

## **EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

## 14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood 25 April 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

25th April 8.00am Worship Stephen Kemp

Anzac Day: A Christian Perspective

9.30am Worship Amelia Koh-Butler

John 10:11-18

Following the Good Shepherd

2.00pm Chinese Service Edward Ruan

2nd May 8.00am Worship Marion Gledhill

9.30am Worship Amelia Koh-Butler

2.00pm Chinese Service Amelia Koh-Butler



## 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 Amelia Koh-Butler. 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. <a href="https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19">https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19</a>. Updates on services and news are also available on the Presbytery website: <a href="https://sydneycentralcoastpresbytery.uca.org.au">https://sydneycentralcoastpresbytery.uca.org.au</a>

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 and anyone visiting. There are blank badges available at the entry table.

**2PM CHINESE SERVICE** every Sunday. Relationships and support are maintained during the week via WeChat. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274. for any further information.

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

## 'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Sue H Merrill B Jason M

Margaret S Liz M's mother Katy Bronwyn T

#### THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

Monday26 AprEnglish Language Classes9.30amTuesday27 AprEnglish language Classes7.30pmWednesday28 AprWomen's Bible Study10.00am

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** will be reduced to a couple of days each week form today, 25th until Tuesday 11th May. Thank you to Barbara an Kerrie for helping in the office on some of the days Michelle is on leave.

IFTAR DINNER at Eastwood UC. The Iftar is the meal served at the end of the day during Ramadan, to break the day's fast. On Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, the UCA National Assembly and NSW-ACT Synod will host an Iftar Dinner in partnership with Affinity, a Muslim group for fostering cultural understanding and relationships. The Guest Speaker will be former Socceroo, SBS commentator and Human Rights Advocate, Craig Foster. We need another few volunteers to help set up and serve the meal. Please speak with Amelia or Michelle.

**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: <a href="https://www.cslewis.com/us/">https://www.cslewis.com/us/</a>

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR CCA.** CCA are reaching out for donations of canned food, pantry staples and toiletries to restock their store of items for emergency food packages. Baskets are in the foyer for any contributions each Sunday.





#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Janelle Dodd Monday 26th April Eddy Ganschow Wednesday 28th April

## Learning to say thank you

As we go from restrictions to fewer restrictions I wonder if I may be thankful for the freedom in being thankful for restrictions that led to hesitations that got me doing as I thought the Lord wanted me doing As we've all grown up so much done it with so much tough stuff I wonder if I may pause to say thank you for things of such good tidings when all other options were closed your will you more clearly exposed And while we are so grateful even just to be simply grateful I wonder if this joy God, in me, would yet employ

Elizabeth Cotton 15/4/21

#### PRAYER FOR ANZAC DAY

Gracious God, on this Anzac Day, we bring before you all those who have and continue to serve in our Defence Forces.

We remember and give thanks for their service to our country.

We pray for all those who suffer in war and continue to suffer from the trauma of war. We pray for comfort in their grief. We pray for supportive communities to journey with them in their struggles, healing and recovery. We give thanks for all our Defence Force chaplains.

We thank you for their response to your call to offer spiritual leadership and pastoral care to Defence Force personnel and their families.

We pray for all those who are negotiating for peace in situations of war and conflict throughout our world. Bless them with wisdom, strength and resolve to find ways we can live together in harmony and respect for one another.

We pray that we might be bearers of your peace.

Through Christ, who is our Peace, we pray. Amen.

Dr Deidre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia

#### INVITATION TO INTRODUCTION NIGHT FOR CONNEXIONS

We would like to invite you to attend an information night.

You are being invited because you are part of an organisation which exists to help others in your local community, and we believe what we are about to introduce to you is a plan to help a group who is the most vulnerable in our community.

In a world which is isolating people more and more, people in the 75+ age group are the most at risk. This cohort is increasingly being asked to make enormous changes in the way they live their lives, especially in the area of computer literacy - banks no longer have accessible branches and government services are to be reached through MyAgedCare – generating a major source of significant stress and concern, both for the elderly and their carers. The Seniors Infoline seeks to allay this stress and fear by offering a single phone number to help seniors access help in diverse ways, from tradesmen in their homes to navigating websites. It will also operate a computer centre on site with a scanner and colour printer for use of the community.

The second part of Connexions concerns people who are on the fringes of our community. These people are there but not always seen – juniors, seniors, new migrants and refugees. We believe these people have a lot to offer and so we would like to find a way to find them employment in the local community.

Would you help us to link people who have with existing strengths, abilities and experience with others who, in turn, may benefit from the knowledge they can offer?

We will not only be asking you to just be aware of these new ventures but be able to link us to people who can volunteer some of their time in a number of different ways but especially through training to be telephone operators or research personnel.

Venue: Beecroft-Pennant Hills Uniting Church 82 Beecroft Road, Beecroft

Date: Thursday 29th April

Time: 7.30pm

RSVP: Marion Berry (Community Development Officer) – phone on

0426 977722 or email at <a href="mailto:community@bphunitng.org">community@bphunitng.org</a>

#### 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:**

Apr 25 Easter 4 Acts 4:5-12, Ps 23, 1 Jn 3:16-24, Jn 10:11-18 May 2 Easter 5 Acts 8:26-40 Ps 22:25-31 1 Jn 4:7-21 Jn 15:1-8

**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 <a href="https://www.euc.org.au">www.euc.org.au</a>

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