



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

31 January 2021

**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**

31st January	8.00am	Meeting at Rumbles
	9.30am	Worship
		Ian Pearson
		Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8. 1-13 and Mark 1. 21-28 <i>'Get the Hell out!'</i>
	2.00pm	Chinese Service online WeChat group
7th February	8.00am	Chris Wakefield
	9.30am	Worship
		Ian Pearson
	2.00pm	Chinese Service online WeChat group

Numbers will now be limited to 60 people, including children.

Congregational singing is not allowed.

It is a requirement that masks be worn while indoors.

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 are glad to have you with us today, to share in this Worship service led by Rev. Ian Pearson, supply minister till early March. We hope that you enjoy the time of worship, and feel welcomed and included even as we work within the new COVID-19 guidelines.

WORSHIP RESOURCES are emailed on Fridays to those with email. Printed copies 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' via Zoom. It is a relaxed meeting. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office for the link.

CONGRATULATIONS to Janelle and John Dodd (grandparents), and to Michelle and Kiah Westlund, on the birth of Benjamin Robert, on Friday 22nd January.

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, Liz M's mother Katy

THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

Monday	1 Feb	English Classes Volunteer Get-together	10.00am
Tuesday	2 Feb	English Classes—online only	7.30pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will continue to be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am—3.30pm during February. For urgent matters contact Ian Pearson: 0403 062 253

2PM CHINESE SERVICE will use WeChat for services and to maintain relationships and support. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274.

BOOK STALL THIS SUNDAY. "Cuppa Time Reflections" by Father Martin from St Kevins, a selection of his weekly reflections as printed in the church's weekly Bulletin. Christopher Cooper edited and oversaw its printing. The reflections are mostly of a general Christian nature with very little that is specifically Catholic. The cost is \$20. \$10 from each book sale will go to a project in Uganda that Chris' friend Marissa from St Kevins is administering. A few years ago Father Fabius, a parish priest in Uganda, came to St Kevins for several months. Later, Marissa visited him and saw his parish school. On her return she started fund-raising and raised enough to set up an out-door kitchen to supply school meals. The latest project is to replace the school's 3 crumbling pit latrines.

TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY REFERENCE COMMITTEE. Thank you to Bob Springett, who will join Tennyson on this committee. Church council are happy to hear from others in the congregation who have a heart for Macquarie Uni students and their spiritual wellbeing, and who would like to be involved in this mission.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Tony Bell	Tuesday	2nd February
Fay Jones	Tuesday	2nd February
John Shannon	Friday	5th February
Matilda Tomiak-Heeb	Saturday	6th February

21ST JANUARY 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

CC noted the Congregation decision to call Rev Amelia Koh-Butler to EUC, welcomed her acceptance and thanked the JNC for their efforts. CC is grateful for the assistance of Rev Ian Pearson as supply Minister.

Worship: Commencement on site of COVID19 safe 9.30am worship services on 24th January. 8pm group are currently meeting at Rumbles café in Eastwood Mall. Chinese language service to recommence on site on 14th February.

Bible study: Lenten Bible study to be held in February/March, see newsletter for details.

Kids church lessons and activities: Recommences for 2021 with blessing of the backpacks at 9.30am service on 31st January. Enquiries to Janine Joannou or EUC office.

Chinese speaking Resource Worker Umbrella Group: Church Council received and considered recommendations from the Umbrella Group and resolved as follows:

- endorsed the resource worker's continuing involvement with Macquarie University Chaplaincy Support Group in the short term.
- gave in principle support to the mentoring programme and Aussie lunch program of the Macquarie University Chaplaincy Support Group in collaboration with Epping U.C.
- the Chinese speaking resource worker to continue to provide up to 10 hours per week assisting the 2 pm worship group, in the short term.
- noted the advice from the Umbrella Group that additional research/ community consultation is required into the possibilities for outreach and mission. At this stage there is no workplan to identify the needs of the Chinese speaking community in Eastwood and the resource worker is unable to undertake the research, consultation and formulation of plans for mission and service.

Finances: The 6 monthly report to 30th December received and noted. The future financial outlook for EUC is sobering and additional sources for funding will be required. Options for additional funding sources, (other than donations from members) were discussed but EUC is not able to obtain such funds at this time. The Federal Government Jobkeeper

payments of approx. \$100,000 have supported payment of existing staff, and been responsible for funding the continued church operations during 2020. Jobkeeper payments finish in March 2021. With the lack of rental payments for use of church premises, the completion of existing grant payments and the current reduced donations from church members, EUC finances will be in great difficulty when framing a budget for the 2021/2022 financial year.

- Tertiary Chaplaincy Reference Committee: An additional volunteer member from EUC is required to work with Epping UC and the Macquarie University Chaplaincy. Contact church office.

-Gilgandra: Christmas greetings sent to GUC.

- Next Church Council meeting on Thursday 11th March 2021.

Linda Brunton Congregation Chair

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY. The Continuing Christian Education Umbrella Group are planning to run a series of four studies commencing in the first week of March. The studies will be using 'The Bible Project' YouTube video clips, which look at how to read the Bible through character, design patterns, plot, setting and Gospel. Looking in detail at the Gospel according to Mark. The videos are available in both English and Mandarin and it is hoped that some from the 2pm Chinese service congregation may be involved in the studies too.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the entry. Please add your name and contact details and preferred time if you would like to participate.

Wednesday afternoons, Thursday evenings and Friday mornings are the three times being offered. Please see Trevor Bird for further information.



This year the service will be held this year at Eastwood Baptist Church, First Ave Eastwood on Friday 5th March. The theme is 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. Prayer will be for the people of Vanuatu.

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:

Jan 31 Epiphany 4 Dt 18:15-20, Ps 111, 1 Cor 8:1-13, Mk 1:21-28

Feb 7 Epiphany 5 Is 40:21-31, Ps 147:1-11,20c, 1 Cor 9:16-23, Mk 1:29-39

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

Account #: 100020668