



## **EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

***14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood***

**14 March 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**

14th March	8.00am Worship <i>'Christians and Climate Change'</i>	Phil Looby
	9.30am Holy Communion Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21 <i>'Confronting Temptation'</i>	Amelia Koh-Butler
	2.00pm Chinese Service	Tennyson Chan
21st March	8.00am Worship	Chris Wakefield
	9.30am Worship	Amelia Koh-Butler
	2.00pm Chinese Service	Amelia Koh-Butler

Masks are no longer mandatory in services, but strongly encouraged where 1.5 metre distancing is difficult, or if caring for a vulnerable person

Congregational singing is now permitted but masks must be worn and with one person per 4 square metres.

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. Dr Ameila Koh-Butler as she starts here ministry with us. 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.

**THANK YOU** to all the people who attended and helped with the World Day of Prayer service on March 5. The service raised \$1249 for the Bible Society's appeal for Vanuatu.

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

**'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'**

Sue Howes  
Margaret S,

Merrill B,  
Liz M's mother Katy

Jason M,

### **THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES**

Monday	15 Mar	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	16 Mar	English classes via Zoom	7.30pm
Wednesday	17 Mar	Women's Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	18 Mar	Lenten Study 2 via Zoom	7.30pm
Friday	19 Mar	Lenten Study meeting in Worship Centre	10.00am

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** will continue to be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am—3.30pm during March.

**2PM CHINESE SERVICE** meets here on Sundays and maintains relationships and support during the week via WeChat. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274. for any further information.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** using 'The Bible Project' YouTube video clips, which look at how to read the Bible through character, design patterns, plot, setting. Looking in detail at the Gospel according to Mark. Videos available in English and Mandarin.

Please contact the church office for details and Zoom links if you would like to participate. Thursdays 7.30pm and Fridays 10.00am via Zoom.

**SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Allan Joyce, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday 9th March. A service for Allan will be held in the Magnolia Chapel at Macquarie Park Crematorium at 10am on Tuesday 16th March. Friends of Allan and Helen are welcome.

**NAME BADGES** Please wear a name badge to assist Amelia as she starts here at Eastwood. There will be blank badges at the registration table for those who don't have a badge.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Olive Howard	Today	14th March
Katherine Joannou	Today	14th March
Owen Gillard	Friday	19th March
Doreen Wright	Saturday	20th March

**COMMUNION IN HOLY WEEK** If you, or someone you know, would like the minister to bring Communion to you this Easter, please contact the church office. Amelia is offering to visit people on a couple of days during the week leading to Easter. Could carers please check with the people they care for and let the office or Lesley know in the next week or two.



**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY** is seeking up to 3 part-time Chaplain Assistants. They are 6-18 hr per week. Applications are to Epping Uniting Church Council. Please contact this church office for the Position Description <https://eppingunitingchurch.org.au/contact-us> or phone 9869 2737.

### ***OUT OF THE DEPTHS***

In the deep  
and dark places  
it seems impossible  
to imagine the possibility of light.

In the damp and cold  
of rejection  
it seems impossible  
to imagine the warmth of fire.

In the forgetting  
and confusion of loss  
it seems impossible  
to imagine a past or future.

We retell sacred stories  
to grasp at identity.

We relive faithful actions  
to give meaning to our names.

We revive songs and dances  
to remember whose we are.

## **GOOD MORNING EASTWOOD** -Coffee with the community

Would you be willing to meet over coffee in a local café with a small number of Chinese-speaking people? This is an opportunity to meet new friends, for them to practice speaking conversational English, and you might learn a word or two in Chinese. You can offer for one date or more – to Marion 0423355759. Tuesdays 23/3, 6/4 & 20/4 from 10-11.30am at Provence Garden Café, 35-43 West Parade, Eastwood



Participants will each pay for their own order. Tennyson will be there for introductions and support.

**lentevent** ✨ The 40-day season of Lent is an opportunity to disrupt our everyday routines by living more simply, taking up a spiritual discipline or being more intentional about our lives and habits.

'Fasting' is a common discipline for Lent, going without something for 40 days. But more powerful than fasting from chocolate or Netflix etc, is choosing to fast from indifference to others and to the challenges facing our world: poverty, conflict, inequality, violence, a changing climate...

Lent Event is 40 days of living more simply, learning from our global neighbours and choosing to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others. Take up a Lent Event challenge in 2020 and be part of a movement to end poverty and injustice in our world.

There's SO many ways and below are a few ideas. Think about your own life... What could you give up? What challenge would you love to achieve? Coffee/tea, Single-use plastic, Meat, Junk food, Your car, Long showers, Alcohol, Screen time, Takeaway food, One meal a day, Negativity/sarcasm/criticism.

You could take up... A daily act of kindness, A physical challenge – walk, run, ride, swim, 40 prayers for others, A fundraising event (cake stall, trivia night, concert, craft activity)

Donate what you save by living more simply this Lent. Ask friends and family to sponsor you and encourage you in your efforts

Send cheques to UnitingWorld, PO Box A2266 Sydney South NSW 1235. Direct deposits to UnitingWorld Donations Bank: Westpac – King St, Sydney NSW. BSB: 032-014 Account Number: 182657

***IT'S TIME TO CARE ABOUT AGED CARE*** The Uniting Church, through UnitingCare Australia the national body which represents its community services, has joined aged care providers across the country calling for transformation of Australia's aged care system.

Days before the Royal Commission is due to hand down its final report, a new coalition, the Australian Aged Care Collaboration (AACC), of which UnitingCare Australia is a part, released a report laying bare the challenges facing older Australians who are struggling to get the care they need. In particular, the report noted that during 2017-18, 16,000 vulnerable Australians died while waiting for a government-subsidised support package in their own home. In residential aged care, a further 88,000 places will be required over the next 10 years, at a cost of \$55 billion. The coalition includes 1,000 organisations responsible for about 70 per cent of services delivered to 1.3 million Australians.

The UnitingCare Aged Care Network supports approximately 97,000 older people, comprising 8.5% of total residential beds and 10% of Home Care Packages nationally.

**UnitingCare National Director** Claerwen Little said this is a once in a generation opportunity to truly transform the aged care system. "The time for change is now. We must act collectively and deliberately to deliver generational transformation towards a rights-based aged care system, to ensure that our loved ones are supported and protected as they grow older. Older Australians should be able to live life to their full potential, with dignity and grace. They should have access to services when, and where, they need it – which is what we are calling for in this campaign."

**UCA President** Dr Deidre Palmer encouraged Uniting Church members to support the campaign. "As followers of Jesus, we believe each person is made in the image of God and is of infinite value," said Dr Palmer.

"This campaign aligns with our vision and hope that older people can live their lives with respect and dignity and have access to quality and compassionate care when they need it. This cannot be possible without the fundamental reforms highlighted by UnitingCare Australia and others on the frontline. Now is the time to make those changes so that older Australians receive the care they need and deserve."

**To support the campaign** go to <https://www.careaboutagedcare.org.au> to sign the petition and/or email your local MP highlighting the issue.



You are invited to consider the future of the Uniting Church as a people of God on the way.

As we look to the future, what is God saying to us as the Uniting Church about how we order our life so we can be committed to transforming lives and communities in God's love?

In the lead up to the 16th Assembly in July 2021, members of the Uniting Church, our congregations, agencies, schools and Councils, are invited to engage in a conversation about the future to which God is calling our Church.

The Act2 Project is a process of imagination and discernment about the kind of future into which the Uniting Church is being called. We find ourselves in new contexts, with new challenges, and these offer us an opportunity to reflect on our life and consider the way forward together. Last month President-Elect Sharon Hollis, General Secretary Colleen Geyer, and President Deidre Palmer, held conversations with Uniting Church members from across Australia as part of the Act2 Project. Here, participants spoke about the challenges facing the UCA. Leadership was a clear emerging theme.

Participants voiced these kinds of concerns and issues:

**Raising new leaders** – how to respond to unclear pipelines and pathways for future leaders. Will we need to look outside the UCA?

**Relevancy in the public sphere** – if the traditional institutional part of church continues to struggle with leadership and corporate knowledge, there may be an impact on our relationship with other sectors like community services

**Our people** – recognising the risk that among the current leadership of the UCA, capacity, heart and energy may be dwindling

**Lay leadership** – how best to support, encourage and foster lay leadership

**Re-energising ourselves** – how do we re-enchanted people, and what is the role that leaders can take in encouraging and engaging people, and in leadership development of others?

Do you agree? What challenges do you think the UCA is facing? Take the Survey before the 16th April so we can begin to hear your voice. The link to the survey is: [UCA Act2 Project Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UCA-Act2-Project-Survey)

## 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 可見的 비전을 가질 수가 있고  
Inclusive 包容的 포괄적이 될 수 있고  
Relevant 相關的 적절하고  
Active 積極的 역동적이 될 것이다

### LECTIONARY READINGS:

Mar 14 Lent 4 Nm 21:4-9, Ps 107:1-3,17-22, Eph 2:1-10, Jn 3:14-21

Mar 21 Lent 5 Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16, Heb 5:5-10,  
Jn 12:20-33

**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**