



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

17th 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**

- 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
https://youtu.be/YY_3LUB9p7Y
- 2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group
- 24th May 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** Nicholas Fried
Acts 1:6-11
'Crossing boundaries'
- 9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried
Acts 1:6-11 & John 17:1-11
'Unity not uniformity (Yes—we're all in this together!!!)'
Sermon and Bible reading audio will be available on website
A Youtube link for video readings and sermon to be advised
- 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, this arrangement is to continue until 15 July.

Goodbye!

TODAY is Jan's last day with us. We have appreciated all she has done in the 5 months she has been with us. We thank her for her support and guidance during this challenging time. We wish her well in her new placement with Abbotsbury UC and pray that God will continue to guide her and she works within her new community.

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

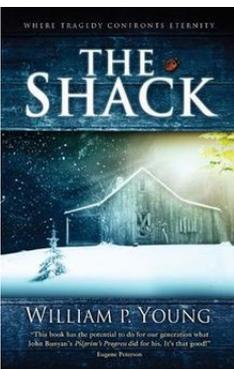
No worship services or activities are able to be held at the church until further notice.

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.

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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THE CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UMBRELLA GROUP has selected *The Shack* as the next film. Instead of gathering as a group to watch the DVD prior to a discussion, please watch the DVD at home. Please contact the office if you wish to borrow the DVD. Discussion about the film will be at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 17 June. We anticipate this will be a Zoom discussion.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Kingsley Murphy | Friday | 22nd May |
| Ali Westlund | Friday | 22nd May |

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

On 12 May Synod circulated an information update on Covid-19 about “gathering”. In part, Synod affirms that “pastoral visits are permissible as long as no one is considered to be at risk. Should the Minister or Pastoral Visitor be in a vulnerable category, please make other arrangements.” Lesley Bradbury and Nicholas have been tasked by Church Council to recommend “other arrangements”, due to Nicholas being in a vulnerable category.

The full information update from Synod, with notification about gathering for worship, is available on the church’s website found under ‘other resources’.

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.

APOLOGIES to anyone who tried calling the office between Tuesday and Thursday of last week. There was a line fault and we were unable to make or receive calls. We are now back on line.

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 like 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!

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCPsurvey>

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

***THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
are from Mediacom Words for Worship***

Loving God,
we pray for your peace and love
to reign over all the earth.

We pray for the whole creation:
for all animals, both wild and domestic;
for all plants, both rare and common;
for the oceans and waterways;
for the desert plains and the mountain forests.
Help us to care for the earth.

We pray for all people:
for babies and infants, just starting life;
for children of all ages as they go to school;
for young adults who are studying and starting new work;
for adults looking for meaningful careers and contributing to society;
for older adults who are moving into care and need medical attention;
for those who are dying this day—
that they might be welcomed into love's embrace.
Help us to care for one another.

UK BLESSING. This is a link to a beautiful blessing on Youtube that was shared in 8am worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U>

BIND US TOGETHER

Scripture in Song 185

*Chorus: Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
with chords that cannot be broken,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with love.*

1 There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body,
that is why we sing.

Chorus:

2 You are the family of God,
You are the promise divine,
You are God's chosen design,
You are the glorious new wine.

Chorus:

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*God snuck home.
No longer bound
By the expectations of a
consecrated building
She's concentrated her efforts
on breaking out.
Now in the comfort of a well
worn dining table
She shared some bread with
some friends.
And she laughs. And she
weeps.
In the sacred space of home.*

Ruth Wells



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET

'YOUR LABOUR IS NOT IN VAIN' - Porter's Worship Project 2017

1. Your labour is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labour is not in vain.

*REFRAIN: For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you,
called you by name
Your labour is not in vain.*

2. Your labour is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labour is not unknown. (*refrain*)
3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (*refrain*)
4. The houses you laboured to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed. (*refrain*)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPj3Kf7Dorw

from Work Songs, released October 6, 2017

'Your labor is not in vain' by Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell

Vocals: Madison Cunningham and Paul Zach

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During this time of the church's closure, many thanks for the thoughtfulness of people who have found ways to deposit funds to the congregation's bank account, or sent cheques to the PO Box. Your generosity and caring are very helpful at this time.

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

May 24 Easter 7: Acts 1:6-14, Ps 68:1-10,32-35,1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11.

Jn 17:1-11

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:

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