



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

4 October 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**

4th October 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** Stephen Kemp

9.30am Worship John Dacey
Uniting Church Chaplain, Macquarie University.
*'In God's back-to-front kingdom, forgiveness precedes
and elicits repentance.'*

Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 21:33-46

**Sermon and Bible reading audio available on
website. Youtube link for service**

https://youtu.be/SJp0RW8NL_U

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

11th October 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** John Court

9.30am Holy Communion Graham Perry

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

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.

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".

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.



SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE). Please keep Maria Allerdice in your prayers as she prepares to start back at Eastwood Public for term 4. Maria will be taking all the Uniting SRE classes for the term.

THE CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GROUP

is planning to hold a study over Advent. which commences on 29th November. This study is based on the book, *'Hope for Advent'* by Rev Dr Chris Walker. See the link: <https://www.mediacomeducation.org.au/shop/the-coming-of-jesus-christ-past-present-and-future/>

There are four studies:

- Study 1 Looking to the future – the end of the age
- Study 2 Words of assurance – signs of hope
- Study 3 Preparing for the Messiah – getting ready
- Study 4 God's covenant and promises – on the way.

The book will be used to guide each Study. It is proposed to hold the Study three times a week as follows:

- Tuesday 10 am at the Church
- Thursday 8 pm on Zoom, and
- Friday 10 am on Zoom.

The first study will commence in the week before the start of Advent (ie. Sun. 22nd Nov) and will finish in the week before Christmas

We welcome anyone interested in participating in this Advent Study, to please ring or email their option to the Office. If you have any further questions or suggestions, please contact Trevor Bird on 0412657494.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Chloe Choe	Monday	5th October
Trevor Prowse	Monday	5th October
Karen Thomas	Wednesday	7th October
Nick Thomas	Wednesday	7th October
Amelia Moore	Thursday	8th October



Nicholas retires at the end of November. Please note that from 1 October to 30 November he will be taking annual leave.

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.

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

INSIGHTS SPRING 2020 issue has been delivered to the church. Please contact the office if you would like a copy.

*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.*

17th September 2020 Church Council Zoom Meeting Update

- Joint Nominating Committee: Presbytery members now appointed and will have first meeting via zoom. EUC Placement Profile approved by Synod and Presbytery is now available on the EUC website.
- Worship: Online worship to continue at present for all services and activities. Aim to commence on site worship services at EUC site on 18th October, subject to Synod support for churches to reopen for worship. This will require video/sound recording for those that are unable/unwilling to attend- people who can assist are requested to contact the office.
- Bible study: Chinese online bible study group commenced on Saturdays. Advent English 4 week bible study proposed.
- Sunday School lessons and activities: Continuing online at present on Sundays for youth and younger age groups. Contact Janine Joannou or office for access to the online meetings. COVID19 Safety Plan approved for Sunday School when on site worship recommences.
- Chinese speaking resource worker: EUC endorsed the Safe Transition project in the Ryde Hunters Hill area to advocate for the state government to employ bi-lingual case workers supporting survivors of domestic violence.
- Pastoral concerns: EUC carers and Nicholas are maintaining regular contact with church members. Please contact your carer or Lesley Bradbury. Friday zoom chat meetings run by Janine Joannou, contact the office for details.
- Continuing Education Umbrella Group: 4 week advent bible study proposed.
- COVID19 Safety Plan approved for EUCMS workshop and 9.30am Sunday School.
- Property: New contracts being prepared for sale of Acacia Street church and hall site.
- Finances: Accounts for year ended 30th June 2020 approved for audit. Accounts for remainder of 2020 approved.

- Tertiary Chaplaincy Strategy Committee (formerly Macquarie University Chaplaincy). Tennyson now a member of the Committee.
- This meeting was the last to be attended by Nicholas before his retirement, as he will be on annual leave in October and November. Nicholas was thanked for his many years of service and guidance, providing direction for the Congregation and for the stimulating sermons and teaching we have received while he was the Minister at Eastwood. Nicholas expressed his appreciation of the support given to him by Church Council.
- Closure of Ministry Service for Nicholas to be held at EUC on Sunday 29th November at 9.30am.
- Part time Supply Ministers being sought from December 2020.
- Next Church Council meeting on Thursday 22nd October 2020.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

God of lights,
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change,
from whom comes every good and perfect gift.

Your name is holy and wondrous.

God of lights,
changeless in your mercy, invariable in your grace.
your name is glorious.

Receive us into your presence,
that we might become radiant in your service,
lights in this world, reflecting the light of eternity.

Lead us in our worship, that all that we do might be undertaken at your bidding, filled with your grace, directed by your wisdom, informed by your truth, and accomplished to your glory.

Gracious Lord God, you have called us out of darkness into your marvellous light. You are the rock of our salvation.

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We pray for our Church, grant that this congregation may be firmly established in Christ, built up in Christ, performing the work of Christ, filled with the love of Christ.

We pray for those who lead our church, for ministers, church council and carers and all who work in your service in the community. Fill them with the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge.

We pray for those whom we know have special needs.

To all who suffer any sickness or weakness, give health and strength.

To all who are disturbed or troubled, give rest and understanding.

To all who are lonely and alienated during this time of Covid, give fellowship and love.

We especially remember: Jason, Marion, Chris, Wendy, Elizabeth, Merrill, Margaret, Liz's mother and others known to us.

All these requests we present to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is seated at your right hand to intercede for us. Therefore we pray with each other and for each other saying,

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.

Prayers taken from 'Leading in Prayer' Hughes Oliphant Old

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WE'VE LIT A CANDLE

Together to Celebrate

<https://togethertocelebrate.com.au/songs-for-free-streaming/>

Dale MacGregor | David MacGregor

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| <p>1. We've lit a candle
We've come together
Though separated
We're joined in Love
The way illumined
Your Word is opened
We've brought thanksgiving
For kindness shown</p> | <p>3. We'll light a candle
In evening's window
For all who lead us
Through this long storm
Lord bless and guide us
We live in new ways
May love for neighbour
Rhythm our hearts</p> |
| <p>2. We light a candle
For those defenceless
For all so anxious
Who fall apart
Who need Love's comfort
From deepest sadness
May all their ailing
Have healing come</p> | <p>4. We'll light a candle
We'll look in hope for
We are your people
Who know your Light
May light there shining
Know living radiance
In hearts hands hoping
Through Christ our Lord</p> |

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GOD, HOW WE THANK YOU

David MacGregor

God how we thank you (x2)
Your mercy compassion never ends
We sing out our praises, Your grace beyond gracious
God, how we thank you, Your boundless love
Love ever steadfast, Mercy unending
New every morning, Your way of love
Love ever faithful
Calls from me "grateful"
Lord, be our worship, You are our love

Repeat all.<https://togethertocelebrate.com.au/songs-for-free-streaming/>)

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Inspired by Psalm 136:1, John 1:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

BRING YOUR PEACE, LORD

Together to Celebrate

1. Bring your peace Lord
 Bring your peace Lord
 Bring your peace O Lord
 Peace again
 Peace in the hard times
 Peace in the pain
 Bring your peace O Lord
 Peace again

2. Bring your hope Lord
 Bring your hope Lord
 Bring your hope O Lord
 Hope again
 Hope in the hard times
 Hope in the pain
 Bring your hope O Lord
 Hope again

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3. Bring your love Lord
 Bring your love Lord
 Bring your love O Lord
 Love again
 Love in the hard times
 Love in the pain
 Bring your love O Lord
 Love again

4. Bring your life Lord
 Bring your life Lord
 Bring your life O Lord
 Life again
 Life in the hard times
 Life in the pain
 Bring your life O Lord
 Life again

STITCH A NEW GARMENT

Together to Celebrate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6jhRPhSncw&feature=youtu.be>

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| <p>1. We will not go back to normal
 'Cos normal never was
 We've done so much reflecting
 'bout how life is and was
 For normal meant bein' greedy
 Meant lack injustice rage
 Normal meant confusion
 Unkindness in our age</p> | <p>2. O God give us new hope for
 This moment and these times
 To weave those deep
 connections
 God gave this gift of time
 To weave a new humanity
 Through this bewild'ringworld
 Let's weave in all our colours
 That love be lived and shared</p> |
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Chorus 1

Time to stitch a new garment
 With love in every seam
 Weave in understanding
 That's lived much more than
 dreamed
 Each colour bein' woven
 In unity in peace
 Building tomorrow
 May our striving
 May our praying
 May our caring never cease

Chorus 2

Time to stitch a new garment
 With love in every seam
 Weave in understanding
 That's lived much more than
 dreamed
 Each colour bein' woven
 In unity in peace
 Building tomorrow
 May our striving
 May our praying
 May our caring never cease
 Time to stitch a new garment

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Questions to ponder

How do you feel when someone wants to forgive you for something you haven't recognised has wronged or hurt them?

Do you think forgiveness can elicit contrition and remorse? Have you experienced it (from either side)? Was it difficult to offer/accept forgiveness?

Why does all/most worship liturgy have prayers of confession before a declaration of forgiveness? Could/should it be the other way around? Is God's forgiveness conditional upon our confession?

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:

Oct 4 Pentecost 18: Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Ps 19 Phil 3:4b-14
 Mt 21:33-46

Oct 11 Pentecost 19: Ex 32:1-14, Ps 106:1-6, 19-23, Phil 4:1-9,
 Mt 22:1-14

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