



## EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

*14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood*

**18 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**

18th October 8.00am Worship

Phil Looby

9.30am Worship

Christopher Cooper &

*'A Socially Distanced Dialogue: Sophie Edington-Cheater,  
Our Faith in a Post Covid World.'*

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

25th October 8.00am Worship

Chris Wakefield

9.30am Worship

Christine Gapes

Matthew 22:34-46 and Psalm 1

*'A balancing act - or not.'*

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group



Church Council has approved a safety plan for 9.30am. According to Government regulations and Synod, numbers will be limited to 50 people, including children. Singing is not allowed. Please let the office know if you will be attending each week.

**Please wear a mask.**

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. You can go to Youtube and type 'Eastwood Uniting Church' in the search bar to find the 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. 8am & 9.30am services have resumed. 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

Elizabeth C

Marion G

Liz M's mother Katy

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday	19 Oct	English Classes resume	9.30am
Tuesday	20 Oct	English Classes resume	7.30pm
Thursday	22 Oct	Church Council Meeting via Zoom	8.00pm
Saturday	24 Oct	Working Bee at the church	8.30am
Sunday	25 Oct	8am Worship	8.00am
Sunday	25 Oct	9.30am Worship	9.30am
Sunday	25 Oct	Chinese Service via Wechat group	2.00pm
Sunday	29 Nov	Closure of placement service for Nicholas Fried	9.30am

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS.** The church office hours are reduced for the next few months. For October it will be closed on Wednesdays and may be reduced further during November and December.

### **GARDENING AND OUTDOOR WORKING BEE ON 24 OCTOBER**



Now that our weekly services are recommencing it is time to spruce up our Church again. A small band of people have been keeping the place tidy but if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday 24 October from 8.30 am to 10.30 am to help weed gardens and clear litter from the church grounds it would be appreciated. Lawn mowing and washing outside windows of the Worship Centre also needed. Please bring brooms and other tools if you are able. Contact the Office or Graham Horrocks on 9869 8524 for further information.

**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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Connor Thomas	Tuesday	20th October
Betty Chew	Wednesday	21st October
Wendy Gronau	Wednesday	21st October
Vida Hoffmann	Wednesday	21st October
Bob Davis	Friday	23rd October

## ***THE CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GROUP***

is planning to hold a study over Advent. which commences on 29<sup>th</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## ***YOUR HELP NEEDED***

With the resumption of Worship at 9.30am, there are many areas where we need your assistance.

- We need someone to video the service.
- Welcomers—this will involve ensuring people sanitise their hands on entry, asking them to fill in the attendance record, checking that people stay 1.5m apart etc.
- Power point.
- Bible reading.
- Praying.

**Please note there will be no morning tea and everyone will be asked to leave the premises at the completion of the service**



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

### ***'FINDING GOD IN THE MOVIES' -***

#### **Continuing Christian Education Umbrella Group**

The next movie in the series of Finding God in the Movies is the Australian film **'The Dressmaker'** which came out in 2015. A synopsis of this movie is: A glamorous woman, Tilly Dunnage, returns to a small country town in Victoria where her mother lives. The town literally drove her away when she was 10 years old. Ultimately, she became an expert dressmaker in Paris. With her sewing machine and haute couture style, she made exquisite dresses for the women of the town and plans sweet revenge on those who did her wrong. It is a tragic story and humorous in parts with many excellent acting performances.

The movie is based on the novel by Rosalie Ham published in 2000 and stars Kate Winslet, Judy Davis, Liam Hemsworth and Hugo Weaving.

The plan is to circulate copies of the DVD and the book to those interested in participating in this event during the month of October. After watching the movie or reading the book, a meeting on Zoom will be held on Thursday 29th October to discuss the impact and consequences of the story including whether God is at work through it. A copy of the book and the DVD can be obtained from Trevor Bird by arrangement ph. 0412657494.

**ENGLISH CLASSES** will resume 9.30am Monday 19th October and 7.30pm Tuesday 20th October.

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

**TENNYSON CHAN** will be on annual leave from 18th October through to the 3rd November.

**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.

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

**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](mailto:amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au).

**EPPING UNITING'S** next 'Neighbourhood Night' Facebook Live Event is ETHICAL FASHION - 2020 on Thursday 5th November, 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Go to the Epping Uniting Church's Facebook page on the night.

### **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS** prepared by Phil Looby

Heavenly Father,

May the presence of your Holy Spirit encourage us, and challenge us this morning as we seek to follow Jesus in this time and place.

As Covid 19 continues to cause distress across the world – through death and illness, social dislocation, unemployment, economic hardship and civil unrest – we again pray for comfort and calm, and we pray for a way out that brings communities together, and brings recovery that allows the hardships that lie ahead to be shared more equally.

We pray that your Spirit will give leaders the wisdom to balance the need to care for people's health and well-being with the re-starting of the economy. And that as a country we may have a compassionate heart to the nations around us in greater difficulty than we are.

We pray for those who have lost their jobs, especially those not covered by any government support and find themselves left behind.

May we hear you speaking to each of us as we think about our own actions and may we each demonstrate your call to show care and

compassion in our daily lives. Motivate us to action wherever we can be your people in these situations.

We pray for our Church leaders, especially the Church Council and the Joint Nominating Committee as they work through how to handle re-opening worship at Lakeside Rd, and progress through the processes of finding a replacement Minister and planning for the future. Be with this Congregation as we look to make our way ahead in Your Service in this difficult time of pandemic and economic crisis.

There are many others who we are prompted to remember personally in our prayer this morning and we each take a moment of silence now to pray for them. ....

May those among us who are unwell, frail or grieving know your comfort and healing.

Lord, we thank you for your presence with us always. Hear our prayers and give us patience, perseverance, and hope in these times of change.  
Amen

### **Lord's Prayer.**

**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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Sending Out**

Heavenly Father,

As we go from here, fill our hearts and minds with the presence of Your Spirit, so that we might continue to grow as we follow the leading of Jesus.

Let us go with joy and in peace, committed to showing care and compassion in these different and difficult times, and sharing the hope we find in Christ, with all those that we encounter. May the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all now and always,  
Amen.

## 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 18 Pentecost 20: Ex 33:12-23, Ps 99, 1 Thes 1:1-10, Mt 22:15-22

Oct 25 Pentecost 21: Dt 34:1-12, Ps 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Thes 2:1-8,  
 Mt 22:34-46

**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](http://www.euc.org.au)

**Banking Details for Direct Giving:**

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**Account #: 100020668**