



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

21 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**

21st March	8.00am Worship	Chris Wakefield
	9.30am Worship Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 1:26-28 <i>'Connecting the stories of Jesus'</i>	Amelia Koh-Butler
	2.00pm Chinese Service	Amelia Koh-Butler
28th March	8.00am Worship	Allan Harrington
	9.30am Worship Palm Sunday	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.

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.

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	22 Mar	English Classes	9.30am
Tuesday	23 Mar	English classes via Zoom	7.30pm
Wednesday	24 Mar	Women's Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	25 Mar	Lenten Study via Zoom	7.30pm
Friday	26 Mar	Lenten Study meeting in Worship Centre	10.00am
		Social Zoom meeting online	7.30pm

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 Please contact the church office for details and Zoom links if you would like to participate. The last studies are this Thursday 7.30pm via Zoom and Friday 10.00am in the Worship Centre.

KEYS Following the sale of the Denistone East church site the new owner has requested that all keys be handed over. If you have any keys for these buildings could you please bring them to the church office so they can be transferred to the real estate agent.

C.S.LEWIS SOCIETY. The inaugural meeting of the Sydney C.S. Lewis society is on Saturday 1st May at Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Cost \$10 includes tea/coffee from 10am. The speaker will be Kel Richards: *In the steps of C.S.Lewis in Oxford and Dublin*. Flyers with more information are available on entry table. To register see Christopher Cooper.

The official C.S.Lewis website where his books may be found is:

<https://www.cslewis.com/us/>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michelle Weatherburn	Tuesday	23rd March
John Court	Thursday	25th 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.



EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion 6-7pm April 1
(please register for this service)

Good Friday combined service 10.30am April 2

Easter Sunday combined service 10.30am April 4
(there will be tea/coffee and biscuits after the service which will be followed by an Outreach Lunch in a restaurant in Eastwood)

Please register for the Thursday service on the sheet on entry table.

OUTREACH LUNCH An Invitation to Easter Worship, followed by lunch is being extended to the community on Easter Sunday. The 2pm congregation plan to have lunch (1pm) lunch in a Chinese restaurant in Eastwood (5 min walk from church) after Easter Sunday service morning tea. Please feel welcome to join them and let Tennyson know. Financial donations to offer this hospitality would be very welcome. These can be deposited into the church account marked 'Community Outreach' or placed in the basket on the table at the back of the Worship Centre.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS art exhibition is on again this year from 22 March to 4 April at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School 10am-4pm. There is a wine and cheese night on March 25 from 6.30-8.30pm. Leading artists reflect upon '*Suffering and the Human Spirit*'.

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.

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.

SOCIAL ZOOM Meets this 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.

11th March 2021 Church Council Meeting Update

CC welcomed Rev Amelia Koh-Butler to EUC to her first meeting. People are encouraged to wear name badges at church.

COVID19: worship centre cloth chairs to be reinstated, with a different ‘dry’ cleaning regime after each use. Currently reviewing potential for having refreshments together at the church after worship services.

Worship: All services and Sunday school now meeting on site. Church communication facilities to be reviewed to enable more online access to services.

Easter – combined services to be held on Good Friday (2nd April) and Easter Sunday (4th April), and a Tenebrae Communion service to be held on Maundy Thursday (1st April) evening. Details to follow in weekly newsletter.

English/Chinese translation volunteers are required to assist with Bible readings, sermons and other communication matters within the church.

Carers: CC thanks all our carers for keeping in touch with members over 2020. The provision of communion in homes for those unable to attend church, is to be investigated, subject to a satisfactory COVID19 safety plan.

Bible study: Lenten bible study has commenced for all members using English and Chinese language video material.

Finances: The report to 30th February was received and noted. The future financial outlook for EUC is sobering and additional sources for funding are required in order to continue our operation, mission and community presence. Potential options for additional funding sources, (other than donations from members) were discussed. The Federal Government JobKeeper payments of approx. \$120,000 have supported payment of existing staff, and been responsible for funding the continued church operation during 2020 and early 2021. JobKeeper payments finish in March 2021. With the lower rental payments for use of church premises, the completion of existing grant payments and the current reduced donations from church members, framing a budget for the 2021/2022 financial year will be difficult.

Property: Denistone East church and hall site sale is due to be finalised on 15th March. Auld St manse has been leased, with the rent used to cover lease of the Minister's existing apartment.

Tertiary Chaplaincy Reference Committee: Amelia to attend in the short term.

Eastwood Uniting Church Musical Society (EUCMS): AGM held recently. Hoping to hold a performance later in 2021.

CC membership: Edward Lin has resigned due to other worship commitments on Sundays. Edward was thanked for his service in the establishment and support of the 2pm Chinese language service and being on the JNC for the selection of a new Minister for EUC in 2020.

Next Church Council meeting on Thursday 22nd April 2021.

If you have any matters that you wish to raise with CC please contact any of the members:

Emma Jarvis (Chair), Michelle Weatherburn (Secretary), Janelle Dodd (Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler (Minister) Lesley Bradbury (Caring), John Brunton (Vision), Chris Wakefield (Congregation rep), Sylvia Huang (Chinese worship), Esther Shih (Chinese worship), Jason Masters (Congregation rep, currently on leave), Linda Brunton
Congregation Chair



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

Mar 28 Lent 6 Is 50:4-9a, Ps 118:1-2, 19-29, Phil 2:5-11, Mk 11:1-11,
or Jn 12:12-16

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