



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

25 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**

25th October 8.00am Worship Chris Wakefield

9.30am Worship Christine Gapes

Psalm 1, Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and

Matthew 22:34-46

'A balancing act - or not.'

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

**TODAY – 3 p.m. webinar. Our faith and Black Lives Matter
see page 6 for details.**

1st November 8.00am Worship Sue Howes

'Indigenous encounters with the Bible 1789 to 2018'

9.30am Worship Nicole Fleming

Joshua 3:7-17 and Matthew 23:1-12

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

Church Council has approved a safety plan for 9.30am. Due to the area of the Worship space numbers will be limited to 50 people, including children. Singing is not allowed.

Please let the office know each week, if you will be attending.

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.



WE WELCOME REV. DR CHRISTINE GAPES to our service today. Christine is a Uniting Church Chaplain at Western Sydney University and has worked with young people for more than twenty years. We thank Christine for her time with us today and look forward to hearing her message.

WORSHIP RESOURCES Bible readings and sermons for Sunday are available by audio, on the church's website. Printed copies of the news sheet and readings 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.

'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	26 Oct	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	27 Oct	English Classes—online only	7.30pm
Thursday	29 Oct	Finding God in the Movies via Zoom	8.00pm
Sunday	29 Nov	Closure of placement service for Nicholas Fried	9.30am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS. The church office hours have been reduced. For October the office will be closed on Wednesdays and may be reduced further during November and December.

Thank You

To all who helped yesterday at the Working Bee.

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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Claus Gronau	Tuesday	27th October
Jenny Nixon	Thursday	29th October
Jeff Byron	Saturday	31st October

'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 at 8.00pm 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.

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.



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.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Nicholas will be on annual leave from 1st October until he retires on the 30th November.

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

Kerrie will be on annual leave during November and December.

Please keep Michelle in your prayers as she manages alone during this time and offer to help her wherever possible. Thank you.

**Time for a
break**



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

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



**HELP US HELP OTHERS, ACT NOW!
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AID**

are asking for help to support families who are being negatively impacted by the social and economic aspects of the COVID pandemic. Here are some suggestions of how you can help:

- \$30 gift—buys a school backpack,
- \$50 Educational Toys and Books,
- \$100 a bicycle.

Donate direct to the account: BSB 633 000 Account number: 150 254 514. Reference: Christmas Appeal. All donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

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.

BLACK LIVES MATTER As a church, how does our faith inform responses to the Black Lives Matter movement? How can we face the truth and history of racial inequality in Australia and choose to be good allies, taking a strong stand on continuing conversations to help bring reconciliation and ensure equality for all? Uniting Church Chaplaincy-CSU, Port Macquarie and Social Justice-Pilgrim Presbytery, Northern Territory invite you to join their webinar Sunday 25th October (today) 3pm -4.15pm online via Facebook Live and Zoom. To register: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/wn_gmxeush7sn2bjasspsteKa. Enquiries email: UCC.CSU@gmail.com. Panellists: Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, Emma Jackson, Nathan Tyson, Rev. Liam Miller and Rev. Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of hope.

God of healing.

God of life.

You call us to be the people who keep faith,
who trust in your will to bring about a new way of living.

You call us to be the people of compassion,
who live and work for peace and respect
and justice between all people.

These are the people for whom we care and pray today.....
(silence as people remember their neighbours)

We pray for people who live in fear,
fear of others,
fear of what goes on inside them,
fear of failure, or the future.

As we pray for these people of yours,
and for all who need your compassion and care today,
so we pray for all who will care for them in your name,
whether they know it or not.

Bring life and hope and peace, we pray.

(Adapted from Rev Milton Drake, Oct 16, 1994)

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.**

Commissioning and Benediction (Book of Blessings 111).

May God be with you this day and every day. The faithfulness of God to
keep you safe. The friendship of Jesus to bring laughter on your way.
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit to be your refreshing. May God be with
you this day and every day. Amen.

We are all ministers in Christ's name

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Rev Nicholas Fried On leave from 1 October

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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 相关的 적절하고
 Active 积极的 역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

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

Nov 1 Pentecost 22: Jos 3:7-17, Ps 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:1-12

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

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