



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

3rd May 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**

- 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
Also see Youtube link for video readings and sermon
<https://youtu.be/23SGU0tS8Ys>
John 10:1-10 and Acts 2:42-47
'A different community - a different economy'
- 10.45am Holy Communion—**not meeting**
- 2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group
- 10th May 8.00am Worship **Servia via Zoom** - link to be emailed.
- 9.30am Holy Communion Jan Reeve
Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website.
A link for video readings and sermon to be advised.
John 14:1-14 & Acts 7: 55-60
'A different way-trusting in God and serving'
- 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 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 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.

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

The Assembly website has a list of livestreaming and online worship services. <https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19>

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD for the period 4 May to 2nd August is now available. Please let the office know if you would like one delivered. Phone 9858 5732.

BIBLE STUDIES VIA ZOOM At the Continuing Christian Education Umbrella Group meeting held on 23rd April, it was decided to trial run Bible Studies via Zoom. If you would like to be part of an online Bible study, please let the office know, so we can add your email address to the meeting and invite you to participate. The first studies will follow the lectionary readings (Acts and John) until Pentecost, 31 May. One group will be on Thursdays at 8 p.m. Other groups may be formed depending on demand and people's availability.

SYMPATHY to Linda and John Brunton on the death of Linda's mother on Friday 24th April.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. If you would like to prepare prayers to be included in next week's news sheet, or future weeks, the office would love to hear from you. It's an opportunity to share with one another while we cannot meet together. They could be sent to the office anytime before Thursday afternoon to allow time for printing and distribution.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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) Please contact the church office or Linda Brunton. Before May 13, when Church Council next meets would be helpful.

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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James Aaron	minister@nrcc.unitingchurch.org.au	0408 855 959

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH. Sunday School and Youth Group have moved ONLINE. We are meeting each Sunday using Zoom at 2pm and 11am respectively. We are catching up with each other, playing games, and learning from a bible passage. All are welcome to join. Please contact Janine or the church office via phone or email, so that we can send you the link.

SCCP STRATEGIC PLAN When the presbytery was formed in 2016, a gathering was held to shape the original strategic plan. Three years along the journey, SCCP have learnt much. SCCP would like to take some time in 2020 to hear more of the stories that shape, encourage and disciple us. They would also like to ask congregations to share what is working well in their ministries and how these might link to a refreshed version of the strategic plan. Please be involved and take the survey!

Please click this link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCPsurvey)

SCCPsurvey to have your say. Feel free to pass this link on to others.

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.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

From Elizabeth Cotton

Dear God
Are you a cheeky God?
All this fear
and the sky is clear?

All this pain
a little rain
and it's warm again!
because of less pollution from planes?

We are taught not to
make it the only issue-
that would put 'it' above you
Yet so many are saying bright sides too?!

So much time
to gently find
what to mind
so many ways still kind

So much compassion
less ambitious passion
as we think again,
"Is how much of what we go without a problem?"

I wish you could heal us
In you we put our trust
Yet your ways with us
are rarely rushed

Some pray for a cure
some for love to cure
some for 'dutch courage'
some just by prayer encourage

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Help us to gain
what you want us to gain
to be happy in you
trusting you

Help us to have
inner strength
answers we can trust
and yet still do as we're meant.

Thank you for the happiness,
the increased trust,
and the insights we've needed
and not be misled.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What would it be like to live like that early Christian community portrayed in Acts 2: 42-47?

Where do you glimpse this happening locally or globally?

How might you make this a reality in your own household or community?

What are the practical economic implications of having things in common? How practical was it then and might it be now?

Where are the boundaries between generosity and responsibility?

What qualities of leadership emerge from John 10: 1-10?

Who would you consider to be modern-day "thieves and robbers"?

WHEN GOOD SURPRISES

Surprise!

Why do the biggest ones
seem to come
when we fear
being undone?

Not alone
nor 'all one'
but managing the weather
together.

When we can't take them
without question?
When prayer
shows we care.

And we find
gratitude to mind
through love shown
when the 'not so good' is known.

And others
aren't so 'others'
when compassion
is only the beginning.

When happy
with everything
isn't the happy
we're seeking

When love
calms us
as only love
disarms us.
till we
are more than just 'me'
Or when we are
better by far -

just a way
to another day
that will bring
His mercy in.

by Elizabeth Cotton

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:

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

May 10 Easter 5: Acts 7:55-60, Ps 31:1-5,15-16, 1 Pt 2:2-10, Jn 14:1-14.

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

Banking Details for Direct Giving:

BSB: 634 634

Account #: 100020668