,
restores your people's life and hope.
Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace,
that we may hold fast to your great goodness
and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world. Amen.

We are all ministers in Christ's name

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Please send all notices to the Office



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	可見的	비전을 가질 수가 있고
	Inclusive	包容的	포괄적이 될 수있고
	Relevant	相關的	적절하고
	Active	積極的	역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Dec 22. Advent 4 Is 7:10-16, Ps 80:1-7,17-19, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-25
 Dec 24/25 Nativity 1 Is 9:2-7, Ps 96, Tit 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14 (15-20)
 Nativity 2 Is 62:6-12, Ps 97, Tit 3:4-7, Lk 2:(1-7) 8-20
 Nativity 3 Is 52:7-10, Ps 98, Heb 1:1-4(5-12), Jn 1:1-14

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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