



## EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

*14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood*

1 November 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**

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  
*'Leadership through the lens of love'*

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

8th November 8.00am Worship Phil Looby

9.30am Holy Communion Dean Drayton  
Matthew 25:1-13

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. NICOLE FLEMING** to our service today. Nicole was previously the minister at Balmain Uniting Church. She now works at UTC as Candidate Formation Coordinator. We thank Nicole 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>

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.

**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE).** Please keep Maria Allerdice in your prayers as she takes all the Uniting SRE classes this term.

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

**'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	2 Nov`	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	3 Nov	English Classes—online only	7.30pm
Wednesday	4 Nov	Women’s Bible Study	10.00am
Sunday	29 Nov	Closure of placement service for Nicholas Fried	9.30am

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS.** The church office hours have been reduced. For November the office will be closed on Wednesdays.

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** Hundreds of books available. An eclectic collection from 40 years of ministry. Nicholas is downsizing his library, and from next Wednesday morning (4 November) from 9.30am you are welcome to take any books that are on the veranda at the manse. Please bring your own boxes and bags. All books are free, but you are welcome to make a donation to Eastwood Uniting Church!!!!

**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.

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

### **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**



Jill Dixon  
Phil Howes

Sunday  
Friday

1st November  
6th November

## **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.

## **ANNUAL LEAVE**

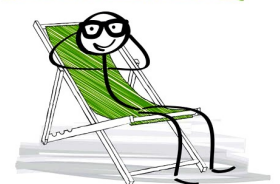
**Nicholas** will be on annual leave from 1st October until he retires on the 30th November.

**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**



## **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 Church Council Meeting Update**

- Joint Nominating Committee: JNC has commenced process to call a new Minister via zoom.
- Worship: Successful commencement on site of COVID19 safe 8am and 9.30am worship services on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to all who have assisted to date. All who can contribute/assist in any way please contact the office. (see separate notice) Chinese language service group continue to meet via Wechat and aim to have first service on site on 15<sup>th</sup> November.
- Bible study: Chinese online bible study group on Saturdays. 4 week English advent bible study commencing late November, see newsletter for details. COVID19 Safety Plan approved for Wednesday ladies Bible study group.
- Sunday School lessons and activities: Commenced on site with 9.30am service on 18<sup>th</sup> October with children present and online. Enquiries to Janine Joannou or EUC office.
- Pastoral concerns: EUC carers are maintaining regular contact with church members. Please contact your carer or Lesley Bradbury with any needs. Friday zoom chat meetings run by Janine Joannou, contact the office for details.
- Chinese resource worker: Chris Wakefield and John Brunton to represent Church Council on the Umbrella Group.
- Property: NBN now connected to the EUC site.
- Finances: Audit report received for accounts for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. 3 monthly report to 30<sup>th</sup> September received, with thanks for Government support. All donations welcome.
- Everything in Common (Uniting World) Christmas stall to be held at EUC late November (subject to an approved COVID19 safety plan). Details from Marion Gledhill.
- Closure of Ministry Service for Nicholas at EUC on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.
- Part time Supply Minister: Rev Ian Pearson appointed from December 2020.
- Next Church Council meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



Would like to invite us to partner with them in making a long-lasting impact in the community by taking part in their Christmas Volunteering Program. Each year CCA hosts a Christmas Hampers give away for the disadvantaged Australian children and families.

**You can help vulnerable community members over this festive season by:**

1. Partnering with CCA and host food & toy collections.
2. Share the campaign to your network, mailing list and social media.
3. Volunteer with us this December to help us prepare, wrap, and distribute the hampers for the community in need or deliver food for the elderly.

**Christmas Hampers Wish List:**

**0-5 year olds:** Books, puzzles, dolls, toy trucks, learning toys for babies.

**5-13 year olds:** School lunch box and drink bottles, books, board games, craft items, colouring and puzzle books, sports balls, Lego.

**14-18 year olds:** Wallets, beach towels, sports equipment, jewellery.

**All ages:** Movie tickets, vouchers for massage or facials, zoo or aquarium tickets.

**Food items:** chocolates or lollies, snack foods, canned fruits, biscuits and crackers, coffee or tea, canned meats.

**Personal items:** deodorants, soaps, hand cream, hair brush and hair accessories.

***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.

***SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST PRESBYTERY*** Next meeting is 11 November 7pm via Zoom. This meeting will include elections for some Presbytery Office Bearers and Committee members.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray today to the God of truth and love for truthfulness and authenticity in the Church and in the world, and let us say: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church, especially its leaders, that with courage and honesty they may take to heart the task of renewal and reconciliation, so as to become more the true face of Christ to the world of today, let us pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For priests and religious, that the poverty and love of Christ and people may become visible in them and make their teaching credible, let us pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For politicians and civic leaders, that their concern may not be honour and power but justice, dignity, and the unity of those whom they honestly serve, let us pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who seek God with a sincere heart, for all who search for truth and justice, that their hunger may be satisfied; for reporters of newspapers, television and radio, that the truth may mean more to them than sensationalism and popularity, let us pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all Christian communities, including ours, that we may be truthful and reliable with one another, that our unity and friendship may be genuine, that we may not look down on those who err or doubt, let us pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God our Creator, help us to love and serve you and people in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*From Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration*

## We are all ministers in Christ's name

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Rev Nicholas Fried On leave from 1 October

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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:

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

Nov 8 Pentecost 23: Jos 24:1-3a, 14-25, Ps 78:1-7, 1 Thes 4:13-18

**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:**

**BSB: 634 634**

**Account #: 100020668**