



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

22nd March 2020

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

22nd March 8.00am Worship **not meeting**

9.30am Worship **not meeting** Jan Reeve

Sermon and Bible readings audio available on website

John 9:1-11; 18-34 and Acts 11:1-18

'Seeing differently:

understanding God's inclusive teaching'

有所不同：理解上帝的包容教导

다르게 보는 것 : 하나님의 포괄적인 가르침을 이해 하는 것

2.00pm Chinese Service **not meeting**

29th March 8.00am Worship **not meeting**

9.30am Worship **not meeting** Marion Gledhill

Sermon and Bible readings audio available on website

John 11: 1-45 and Acts 17: 16- 34.

'Life in unexpected places'

2.00pm Chinese Service **not meeting**

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.

Nicholas' doctor has advised against returning to work in March due to the uncertainties and potential risks caused by the coronavirus, as Nicholas has a suppressed immune system. The doctor will continue to monitor this situation, and provide advice for April. Rev Jan Reeve will continue supply ministry during March and April, now working Sundays, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays.

PASTORAL CARE- Please continue to keep connected with each other by phone, email, and text.

lentevent In a few weeks we'll commemorate the first anniversary of the Christchurch Massacre—a tragic reminder of the hatred, intolerance and misunderstanding in our communities, but also of the beauty of people pulling together to bring solace and solidarity. Please continue to pray for the work of peace-building in Ambon, Indonesia. Contributing to this work can be done online at www.lentevent.com or by cheque using the envelopes already distributed.

PLANNING FOR EASTER SERVICES. These services may now need to be done as online resources as we may not be able to gather together for worship. If you are, please contact her by email or phone, or via the church office.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to Corona Virus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Michelle Weatherburn	Monday	23rd March
John Court	Wednesday	25th March
Kel Edgar	Thursday	26th March
Kathleen Herring	Saturday	28th March

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

No worship services or activities are able to be held at the church until further notice.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.
We will notify as soon as we hear of any changes.

CONTACT. We are gathering material for the next issue of 'Contact' due out early April. The deadline for material is Tuesday 24th March. If you have an original article, book review or anything that would be of interest to the congregation, please forward it to the Church Office: secretary@euc.org.au. If you include contact details, email addresses or photos, it is assumed that people will have given their permission for publication.



A reminder about the 5 Marks of Mission. How are we travelling?

1. To proclaim the good news of the kingdom - **Tell**
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers - **Teach**
3. To respond to human need by loving service - **Tend**
4. To transform unjust structures of society,
to challenge violence of every kind and pursue
peace and reconciliation - **Transform**
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew the life of the earth - **Treasure**

CLOSURE OF MINISTRY SERVICE for Emma Jackson, who has been the Macquarie Uni Mission Worker. This service will not be held.

'UNITING WOMEN' Conference Cancelled.

INDUCTION SERVICE for Duncan McDiarmid postponed. New date tba.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Nicholas F.
Sue H.
Margaret S
Pat E.

A PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

In the face of the novel Coronavirus, the global community is responding rapidly to minimise the spread of the disease and address its impacts.

There is a certain level of anxiety and suspicion of others that has crept in to our psyche, but we must not forget our call as Christians to love our neighbour.

In our responding as a Church it is most important to heed the advice of the health professionals whose expertise is to protect the community and prevent the spread of the disease, and to be aware of public health announcements.

As the Church, we are part of congregations and communities that are relating to each other in close proximity. Our agencies and schools are responding appropriately to their particular contexts.

As the Church, we also need to respond in ways that are consistent with our vision -attending to people who are most vulnerable, to those who may feel anxious or isolated.

The situation is changing rapidly. For now, I offer you a brief prayer and encourage you to share it with those in your communities.

Grace and peace,

Dr Deidre Palmer

5 March 2020

Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

Give wisdom and strength to all those in our community and around the world, who are responding to the coronavirus - health professionals, government officials, aged care providers, school leaders.

May those who mourn the loss of loved ones to the virus, be comforted.

May those in our community who are feeling anxious, find peace and reassurance.

May our congregations, and faith communities be places of compassion, attentive to those who are impacted by the coronavirus.

May we be communities of empathy, love and care, in all we face.

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

SUPPORT AMNESTY'S 'GAME OVER' INITIATIVE

Amnesty has joined with ex-Socceroo and human rights campaigner Craig Foster, to create the 'Game Over' Campaign. This campaign calls on the Australian Government to take up all available avenues for those people remaining in limbo in Papua New Guinea and Nauru to be safely resettled in countries such as the US, Canada and Switzerland. Amnesty especially encourages the government to accept the New Zealand offer to take 150 refugees each year, until all are re-settled.



Here's how we can help The Game Over campaign

1. sign a petition. Here is the link to the petition: <https://gameover.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GameOver-Offline-Petition.pdf>
2. write letters to local MPs to end the suffering of those trapped offshore.
3. Spread the word—message family and friends and direct them to: gameover.org.au
4. National Day of Action. Later this year there will be a National Day of Action. To participate register at: gameover.org.au

PRAYER

God of wilderness and water,
 your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
 Guide us through this season,
 that we may not avoid struggle,
 but open ourselves to blessing,
 through the cleansing depths of repentance
 and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.

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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:

Mar 22 Lent 4 1 Sm 16:1-13, Ps 23, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41
 Mar 29 Lent 5 Ez 37:1-14, Ps 130, Rom 8:6-11, Jn 11:1-45

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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