



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

8 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**

8th November	8.00am Worship	Phil Looby
	9.30am Holy Communion Matthew 25:1-13	Dean Drayton
	2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group	
15th November	8.00am Worship	Catherine Leal
	9.30am Worship Matthew 25:14-30 <i>'From little things big things grow'</i>	Marion Gledhill
	2.00pm Chinese Service	Tennyson Chan

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 DEAN DRAYTON to our service today. Dean has preached at Eastwood previously and we look forward to celebrating Holy Communion with him this morning. Dean is a former President of the Uniting Church in Australia. We thank him for his time with us today and look forward to hearing his 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 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 have been using WeChat to maintain relationships and support. Next Sunday worship resumes. 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	9 Nov	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	10 Nov	English Classes—online only	7.30pm
Wednesday	11 Nov	Women's Bible Study	10.00am
		SCC Presbytery Meeting via Zoom	7.00pm
Sunday	15 Nov	Chinese Service resumes	2.00pm
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.

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.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD. 9 November to 14 February is available. Please contact the office for a copy. Cost \$6

YOUR HELP NEEDED

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

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.

Running the service Powerpoint, 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



George Mahadevan

Wednesday

11th November

Margot Doust

Thursday

12th November

22nd 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 18th 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 15th 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 18th 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 30th June 2020. 3 monthly report to 30th 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 29th November at 9.30am.
- Part time Supply Minister: Rev Ian Pearson appointed from December 2020.
- Next Church Council meeting on Thursday 19th November 2020.

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.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Hundreds of books still available - an eclectic collection from 40 years of ministry.

Nicholas is downsizing his library, and 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!!!!



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.



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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prepared by Rev Dr Dean Drayton

You are from everlasting to everlasting eternal God, but eternally with us in the mystery of your Holy Spirit.

Your presence, your kingdom is one of light, in which there is no darkness, and you are at work to bring the light of your presence into our midst. You are the ultimate gardener keeping life not just alive, but flourishing. As the Jacarandas bloom, lawns green, tendrils of tomato plants reach up, the fresh newness of each day is celebrated. As the

bark of eucalypts peels away, the cicadas sing, and the rosellas eat the tips of the bottle brush, you remind us of the delicate balance of the seasons. And as papers are recycled, plastic gathered, and food scraps given to worm farms, we respond to your urge as we re-use resources, restrict use of electricity, keeping our step light to maintain your balance in the world.

We praise you God that you showed yourself so clearly in and through our Lord Jesus. He showed you to be the redeeming God, the God who brings us healing and wholeness, especially as we are open to you. What a release to know that you are not the one who brings warfare, famine and disease as your punishment, but in Him we know you are the one who brings peace into our midst, food for the hungry, and healing from disease. Thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit opening to us the avenues of your common grace - in care, thoughtfulness and respect in our own lives and in civil life. Especially as borders open, holidays are considered, and Christmas is planned.

Forgive keeping barriers between those we meet, and especially with you when in your son you have removed them. You invite us to ask for this day's food, to receive this day's forgiveness, to be kept from trials that will destroy us, and evil that strikes indiscriminately. We remember the deep longings of love, curtailed by this virus. You keep us stirred up to honour those whose lives could not be adequately remembered. You stand with those who have had to wait the saying of vows and the celebration of family.

In this week we give thanks for major elections transparently held, for bushfire evaluations, and ongoing meetings assessing the needs of those less able. Lord we honour your presence with the lonely, those suffering in mind and body, and know how you call us to be present too. Eternal one not only do you envelope your creation in space and time, you enfold each of us in your presence. Even as you bring into reality amazing purposes beyond anything we can conceive, you hold us within the embrace of your light and love.

Thankyou in the name of him who showed us this is so. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 可见的 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:

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

Nov 15 Pentecost 24: Jgs 4:1-7, Ps 123, 1 Thes 5:1-11, Mt 25:14-30

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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