



## EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

*14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood*

**15 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**

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
22nd November	8.00am Worship	John Court
	9.30am Worship Ezekiel 34 : 11–16, Matthew 25 : 21–46 <i>'The reign of Christ'</i> 基督的统治	Myeongcheol John Oh
	2.00pm Chinese Service	

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.



to our service today's worship service. We are glad you are here, and hope the service is thought-provoking, relevant and helpful. We thank Marion Gledhill for leading this morning's worship.

**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.

**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** resumes **today**. All welcome. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274 for any inquiry.

**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

Liz M's mother Katy

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday	16 Nov	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	17 Nov	English Classes—online only	7.30pm
Wednesday	18 Nov	Women's Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	19 Nov	Church Council Meeting	8.00pm
Sunday	29 Nov	Closure of placement service for Nicholas Fried*	9.30am

*\*Please let the office know if you are planning to attend this service to assist with seating set up under the social distancing requirements.*

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

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

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** An eclectic collection from 40 years of ministry, including fiction, biographies, and caring for self and others. Nicholas is downsizing his library; 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!!!!



### **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**

Peggy Beckwith

Wednesday

18th 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

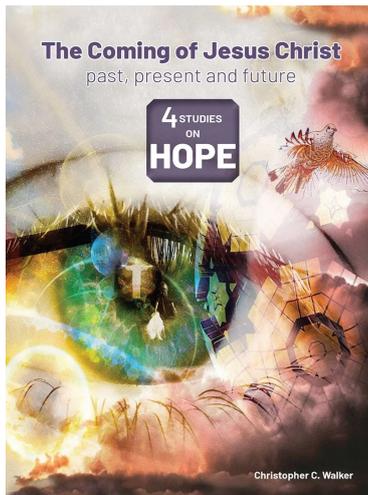
Study 4 God's covenant and promises – on the way.

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.

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

**FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA** at St Kevins Catholic Church, Eastwood. Sunday afternoon - 22nd November - the annual Festival of St Cecilia at St. Kevins will be held and, subject to Covid restrictions, visitors are welcome.

A beautiful programme of music including Gounod's "Messe Solennelle of St Cecilia", a feast of Ketelbey and Carl Orff's "Christmas Story". The latest timetable can be seen on their website: [www.kevinwood.org](http://www.kevinwood.org).



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.

***MUSICIANS' HELP NEEDED*** The organ and piano have not been played much for some time and this is not ideal for musical instruments. We have been advised by the tuners to try to have the instruments 'exercised' fairly frequently.

If you know of anyone who has the time and skill to play either of these instruments please let the office know. Ideally during the days the office is open would be the easiest—but we can try to find a solution if it needs to be after hours.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prepared by Marion Gledhill

As we come to the last day of NAIDOC week 2020, we pray for Australia and her first inhabitants. We pray for our sisters and brothers in the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

Let us pray now in the words of Stuart McMillan, National Consultant Covenanting for the Uniting Church.

Loving Creator God,

We rejoice in the beauty of this ancient land and her waters.

We marvel at the awesome way they have been formed.

We give thanks for her First Nations Peoples,  
their stories of creation sung by countless Ancestors.

It is right, Loving Mystery that we name the dispossession, violence and bloodshed,

which First Peoples endured at the hands of Second Peoples.

We ask your forgiveness, and their forgiveness, on behalf of our forebears.

We pray for your healing of this land and her Peoples.

We pray that love will make a new way, a harmony way, the way of Jesus.

In the name of Christ, we pray.

Loving God, we bring to you in our prayers all who are suffering from COVID 19 – older people... younger people who recover more quickly but who may experience long term effects.

Bring protection and healing we pray, for the people of the United States, the United Kingdom, India and other nations where cases are rapidly increasing. Bless and strengthen families, friends and health care workers who care for them.

Help us in Australia to be considerate of others and follow health directives, even when we feel there is little risk.

Bless and help asylum seekers, and others without permanent visas who remain left out of government support.

Thank you God for the Royal Commission into Aged Care, and the Disability Royal Commission. We thank you that these Royal

Commissions are already bringing to public attention many failures in our present systems. Please bless their continuing work so that older people and people with disability will experience much greater support and protection.

Gracious God, we pray for the people of the United States of America who remain deeply divided. We pray for President Elect Biden and Vice President Elect Harris in this time of transition, and pray that legal battles will not be prolonged.

May your Spirit bring love and hope to all the places where hatred and suspicion of the other undermine community and unity.

We pray for the people of the Philippines, battered by several destructive typhoons. Help them as they face loss of loved ones and the task of rebuilding.

God we rejoice that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will now enter into force in January, because the target of 50 nations ratifying the Treaty has been reached.

We pray that Australia will also ratify the Treaty and join the ban.

We bring our prayers for ourselves and our community.

Bless those of our Congregation who are unwell, and all who are close to our hearts.

We pray for wise discernment in the JNC, as it considers who best to lead this Congregation in the future.

Bless Nicholas and Sue as they pack up and prepare to move into retirement.

We pray for the 2pm Chinese worship group, as it gathers here this afternoon for the first time for many months. May your Spirit strengthen and encourage Esther, Tennyson, the leadership group and all the people associated with this worship group.

God, help us, we pray, that we may have courage and hope to use the gifts you have given us for your mission in the world.

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

Nov 22 Christ the King: Ez 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 100, Eph 1:15-23,  
 Mt 25:31-46

**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:**

**BSB: 634 634**

**Account #: 100020668**