



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

19th April 2020

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

19th April 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** - link to be emailed

9.30am Worship Jan Reeve

Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website

Also see Youtube link for video readings and sermon:

<https://youtu.be/WqldonnNba8>

John 20:19-31 and Acts 2:14a, 22-32

'Transforming Joy and Power'

喜樂與能力的更新 기쁨과 힘을 전환 시키는 것

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

26th April 8.00am Worship

9.30am Worship and Anzac remembrance Jan Reeve

Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website

A Youtube link for video readings and sermon to come

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 and Luke 24:13-35

'How do we recognise Jesus' living presence today?'

我们今天如何认识耶稣的存在?

우리는 오늘날 예수님의 살아계셔서 현존하심을 어떻게 아는가?

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.

Church Council has approved Nicholas returning to work on a 50% basis from 15 April 2020, with 50% sick leave. This arrangement is to continue for 3 months. All the necessary paperwork is being sent to Synod for their approval. Jan will continue in Supply for the rest of April and then 50% Supply in May.

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

Here are some links that you might find helpful:

- Illustrated Ministry are offering free weekly downloads. While they are traditionally focused on materials for kids, their reflections are well worth the read.
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve>
- Grow Ministries have made their "Church At Home" resource available for free, get them at <https://bit.ly/3ajC6IC>.
- Andrew Sloane, of Morling College, asks what a gospel-shaped response to the coronavirus might look like: <https://bit.ly/2R4OG71>
- A video from Dr Russ Harris, the author of "The Happiness Trap". An Acceptance and Commitment Therapy approach to dealing with COVID - <https://bit.ly/3dvfpmU>

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>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barbara Horrocks	Today	19th April
Caitlyn Weatherburn	Tuesday	21st April
Samantha Weatherburn	Tuesday	21st 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.

UCASE, the local Uniting churches social justice group, will meet by Zoom **TODAY, Sunday 19th** April at 2pm. If you would like to join in and need some directions, please contact Marion G, 0423355759.

'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

From Marion Gledhill

God of love and hope, we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. We wonder at the mystery, we reach to glimpse the reality.

Jesus, we want to *live* resurrection. We want to live in the confidence of your risen presence and your ultimate power.

Jesus, in the midst of this pandemic, let us see your resurrection present in the spaces where people are loving their neighbour, healing the sick, and tending to those who are uncared for.

Use us, we pray, to be part of that. Whether we can do much or a little, encourage us to keep praying, reaching out to others by phone and different ways, and remembering those who are suffering most.

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We pray for people who are ill, people who are grieving the death of loved ones, and for all 'on the front line' of health and hospital services, and aged care facilities.

Bless teachers preparing to teach in new ways, students confined to home, and parents struggling to work at home as well as supervise their children's care and learning. Help children who have little supervision, who are vulnerable to exploitation on the internet, who risk never returning to school.

Grant help and hope to the many who are unemployed, particularly those who are left out of Government assistance – the many migrants, international students, refugees and asylum seekers living in Australia. We worry too about the increase in stress for sufferers of mental illness, and the upsurge in family violence, online gambling and use of alcohol at this time. Protect those at risk, we pray.

God, help those who are suffering most in this pandemic, refugees and urban poor across the world - people who can't observe physical distancing, and struggle to find enough to eat and to access adequate medical services. May people and agencies who care for them be supported generously at this time.

We grieve for the USA, Britain, Spain, Italy and other European countries where so many have died. Comfort them and strengthen their medical workers and national leadership.

We pray for less developed nations as they deal with coronavirus – for nations in Africa, for India, Iran, Indonesia, and for nations whose leaders are still downplaying the threat of the virus to public health. Guide the World Health Organisation as it deals with coronavirus as well as other health emergencies.

We thank you, God, for co-operative national leadership in Australia. Now, as leaders everywhere strive to determine how to balance measures necessary for the health crisis with the economic outcomes, guide them with good advisers, helpful consultation and wise discernment.

God, we bring to you the needs of this Congregation and this community.

Grant us patience, trust and hope. We thank you that we can discover new sources of beauty and joy in our days. Bless Jan as she prepares and leads worship in new ways. Bless Tennyson and the 2pm Chinese group as they worship and share on WeChat. Bless Nicholas in his isolation.

We pray for leaders in the wider Uniting Church as they offer resources and guidance. Help us all to discern what new learnings can be used beyond this time.

God, you give us life itself, life that nothing can overcome, not even death.

May we go forward into the week ahead knowing you are with us always.
Amen

***A poem/sermon to live resurrection, from Rev Jason John,
Uniting Earth NSW.ACT***

So, it's Easter time again
That's why we gather [*in whatever ways*] for prayers and songs
Most of us are Christian
But maybe you got dragged along.

Now there's four versions of this story
which might be a clue
that we need to learn to live with difference.
At least that's what I reckon,
I don't know about you.

We can call Jesus "Lord, Lord!"
And he won't be that pleased
Unless we've fed and clothed and protected
all the "least of these"

Maybe the ones on Manus Island
Maybe all the refugees
Maybe those who will be flooded out
In a world of two degrees.

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What's that got to do with Easter?
 Well that's up to me and you
 We can just "believe" in Resurrection
 or we can try to live it too.

So, whether you think there were
 men or angels or both.

And Jesus is sitting on a cloud
 or still wrapped up in his shroud
 And he was sent as the Son

or adopted for his obedience
 And he only spoke in parables
 or gave great Johannine speeches.
 If you think they shared a supper,
 or he washed their feet, or both
 I don't really care.

I want to know if you think the Spirit is here
 amongst us, [*in whatever ways*] we gather in his name,
 as we hear the call "go forth,"
 and together walk his Way
 of love for God, ourselves, and others.
 Not just sisters and brothers
 but enemies too.

If you want to leave the world a better place
 Then know that I do too.
 Let's live Resurrection together
 Because there's plenty left to do.

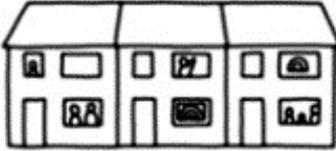


LENT EVENT - BUILDING PEACE AND BEATING POVERTY Gifts can be made either by sending your donation to Uniting World in the prepaid envelope distributed several weeks ago OR online at the Lent Event website OR by bank transfer to Eastwood Uniting Church BSB 634634 Account 100020668 provided that the bank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

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE
PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE
UNEMPLOYED AND THE
SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF
GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE
CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE
PURVEYORS OF SCARCE
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY
DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL
WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE
BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL
WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS,
THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE
ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND
THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

THIS MIGHT BE HELPFUL DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. PULSE, the Uniting Church youth unit, are doing weekly sheets for preschool, primary, and high school students - in the post!

Sign up online - <https://bit.ly/2xxC0iz>

TAFE NSW are offering a whole range of short courses for free (conditions apply!) which can be completed in a few days or weeks.

Maybe an opportunity... <https://bit.ly/2xAu9kd>

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 수있고
 Relevant 相關的 적절하고
 Active 積極的 역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

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

April 26 Easter 3: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Pt 1:17-23,
 Lk 24:13-35

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

Banking Details for Direct Giving:

BSB: 634 634

Account #: 100020668