



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

22 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

22nd November 8.00am Worship **via Zoom only** John Court
'The Lectionary and Christ the King'

9.30am Worship Myeongcheol John Oh
Ezekiel 34 : 11-16, Matthew 25 : 21-46
'The reign of Christ'

基督的统治 그리스도의 통치

2.00pm Chinese Service Frank Kwok

29th November 8.00am meeting at 9.30am this Sunday

9.30am Worship Bronwyn Murphy
Exodus 35: 30-33
'The parable of the art gallery' Christopher Cooper
美术馆 寓言 미술관 비유 and Nicholas Fried

(I don't know much about ministry, but I know what I like)

(我对事工不太了解 - 但我知道我喜欢什么)

(나는 사역에 대해 많이 모른다 - 그러나 내가 뭘 좋아하는지 알아)

2.00pm Chinese Service Wei Quan Hu

Church Council has approved a safety plans for all services.
Guidelines require that numbers are limited to 50 people, including
children, and 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 MYEONGCHEOL JOHN OH to our service today. John is a student minister studying at UTC. We thank him for leading this morning's worship 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.

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

2PM CHINESE SERVICE All welcome. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274 for any inquiry.

SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Ian Dawkins who died Thursday morning. A service for Ian will be held at Eastwood Uniting next Wednesday, 25 November at 10am.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Merrill B

Jason M

Margaret S

Elizabeth C

Liz M's mother Katy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	23 Nov	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	24 Nov	English Classes—online only	7.30pm
Wednesday	25 Nov	Women's Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	26 Nov	Advent Bible Study via Zoom	8.00pm
Friday	27 Nov	Advent Bible Study via Zoom	10.00am
Sunday	29 Nov	Worship includes the closure of placement 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine and Mark Leal, proud grandparents of Indigo Brooklyn born Thursday, 12th November.



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

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

YOUR HELP NEEDED

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

- Welcomers—this involves 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 and announcements

Please note there will be no refreshments after services and we ask that everyone leaves the premises at the completion of the service.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Malcolm Gledhill

Saturday

28th November

SOCIAL ZOOM each Friday at 7.30pm Janine organises a 'Social Catchup' via Zoom. It is a relaxed meeting. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office for the link.



COVID-19 has changed everything – but most of all, for those who have least. Buy gifts that fight poverty and share the love so that no one goes without this Christmas.

Come to our **Everything in Common Gift Stall this Sunday!**

Find us on the piazza today and every Sunday morning leading up to Christmas. UnitingWorld's Everything in Common is a gift catalogue with a difference.

Every gift card you buy supports the life-giving projects of our overseas church partners as they transform communities through education, health, income generation and leadership development.

Christmas greeting cards are also on sale.

Pay by credit card or cash. All gift cards are tax deductible.

THE CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GROUP

is 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.

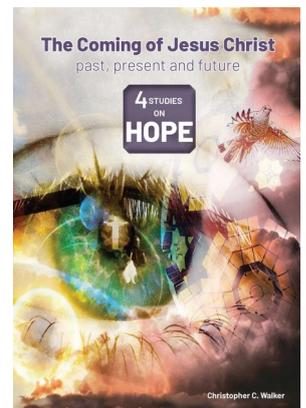
The book will be used to guide each Study.

Studies are available:

Thursday 8 pm on Zoom, and Friday 10 am on Zoom.

Studies commence this week and will finish the week before Christmas.

We welcome anyone interested in participating in this Advent Study, to please ring or email the church Office. If you have any further questions or suggestions, please contact Trevor Bird on 0412657494.



FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA at St Kevins Catholic Church, Eastwood.
Today 1.30—5pm 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.

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.



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

Helping vulnerable community members over this festive season by:

- Partnering with CCA and host food & toy collections.
- Volunteering this December to help prepare, wrap, and distribute the hampers for the community in need or deliver food for the elderly.

Hampers will be packed and prepared for delivery here at EUC from Sunday 20th December.

The Christmas hamper 'wish list' of goods is:

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 brushes and hair accessories.

The story of the Christmas Bowl

More than 70 years ago Reverend Frank Byatt called on his family to share the joy of their Christmas with those in need around the world.

He put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his loved ones to place a generous gift in it to 'share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands'.

Frank couldn't have foreseen how his simple act of compassion would grow into the powerful Christmas Bowl tradition we now know.

When Frank sat down to his plentiful Christmas dinner in Melbourne in 1949, he knew that millions of people were suffering in Europe after World War II.

As we break bread with our loved ones this Christmas, our thoughts are with our sisters and brothers who are suffering most during the coronavirus pandemic.

For our brothers and sisters in urgent need around the world, the effects of this crisis are catastrophic. Already struggling, vulnerable communities are now being pushed to the brink without the support they need to survive. This Christmas Bowl, we will again come together as the church, and respond with God's love to one of the most urgent crises of our times.

We don't know what Christmas will look like here in Australia, and if we will even be able to meet in person. But we do know that on this one great day of sharing, we can continue to make a difference for those in need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prepared by Myeongcheol John Oh

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we are safe and secure. Within your embrace we know that we are precious in your sight. Within your embrace we feel the warmth of family and belonging. Within your embrace we grow and are nurtured together as one flock, the people of your pasture under your loving care and protection.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find comfort and healing. We bring to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health. You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find justice. We bring to you the brave voices who cry out for freedom, those prepared to stand up and be heard without counting the cost. We pray for those who have been imprisoned or tortured for their race, colour and faith. For all Christians who have taken up the Cross and know its weight and pain.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find peace. We bring to you those orphaned, crippled or dispossessed by war, for refugees wandering this earth in search of a home, for all victims of strife and warfare, and for all those who have dedicated their lives for the search for peace and reconciliation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.***

Words of Mission and Blessing

Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us.
Recognise Christ in friend and stranger,
and as Christ has been gracious to you,
so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom
and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. 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 22 Christ the King: Ez 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 100, Eph 1:15-23,
 Mt 25:31-46

Nov 29 Advent 1: Is 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7,17-19, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:24-37

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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