



## EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

*14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood*

26th April 2020

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME.  
MAY YOU EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AS WE FIND DIFFERENT WAYS  
TO WORSHIP AND BE COMMUNITY**

26th April 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** - link to be emailed

9.30am Worship and Anzac remembrance Jan Reeve

**Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website**

**Also see Youtube link for video readings and sermon**

<https://youtu.be/GEc5VQong-s>

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

3rd May 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** - link to be emailed

9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried

**Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website**

**A link for video readings and sermon to be advised**

John 10:1-10 and Acts 2:42-47

*'A different community - a different economy'*

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来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 has returned to work on a 50% basis from 15 April, this arrangement is to continue for 3 months. Jan will continue in 50% supply ministry for the rest of April and 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

Janelle Dodd	Today	26th April
Eddy Ganschow	Tuesday	28th April
Janette Dive	Saturday	2nd May

## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

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

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

**CHURCH COUNCIL** are seeking people to nominate to be part of the EUC Joint Nominating Committee for selection of a new minister. We need 4 or 5 people from EUC, hopefully that include a range of ages and interests, commitment to the church's Mission Plan and preferably at least one person from each of the 4 worship services (8am, 9.30am, 10.45am and 2pm)

**LIFE AND WITNESS CONSULTATION BY PRESBYTERY** The Life and Witness Consultation has begun this week by the Presbytery team. Thank you completing the questionnaires for the team to gain some feedback from all members about your life as a congregation. The team is Rev David Reichardt (Team leader) Minister at Normanhurst Uniting, Mr Jim Mein from Thornleigh-Hillcrest, Carolyn Mallam from Epping UC and Rev James Aaron from North Ryde UC. They will be meeting by Zoom and phone with all staff and key leaders of the Church over the next few weeks.

If you would like to speak to one of them personally, their contact details are here:

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**2PM CHINESE SERVICE** use WeChat to maintain relationships and support. There is an online church prayer meeting at 10.30am every Friday and also online 2pm worship service every Sunday. All welcome, please call Tennyson 0411896274 for any inquiry.

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

Nicholas F.	Jason M	Sue H.
Margaret S	Pat E.	Liz M's mother Katy

**NEWS FROM GILGANDRA.** Hi Emma. Great to receive your message and greetings from Eastwood. We like you are depending on the on line service's. Life is certainly a lot different, hopefully we will all learn a lot from all this. The rain has been very welcome it has fallen over two months the grass responded quickly, dams are full and good moisture profile in the cropping Land. The Gilgandra Church family are going well and staying healthy we don't have any virus cases in our shire area.

### **TIS 586. Abide With Me**

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.



I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

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### **Hymn for ANZAC Day**

Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,  
honour our children left in foreign grave,  
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,  
honour the crosses marked forever ours.

Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,  
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,  
weep for the powers of violence and greed,  
weep for the deals done in the name of need.

Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,  
 answered no bugle, went against the wall,  
 suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,  
 branded as cowards, in our country's name.

Weep for the waste of all that might have been,  
 weep for the cost that war has made obscene,  
 weep for the homes that ache with human pain,  
 weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled,  
 held now in trust to justify the dead,  
 honour their vision on this solemn day:  
 peace known in freedom, peace the only way.



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

Loving God, We come to you today to bring our concerns for ourselves, for others and for our world. We thank you for the way that you engage with us and where we see you in unexpected ways. We thank you for the ministry of Jesus and the way in which he shared with his many disciples in his resurrection appearances, that he is alive and wanting us to understand the full extent of the love and grace that is available to us every day. May our hearts feel and know his comfort and care and our minds be reassured that you continue to make yourself known to us and others who are seeking you. May we be like the Emmaus road disciples, open to learning new ways of being your people and witnessing to that love in our current community and world context. May we remember you in the breaking of bread and the sharing of life. Remind us that you did not leave us alone, but in you we live and move and have our being. We come today remembering those who over a century ago, lost life and limb to defend our way of life and the freedoms we enjoy. The Anzac tradition reminds us of a great truth, that Jesus himself revealed, that greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends. So today Lord, we come to you on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 2020, while we are all living in lockdown, to recognise how much we need you, and how we recognise your faithful love in small and large ways around us.

We pray today for our church community as we continue to live this very restricted lifestyle and adapt to not being able to physically gather. Thank you for the gift we have in each other of brothers and sisters who share this Christian journey with us. Let us remember to uphold others who are unwell, recovering from surgery and those for whom this pandemic is life threatening. We pray also for those who are feeling emotionally or mentally unwell, that they can receive support, reassurance and learn strategies to manage their symptoms. We pray for Nicholas on his return to work, and pray for your blessing on him and his family.

We remember today all the members of our church family, watching the video or listening to your message at home. We pray for our children and young people as they seek to gather on skype or zoom, in order to stay connected and keep their faith and spirit positive. Bless them Lord, with a deep sense of your presence and peace. For older people feeling shut in, or unable to go out for regular activities, we pray for patience. For those who feel alone and afraid for their own health sake, we pray for your comfort and warming presence. For those who have lost their jobs and are fearful about how to continue to live, eat, pay rent or survive, we pray for strength and the provision of their needs. We pray that financial support from government agencies will provide essential things and alleviate fear and anxiety as families make ends meet.

We pray for the Presbytery Life and Witness team as they engage with the congregation in their consultation, that your guidance and leading will be clear and that there will be much to celebrate in the ways you continue to work in and through each member and ministry of Eastwood Uniting Church.

Continue to guide the agencies within our wider community as they provide food, shelter and necessities for life to those who come for help. Continue to give wisdom and guidance to our UCA leaders in our Synod, Assembly and Presbytery, as they adapt to changing procedures and ways of operating, to ensure the well-being of all church members and to ensure we act as good citizens and follow health and safety requirements. Thank you for the wealth of worship materials and resources that are being shared through our Synod website, for ministry to continue in different ways. May we see the positive side of learning how to use new technology, so that we can continue to engage in mission in keep connected to people beyond the church buildings.

We pray for compassion and comfort for those who have lost loved ones around the world, we feel overwhelmed by the scale of this crisis. Keep our doctors, nurses and medical teams safe and well, as they put their lives at risk in doing their work, and continue to provide the necessary protective items they need in order to do their work safely.

Living, loving Spirit of God, touch us with your love, joy and praise.  
AMEN

# BEATITUDES

## FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

**BLESSED ARE THE  
CHECKOUT WORKERS**



**FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND  
FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF  
OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION**

**BLESSED ARE THE  
REFUSE COLLECTORS**



**FOR THEY WILL SEE  
GOD DESPITE THE  
MOUNTAINS OF WASTE**

**BLESSED ARE THE  
TEACHERS**



**FOR THEY REMAIN  
STEADFAST AND  
CONSTANT IN  
DISTURBING TIMES**

**BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH  
WORKERS; THE DEACONS,  
PRIESTS AND BISHOPS**



**FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING  
PRESENCE IN A HURTING  
WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO  
SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD**

**BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE  
PARENTS.**



**FOR THEY ARE COPING  
ALONE WITH THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
THERE IS NO RESPITE**

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.

## 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 可见的 비전을 가질 수가 있고  
 Inclusive 包容的 포괄적이 될 수있고  
 Relevant 相关的 적절하고  
 Active 积极的 역동적이 될 것이다

### LECTIONARY READINGS:

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

May 3 Easter 4: Acts 2:42-47, Ps 23, 1 Pt 2:19-25, Jn 10:1-10

**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**