



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

10th 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**

10th May 8.00am Worship **via website**

9.30am Holy Communion

Jan Reeve and

John 14:1-14 & Acts 7: 55-60

Nicholas Fried

'A different way-trusting in God and serving'

Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website.

Also see Youtube link for video readings, sermon and communion. Please have bread and wine/grape juice ready if you wish to participate in communion.

<https://youtu.be/47cTivmgB6c>

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

17th May 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom**

Jan Reeve

9.30am Worship

Jan Reeve

John 14:15-21 & Acts 17:22-31

'Finding home - I am with you'

Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website

Also see Youtube link for video readings and sermon

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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, this arrangement is to continue for 3 months. Jan will continue in 50% supply ministry for May. **NEW PLACEMENT.** **Jan Reeve** has accepted a call to half time ministry with Abbotsbury Uniting congregation, and will be concluding her supply ministry with us. Jan will be with us for 2 more Sundays and will then take annual leave. Her last day will be 17th May. Jan says *'I have enjoyed my time here with you and am glad that Nicholas has been able to return to be with you. I will continue to pray for your ongoing ministry as you continue to follow Christ into the rest of the year and beyond.'* Blessings Jan.

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

Weekly prayers 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>

What Sustains Us The President and Moderators of the Uniting Church have got together to produce a series of COVID-19 devotions entitled "What Sustains us". Set out as a week of daily reflections, it's well worth your time. <https://bit.ly/2xDvo2i>

Photography as Prayer Andy Zetterbaum reflects with words and images on Photography as Prayer - a different way to express spirituality. Take a look and be inspired to explore <https://bit.ly/2ys5oHw>

"Hats for the Homeless" project A collaboration between Uniting and local Churches and students to knit beanies for distribution to those sleeping rough. See <https://bit.ly/2WvUato>

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Merrill B

Jason M

Sue H.

Margaret S

Pat E.

Liz M's mother Katy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th May 8 p.m. Church Council online meeting

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 is under way. Thank you for completing the questionnaires for the team to gain some feedback from 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 are in the process of meeting by Zoom and phone with all staff and key leaders of the Church. If you would like to speak to one of them personally, their contact details are here:

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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. Prayers could be sent to the office anytime before Thursday afternoon to allow time for printing and distribution.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lynton Jones	Today	10th May
Ross Bradbury	Tuesday	12th May
Thelma Pearson	Tuesday	12th May
Rowan (Jett) Parker-Lacy	Thursday	14th May

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

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.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD 4th May to 2nd August is available. Please contact the office to get a copy. Cost \$5. Phone 9858 5732.

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.

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.

Christ be my leader by night as by day

Together in Song 624

1. Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
3. Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Break Now The Bread Of Life

Together in Song 429

Mary Artemisia Lathbury 1841-1913 CCLI 65422

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord,
my spirit longs for you,
O living word. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me
as when you blessed the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all shackles fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all. |
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THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***are from Mediacom Words for Worship*****OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Our God is extravagant in love.

Out of God's love flows the whole of creation.

Let us give our offering and join in God's act of love.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, we give thanks for the many gifts we have received from you. We now offer, in gratitude, a portion of what we have, that others may also receive your blessing.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, we come with open hearts and hands willing to do what we can in your kingdom.

Today as we pray for our world and for ourselves, help us to see how we might bring our hearts and hands to be the change we wish to see.

We pray for the environment
for places of drought and flood, fire and famine.

We pray for our world
for people who are refugees or living in war torn countries.

We pray for Australia, this land we call home.
For our First Peoples, the Wallumattagal people.
Help us to work for reconciliation.

We pray for our government and all leaders
that justice and charity would be part of our political discourse.

We pray for our neighbourhood
for people struggling with anxiety and depression
for those who deliver and receive Meals on Wheels.
Help us to be not just people who live alongside one another, but
community.

We pray for our church
you have gathered us here,
help us to also go out and share the love we have known. Amen.

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.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS FROM DR DEIDRE PALMER, PRESIDENT, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA ASSEMBLY

In this unfamiliar territory of a global pandemic, when we may be apart from people we love, when those things we hold so dear are not present, what sustains us? Where are the guideposts to get us through into a future we find hard to imagine? I love to read the Gospel of John....his words of love and peace to his disciples....when they are unsure of what lies before them....Three key narratives that have been my guide from Scripture and in prayer are:

Abide in Christ's Love In John's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to abide in his love. The reassuring presence of Jesus and his constant and steadfast word and acts of love sustain me.

We are called as the community of Christ to be shaped by the love and grace of God.

We are drawn into a way of being and living, where we give our lives in loving service to others and for the sake of God's world.

You are not alone Jesus promises that he will not leave the disciples 'orphaned' (John 14:18) but rather God will send the Holy Spirit, their advocate, who will empower them to follow Christ's commandments and to love as Christ has loved them.

As we engage in creatively responding to the COVID-19 safety measures, we know that we are not orphaned – the Holy Spirit is the one who walks alongside us, guiding us into faithful, life-giving and abundant ways of following Christ.

The Holy Spirit gifts us with courage and power to live out the call of God on our lives.

Remember who you are While there is disaster, loss and an exacerbation of the inequities of our world, God calls us to see the world as God sees it – through compassion, and love, and a desire to see justice and flourishing for all people and the whole creation. We are not alone—God “gives us the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way.” God's abiding love takes away our fears and anxieties, bring healing and reconciliation and empowers us with courage to live the way of Jesus.

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

May 17 Easter 6: Acts 17:22-31, Ps 66:8-20, 1 Pt 3:13-22, Jn 14:15-21

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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BSB: 634 634

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