



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

7th June 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**

7th June 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** Phil Looby
9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried
Ezra 3:10 – 4:5 and Psalm 137:1-4
'Exile and Restoration—we are on the way to 'a new normal'
流放的和修复 - 我们在迈向一个“新常态”
추방 과 복구 - 우리는 '새로운 정상'으로 가는 중이다.
Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website
Youtube link for video readings and sermon
https://youtu.be/t8DKYh_71VM

(For those who would like to connect with the exile experience described in Psalm 137:4, watch the Boney M song *By the rivers of Babylon*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta42xU2UXLA>)

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

14th June 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom**
9.30am Holy Communion Nicholas Fried
Matthew 9:35—10:8
'The sacrifices we make'
我們所作的牺牲 우리가 만드는 희생
Sermon and Bible reading audio will be available on website
Youtube link for video sermon and readings 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.

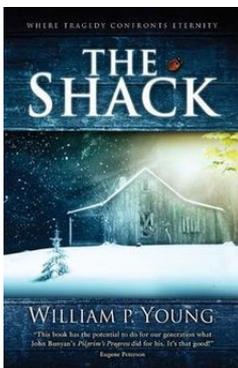
WORSHIP RESOURCES Bible readings and sermons for Sunday will be available by audio, on the church's website along with a video link. Printed copies will be delivered to those without internet access.

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

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 update from Synod, with notification about gathering for worship, is available on the church's website found under 'other resources'.



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.

'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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tennyson and Elsa Chan who are proud grandparents to a new grandson, born Monday 1st June.

SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Marie Armstrong, who died Monday. There is likely to be a service for her once travel restrictions have been lifted.

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. Sunday School meets at 2pm each Sunday using Zoom and Youth Group, fortnightly on Sundays at 4pm. 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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Weekly envelopes for the next financial year are now available. Current users will receive new envelopes shortly. If you would like to start using weekly envelopes or start using direct debit or switch to direct debit for your giving, please contact Andrew Weatherburn or the church office. For direct transfers the congregation account details are on the back page of the notices.



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.

LIFE AND WITNESS CONSULTATION BY PRESBYTERY is under way. 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 have met by Zoom and phone with staff and key leaders of the Church. If you would like to speak to one of them personally, their contact details are:

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JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND VOTING FORMS.

Church Council has now received 6 nominations and considers all those nominated will bring a range of experience and knowledge of EUC and Uniting Church Christian understanding. The nominees include a representative from each of our weekly church services and from Church Council. An email was sent out last week for online voting. We have also provided, by post, a printed copy of the form and a stamped, EUC addressed envelope to those who do not have access to email, for postal voting. We would appreciate receiving your completed voting form by the 8th June.



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. Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCPsurvey>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Myrna Toisuta	Tuesday	9th June
Christopher Gee	Wednesday	10th June
Hannah Gee	Wednesday	10th June
Betty Pearson	Friday	12th June
Miriam Parker-Lacey	Saturday	13th June

NEWS FROM GILGANDRA

Dear Emma and our Eastwood Friends,

How have you all been going during this challenging time of COVID-19? We hope you have been well.

It is such a strange time and certainly given us a new way of thinking and doing. Those of us on the farms haven't been too affected as we just get on and farm or do animal husbandry. The rain has been so good some weeks back now and have allowed farmers to plant and stock to feed. Unfortunately many other business's have suffered and people put off until things get better.

Our grandchildren have been doing home schooling up until Monday the 25th May with google classroom, and booklets plus the Zoom meetings to say hello to the teachers and class mates.

We have all been involved with that but didn't mind as we can get an idea of what the children do and bridge the generation gap. Kids are so much more advanced at a younger age and the words they use make us seem like we are in kindergarten.

How have you all be doing Worship at Eastwood? I guess some folk haven't got computers and don't want to know about them.

We have some in our church who have linked with Turramurra on a Sunday morning, some who have linked with Saltbush for Sunday 9am Zoom, some who are using Project Reconnect DVDs and others who use the same churches as family around the country. Those who don't do any of the above enjoy Songs of Praise on the BBC.

We are really spoilt for choice and I am sure you would be also.

Is your church going to get together soon or leaving it a bit longer to see how things pan out? We are not in a rush to get back yet but it may not be far off.

Hoping to hear from you when you have time.

God's Richest Blessings to you all.

With love from all at Gilgandra UCA

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

Great God of Returning Exiles, we come to You today as your people, feeling our way, unsurely, towards a new normal. Be with us as you were with those Jews all those years ago returning from exile in Babylon to their old land, so familiar and longed for, yet so different.

Many of us have been taken from our familiar habits of worship and friendship and shut away in our homes, nervous about that deadly plague – OUT THERE! We are slowly coming back, God, but it's still OUT THERE. We are slowly returning to life, but not at normal - because it's still OUT THERE. We implore you God, YOU BE WITH US OUT THERE.

Some of us have continued with daily work, but have had to learn new ways. A few of us have had to risk our safety in the face-to-face struggle against it OUT THERE. A few of us have lost our daily work and don't know how we will go on OUT THERE. Some of us are just starting out in life and we can't see a future for ourselves OUT THERE.

Oh merciful God, we all need your help in this uncertain time. Be with us, help us to be strong. Help us to see new horizons and dreams amid the desolation. Help us to be your people, your servants, learning how to follow Jesus in new and exciting ways in these strange time. Oh God, we believe in YOU, help us in our unbelief! Hear us now, Oh God of Returning Exiles.

We pray for our leaders in the Christian Church at this time, and in particular the leaders of our Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT, Simon, Jane and Bronwyn.

Be with us here at Eastwood, our Ministers and Pastors, our Church Council and our Office and all who work in Your Service here in the Eastwood community. May the Spirit guide us, support us and

strengthen us in the difficult days ahead. We pray your blessing and guidance on those commissioned to lead us in discerning our future here in Your work at Eastwood, the Life and Witness Consultation Team and the Joint Nominating Committee. Like the returning exiles we are nostalgic for past glories that are gone, but are hopeful as we look to Jesus in a new and unknown future.

Be with all those working to combat the COVID 19 crisis and the other unrest both civic and economic which the pandemic has brought with it:

World political and moral leaders;

Our National, State and Local governments and their leaders;

Our medical community of doctors, nurses, support workers, counsellors and many others;

Our research experts in their efforts to understand the pandemic and develop a vaccine;

Our exemplars at all levels, showing us how to behave in a loving and supportive way in a time of great challenge;

Finally, we turn to you, Dear God, as to our loving divine parent. We remember before You those of our dear ones, our friends and people we know who need help, comfort and protection at this time: they may be mourning and sad – we think of the family and friends of Marie Armstrong; they may be sick and ailing; even travelling; facing a personal life crisis; rejoicing – we are happy for Tennyson with a new grandson; they may be depressed and anxious or setting out on a new life adventure. Be with them in Your loving grace as we name them privately and individually before you, God of Love.

We end our prayers today, bonded together in meditation, in the words that Jesus gave us:

Please say that the Lord's Prayer (in your preferred language)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

**BELOW ARE SECTIONS OF A MESSAGE FROM
REV. BRONWYN MURPHY REGARDING COVID 19**

Presbytery and Synod leaders have been working together to support the church through COVID-19. Together we have reconfirmed our commitment to prioritize the health and well-being of all people – both in the church and the wider community. This means all our decisions are weighed against the potential harm that could come from second wave infection. These guidelines have been shaped by the Biblical imperatives commanding us to love one another.

In seeking to return to face to face gatherings, the Public Health Order states that churches may be open to the public only for a wedding, funeral, memorial or religious service or for private worship service.

Even though restrictions are easing, it does not make returning to face to face worship an automatically safe or wise option. A lot of careful planning and thought needs to accompany every group that wishes to meet. Who will record the name and contact details of every person, who steps on to church property – no matter what the reason. For you to meet in person, who will disinfect every surface after it has been touched – doorknobs, light switches, toys, colouring in pencils/crayons, Bibles, hymn books, microphones, lecterns, phones, laptops, seats/pews.... Who will clean the toilets after each use and how will that person be protected from infection? Who will clean/disinfect the kitchen after each use? In many of these cases the usual people would be our members – many of whom are in the high-risk category and require specific COVID-19 risk management plans.

The Government has said a risk management plan for any gathering is essential. Failure to comply brings heavy penalties.

The Synod has set up a webpage www.nswact.uca.org.au/COVID19SafeRoadmap that contains Government checklists, safety and hygiene guidelines for returning to worship and many other Church activities.

In order to fulfil Government requirements, we ask that you develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan with your Church Councils.

EUC Church Council is now looking into developing this Safety Plan at their next meeting.

This is a day of new beginnings

Together in Song 653

(Tune: St Clement)

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember, and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference
as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

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Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBhMvPx2U0I>

Come to be our hope

Together in Song 688

(Tune: Hyfrydol)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Come to be our hope, O Jesus,
come to us our people free.
From oppression, come, release us,
you alone give liberty.
Come release from every prison
those who suffer in our land.
In your love we find the reason
still to live and understand. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Come to build your new creation;
show the way of servanthood;
give new life to every nation,
changing evil into good.
Come and open our tomorrow
for a kingdom, now so near.
Take away all human sorrow,
give us hope against our fear. |
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Words from *In Spirit and in Truth*

by permission the World Council of Churches, Geneva

Jaci Maraschin *alt.* CCLI 65422

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uwz03sajqKc>

Confidence in uncertainty

Singing a New Song volume 4: 102

- 1 Change and chance are ever present; (Tune: Austria)
 risks confront us as we grow;
 real uncertainty surrounds us;
 life can be a friend or foe;
 yet our hope is never silenced;
 love enhances all we know;
 this of all things, faith makes certain,
 God is love in endless flow.
- 2 Who knows what lies round the corner?
 All our future, hid from sight;
 yet we ponder our tomorrows
 always looking for the light;
 God does not ordain the future,
 but God guides us to the right;
 this of all things, faith makes certain,
 God is love, our pure delight.
- 3 Sometimes we are caught in hardship;
 sometimes life is so unfair;
 other times our hearts are singing
 with life's charm, beyond compare;
 as we travel to the future
 confidently we declare,
 "This of all things we are certain ,
 God is love and always there."

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Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVlg-LAI0Oo>**QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

What have you missed while being "in exile"?

你在“流放”时错过了什么？

“유배중”에 있는 동안 당신은 무엇을 그리워 했는가?

What is something new that you have discovered “in exile”?

你在“流放”时发现了什么样的新事情？

“유배 중”에 새로 발견한 것들은 무엇인가?

What are you looking forward to in “restoration”?

你在“重建”中期待什么？

“복구: 하는데에 무엇을 기대하는가?

How will things be the same in “restoration”?

在“重建”时事情将变得如何不一样或一样？

“복구중”에 같거나 혹은 다른 것들은 어떻게 차이가 날것인가?

What do you envisage will be different when we experience “restoration”?

当我们经历“重建”时你设想什么东西将会变得不一样？

당신이 예상하고 있는 것들은 우리가 “복구”중에 경험한 것과 다를 것인가?

What might the ‘new normal’ look like for the church?

对于教会来说“新常态”将会是什么？

“새로운 정상”이 교회는 어떤 모습이 될 것인가?

We are all ministers in Christ's name

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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:

June 7 Trinity Sunday: Gn 1:1—2:4a, Ps 8, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Mt 28:16-20
 June 14 Pentecost 2: Gn 18:1-15, (21:1-7), Ps 116:1-2, 12-19,
 Rom 5:1-8, Mt 9:35-10:8, (9-25)

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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