



## EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

*14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood*

10th—12th April 2020

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

- 10th April 9.30am Good Friday Jan Reeve  
**Sermon and Bible readings audio available on website  
also see Youtube link for Video readings and sermon:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 4 RDzE8fGM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RDzE8fGM)  
John 18:1—19:42  
*'What choices do we need to make?'*  
我们需要做出什么选择?**
- 12th April 8.00am Worship with Communion Jan Reeve  
**Service via Zoom—link to be emailed**
- 9.30am Easter Sunday Jan Reeve  
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also see Youtube link for Video readings and sermon  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2O9\\_sRi0uQU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2O9_sRi0uQU)  
John 20:1-18  
*'Encountering Jesus today'* 今天遇到耶穌**
- 2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group
- 19th April 8.00am Worship Chris Wakefield
- 9.30am Worship Jan Reeve  
John 20:19-31 and Acts 5:27-32  
*'Transforming Joy and Power'* 喜樂與能力的更新
- 2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

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 due to the uncertainties and potential risks caused by the coronavirus, as Nicholas has a suppressed immune system. Rev Jan Reeve will continue supply ministry during April, Jan is now working Sundays, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays.

***EASTER WORSHIP RESOURCES*** Bible readings and sermons for Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be available by audio, on the church's website as usual. Printed copies will be delivered to those without internet access.

You may like to include these as part of your Easter worship at home:

**Good Friday:**

This is amazing grace- Phil Wickham

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFRjr\\_x-yxU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFRjr_x-yxU)

Your love never fails- Jesus Culture

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hShc-4NzObg>

**Easter Sunday:**

Resurrection Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqqE5RsdVTY>

Cornerstone [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH\\_-1Zbs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH_-1Zbs)

The Easter Story for Children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Prayers for each Sunday are included in the newsletter on the website each week.

The Assembly website has a list of churches livestreaming and offering online worship services. Use this link for access:

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19> This is the link to the Moderator's Easter Message 'Hope in the midst of crisis':  
<https://vimeo.com/403551970>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Elliot Dash Parker-Lacey	Thursday	9th April
Brianna Weatherburn	Saturday	11th April

## **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.

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

**"NEWS FROM 2PM CHINESE SERVICE"** We mainly use WeChat groups as a virtual platform to maintain relationships and support each other in the spirit within the body for the time being. So we still have an online church prayer meeting at 10.30am every Friday and also online 2pm worship service every Sunday. All welcome to join us, please call Tennyson 0411896274 for any inquiry.

### **COVID PRAYER - NADIA BOLZ-WEBER**

*For the layers of comfort and convenience that surround our lives and that we never considered a blessing but always just took for granted, forgive us.*

*For we who must grieve in solation and not in community, comfort us.*

*For we who care for the sick, protect us.*

*For the ability to turn off the fear-mongering and unhelpful commentary and worst-case scenario click bait, strengthen us.*

*For the times when we are all out of creative ideas for how to get through this with cooped up kids, inspire us.*

*For we who are now cutting our own bangs (fringes) at home, guide us.*

*For the grace to allow ourselves and others to just be less productive, shower us.*

*For the generosity needed from those of us who have more resources, empower us.*

*From our own selfish inclinations, deliver us.*

*For just being your children, none of whom have done a global pandemic before, love us.*

*For the days ahead, accompany us.*

*God unbound by time, help us to know that you are already present in the future we are fearing.*

### **'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'**

Nicholas F.

Jason M

Sue H.

Margaret S

Pat E.

Liz M's mother Katy

## ***THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

**Easter comes to us** in a very different way in this year of isolation, Oh God of Resurrection. Help us in this different time, to understand a little better the newness of the Easter experience. For we too easily fall into our familiar patterns of annual ritual. Yet, how starkly new and joyous and even frightening it was for those women and men of long ago, as they met their dear Friend again, returned from death. May we, in our different experience today, sense a little of their joy, awe and uncertainty as we encounter renewed life, as we encounter the Risen Jesus in new ways in our time, as we experience Your love and grace poured out on us. We rejoice once again in Easter and thank you, Oh Loving God.

It was **the women** who saw where they laid Him. It was the women who came back to anoint the entombed Body. And it was Mary to whom her risen Lord first appeared. Thank you, Lord, for faithful women who today are part of our witness and leadership in Your Church. Bless them in their guidance and in their work for all of us.

**Renew us, God**, for the difficult days ahead. As the Resurrection experience breathed new life and power into the first disciples in their despair, may it come upon us today, in whatever way we may individually understand it. Come, Lord Jesus!

We pray for **Your blessing and guidance on our Church** in this land during troubled and uncertain times. In particular, we pray for Your Uniting Church here at Eastwood and our Sydney Central Coast Presbytery as we commence the process of a *Life and Witness Consultation* for our next journey in service. Be with us God as we commit to this task and be with each of us individually as we respond in the questionnaire. Be with Jan and Nicholas and Tennyson in ministry. Be with our Church Council and the various committees and teams now managing our affairs. And be with Kerrie and Michelle holding it together, alone in the Office.

Today **we pray for our nation and the world** in the grip of a pandemic. A new deadly pestilence, COVID 19, confronts us and reminds us that we are not in control. As people suffering plague have done down through the ages, we pray for Your shelter and guidance, Great God our

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Refuge. Guide governments, health services, community leaders, research teams and resourcing agencies to make wise and caring decisions as we all face an unfamiliar and perilous threat. Be especially with those serving us on 'the front line' of service, often at great risk to themselves. Help us to be responsive and loving to our neighbours and to all people in the time of trial. Defend us in our defencelessness, Oh Our Great Defender.

Finally, we turn to you, Dear God, as to our loving divine parent. We remember before You those of **our dear ones, our friends and people we know who need help, comfort and protection** at this time:

- They may be mourning and sad
- They may be sick and ailing
- They may be newly unemployed, even homeless
- They may be facing a life crisis
- They may be frightened and depressed
- They may be exposed to personal danger
- They may be preparing for a new phase of life in an uncertain time
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Be with them in Your loving grace as we remember them, including those mentioned in these Notices. We name them now privately before you, dear God, in **personal silent prayer**.

We present our thanks and requests in the name of Christ Jesus the Risen Lord. Amen

*John Court.*

**LENT EVENT - BUILDING PEACE AND BEATING POVERTY** Gifts can be made either by sending your donation to Uniting World in the prepaid envelope distributed several weeks ago OR online at the Lent Event website OR by bank transfer to Eastwood Uniting Church BSB 634634 Account 100020668 provided that the bank transfer includes the description 'Lent Event'.

During this time of the church's closure, please remember to continue your giving by direct debit, (BSB 634634 Account 100020668 ) or send a cheque to the church's PO Box 324 Eastwood NSW 2122.  
If your bank is open, over the counter deposits could be made using the church's account details.

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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 수 있고
Relevant	相關的	적절하고
Active	積極的	역동적이 될 것이다

### LECTIONARY READINGS:

April 9 Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Ps 116:1-2, 12-19,  
1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 10 Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12, Ps 22, Heb 10:16-25, Jn 18:1-19:42

April 12 Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24, Col 3:1-4,  
Jn 20:1-18

April 19 Easter 2: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Ps 16 1, Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31

**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](http://www.euc.org.au)

**Banking Details for Direct Giving: BSB: 634 634**

**Account #: 100020668**