



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

20 September 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

- 20 September 8.00 Worship **service via Zoom** Maria Allerdice
- 9.30am Worship Frontier Services
- Outback Sunday 内陆周日 야외주일
Jeremiah 14: 3-6, Joel 1:8-10, 17-20, Mark 1: 9-13
'Keeping their spirits high'
保持他们的精神高尚
그들의 정신을 높이 지키는 것
YouTube link for the Frontier Services video, readings and prayers is <https://youtu.be/U8HIFjF5bd8>
Audio of the Frontier Services video, readings and prayers is available on the Eastwood UC website.
- 2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group
- 27 September 8.00 Worship **service via Zoom** Nicholas Fried
'Signs of hope and promise'
Revelation 22: 1-5, Psalm 104: 27-33,
Genesis 8:20-22, 9:12-17
- 9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried
Genesis 9: 8-17
River Sunday 河流周日 강의주일
'Lake and river' 湖与河流 호수와 강
- 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.

WORSHIP RESOURCES Bible readings and sermons for Sunday are available by audio, on the church's website along with a video link. You can go to Youtube and type 'Eastwood Uniting Church' in the search bar to find the current worship service and past weeks' services.

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>

Updates on services and news are also available on the Presbytery website: <https://sydneycentralcoastpresbytery.uca.org.au>

RE-OPENING CHURCH PREMISES - SAFETY PLAN Synod has stipulated that **every group** that either meets in the name of Eastwood Uniting Church (including Bible studies in a home) or uses the Church premises for any activity, **must provide Church Council with a safety plan** that complies with regulations and guidelines set out by both the NSW Government and the NSW/ACT Synod. Chris Wakefield has kindly agreed to be our contact person with Synod on behalf of Church Council. **ALL** groups are required to complete and submit a safety plan to Church Council. Safety plans will be forwarded to Presbytery for review. Complying with all the current regulations is very complex and expensive. Until further notice the Church buildings remain closed. Information and Synod's updates available on our website under "other resources".

CHURCH COUNCIL is planning to resume 9.30 a.m. worship on Sunday 18 October. We will need people to assist by videoing the service, to be uploaded to YouTube or Facebook afterwards, for those unable to attend.

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

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Merrill B

Jason M

Margaret S

Chris D

Elizabeth C

Marion G

Wendy N

Liz M's mother Katy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Only those activities that have a Church Council approved safety plan are able to use the church premises.

SOCIAL ZOOM each Friday at 7.30pm Janine organises a 'Social Catchup' on Zoom. It is a very relaxed meeting. If you would like to join please contact the church office for the Zoom log in.

2PM CHINESE SERVICE use WeChat to maintain relationships and support. All welcome, please call Tennyson 0411896274 for any inquiry.

THEOLOGY AND THE COMMON GOOD presented by The Centre for Faith and Public Issues. Workshops will explore how a public theology engages with three current issues of Race, Climate and Covid 19. To be held on 22nd October 10am-1pm via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/4399152776>. To receive further information and to register please email: amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, none of our regular SRE teachers is available for weekly lessons at either Eastwood PS or Denistone East PS. If you are able to assist until restrictions change, please contact the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Phil Looby	Monday	21st September
Sue Howes	Tuesday	22nd September
Elizabeth Joannou	Tuesday	22nd September
Helen Shepherd	Wednesday	23rd September
May Faichney	Thursday	24th September
Janine Joannou	Thursday	24th September
Robert Dive	Friday	25th September
Mary Goswell	Friday	25th September
Navan Niles	Saturday	26th September

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.

REV JAMES AARON is concluding his Placement at North Ryde Community Church and a Service of Conclusion will be held on Sunday 20th September at 9.30am. Online details of the service can be found at: <https://nrcc.unitingchurch.org.au/online-details/>

PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE 2020

'Called by God' -living our Christian vocation in daily life.

On Saturday October 3, the President will host a Webinar with three one hour sessions to open up the conversation about God's call to us in our everyday lives, and to showcase some of the content of the 2021 conference.



SESSION ONE: CALLED BY GOD 1-2pm. We will hear about the Biblical themes on call and some insights and reflections about our response to crises in our contemporary Australian context.

SESSION TWO: EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY 2.30-3.30pm. We will hear from people who are living their Christian vocation in various ways through their work settings, through ordained and lay ministries, through advocacy and community work, and through their everyday living.

SESSION THREE: FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE 4-5pm. A discussion with people who are engaged in public life in a rich diversity of ways, who will invite us to think about ways we are living our Christian vocation, and embodying God's justice, compassion and hospitality through our local congregations, community service, advocacy and work context.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 worship is available in two ways – Livestreamed through the Assembly Online Worship forum and as a written liturgical resource and a short pre-recorded sermon from the President that you may use with your own community.

Registration is free.

Webinars will be recorded and they will be made available for people to use in their local context. The President is offering to join people's conversation online, if they are using the recordings of the webinars.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. If you would like to prepare prayers for the news sheet, the office would love to hear from you.

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

Outback and wilderness Sunday (*Season of Creation*)

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us, especially in the wonders of the wild in outback and wilderness areas. Help us to be in solidarity with your wilderness creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the wild world of the wilderness. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

God of the outback and wilderness, we pray that we can better aim to protect, live with, and defend the wilderness at the core of our beings and around the world.

We pray for the restoration of full and flourishing life across the world, in places that have seen destruction from humans and natural disasters.

Help us to remember our connection with all elements of creation, and to embrace that connection with exuberance and our full energy.

Prayers in light of COVID-19

(Sydney Anglican Church)

God of all Nations, we pray for the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. Please slow the spread of this virus, protect the vulnerable, and keep all people safe. Give the many scientists working on a vaccine wisdom and insight that they may be successful in their work and help stop this pandemic.

(Christianity Today)

We pray for:

- the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.
- our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.
- the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.
- our local, state, and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.
- our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a

persuasive voice.

- the media, committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.
- consumers of media, looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbours. Keep us from anxiety and panic, and enable us to implement the recommended strategies, even at a cost to ourselves.
- those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.
- the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city.
- international travellers stuck in foreign countries: God, help them return home safely and quickly.
- Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.
- workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.
- families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.
- parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.

(Sydney Anglican Church)

Give our front-line health workers energy, perseverance, and protection as they strive to keep people safe from infection and treat those who have contracted the virus. Give our world leaders compassion and care and deep wisdom as they make so many difficult decisions to protect people in both the short and long term. And give all people patience and understanding, they we may all persevere through this difficult period, obeying the authorities you have placed over us, and loving our neighbours as ourselves.

(The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly)

Loving and compassionate God, you call us to love our neighbours and to be bearers of your hope and grace in our world. Expand our hearts and vision to respond with compassion to those around us, who are struggling in this time of uncertainty, anxiety, grief and suffering.

Give wisdom and strength to our health workers, and government officials, as they provide leadership in bringing our country through this crisis.

We bring before you and into our hearts and minds:

those whose work and income are uncertain.

those who are isolated.

those who are fearful of an unknown future.

those who are homeless, and all those who offer them support and care.

those who are involved in aged care

– our agency leaders, staff and residents and their loved ones.

businesses whose futures are uncertain

– their leaders and staff, school staff and students.

those with health conditions that put them at greater risk.

Give wisdom and care-filled discernment to all our Church leaders

– our Councils, and local congregations, as we seek creatively to live out our worship, witness and service in ways that offer Christ's life-giving love and presence.

Strengthen and sustain us to be your people

– shaped by your abundant grace, bearers of your generosity and overflowing love.

Through Christ our Light and Hope, we pray, Amen.

(Frontier Services Order of Service 2020)

May the Creator open our eyes.

So we who believe can bear witness to His great power.

May He enlighten our hearts.

So we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Based on Ephesians 1:18-20

Eternal God, where there is hope. **You are there.**

Where there is compassion and the desire for wholeness. **You are there.**

Where there is the struggle for peace. **You are there.**

Where the hungry are fed and the poor empowered. **You are there.**

Where there is delight in the trees of the land or the depths of the seas.

You are there.

Wherever love is announced. **You are there.**

As we gather today. **Be with us also.**

Grant us wisdom in the decisions we make and strength to follow through.

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.

WHERE WIDE SKY ROLLS DOWN

Together in Song 188

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFX7VBH_2ZQ

- 1 Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.
- 2 Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.
- 3 Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.
- 4 Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Elizabeth J Smith 1956-

Ó EJ Smith

YOU WERE IN THIS PLACE (Frontier Services 2020)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7798DInPAI>

- 1 At the dawn of the ages, you pulled land from the sea.
With your word you invented all we know, all we see:
Creek and desert and forest, red and grey kangaroo.
You were in this place - but we never knew.
- 2 Paintings seen on the rock face, footprints left in the sand,
Campfire next to the river, songs that rise from the land:
Signs that seem so elusive, shadows just out of view.
You were in this place - but we never knew.
- 3 Do we take after Jacob, blind to what lies at hand,
Needing dreaming to inform us God is here in this land?
See him suffering and dying; bread and wine tell the news.
You were in this place - but we never knew.
- 4 Jesus, open our senses, help us see you today
In the person beside us, as we work, as we play.
While we love you and serve you, may it never be true:
You were in this place - but we never knew.

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An Australia Day service is organised each year in the city of Adelaide. In 1987, for the 200th anniversary of white settlement, repentance was as much in mind as celebration. The story of Jacob's dream at Bethel (the original stairway to heaven!) was central in the service. This song rose out of that story, and especially from Jacob's statement when he wakes up from his dream:

"God is in this place, and I didn't know it!"

Copies of the August edition of Frontier News and the Frontier Services Order of Service 2020 are available on the church website to read online or download.

FOR YOU, DEEP STILLNESS

All Together Whatever 494

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;
 for you, deep blue of the desert skies;
 for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;
 for you, sweet water from hidden springs,
 from the edges seek the heartlands,
 and when you're burnt by the journey,
 may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
 soothe and replenish you, in the name of Christ.

For you, warm comfort of the flickering firelight;
 for you, sweet melting of winter snows;
 For you, bright green of the land's emerging;
 for you, clouds lifting from darkened skies;
 From the cold place, seek the heartlands,
 and when you're chilled by the journey,
 May the warm breath of the hovering Spirit
 soothe and replenish you, in the name of Christ.

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Questions to ponder

沉思一些问题

숙고해야할 질문들

What do the words "wilderness" and "outback" mean to you?

“荒野”与“偏远地区”这两个词语对你意味着什么？

“광야”와 “오지”라는 말들은 당신에게 무엇을 의미하는가?

When have you encountered or experienced the outback? What did it mean to you spiritually?

你什么时候接触或经历过偏远地区？它在精神上对你意味着什么？

언제 당신은 오지에 닦쳐보거나 오지를 경험해 봤는가? 영적으로 그것은 당신에게 무엇을 의미하는가?

How are the suffering of the earth and the suffering of people connected?

地球的苦难和人们的苦难是如何联系在一起的?

지구의 고통과 인간들의 고통은 어떻게 연결이 되는가?

How does the earth act as “a character” in the Bible passage from Joel?

约珥书的圣经章节中地球是如何担任“人物”角色的?

지구는 성서의 요엘서에서 어떻게 “규정화” 되는가?

How can outback and wilderness serve as metaphors for experiences of spiritual transformation, renewal, and action in your life?

偏远地区与荒野是如何可以用来比喻为精神升华的经历、革新与你生活中的行动?

당신의 삶에 있어서 오지와 광야는 영적 전이, 재생 그리고 행동의 경험의 은유로서 어떻게 나타나는가?

What messages of hope and encouragement did you hear in the Frontier Services video?

你在前沿服务机构视频中听到了什么样的希望与鼓励的信息?

프론트 서비스 비디오에서 당신은 어떤 희망과 용기의 메시지를 들었는가?



Nicholas retires at the end of November. Please note that from 1 October to 30 November he will be taking annual leave. Sunday 27 September will be his last worship service at Eastwood

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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 수 있고
Relevant 相關的 적절하고
Active 積極的 역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Sept 20 Pentecost 16: Ex 16:2-15, Ps 105:1-6, 37-45, Phil 1:21-30, Mt 20:1-16

Sept 27 Pentecost 17: Ex 17:1-7, Ps 78:1-4, 12-16, Phil 2:1-13, Mt 21:23-32

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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