



## **EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

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

**1- 4 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**

1st April	6.00pm Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows)	Amelia Koh-Butler
2nd April	10.30am Good Friday Combined Worship	Amelia Koh-Butler
4th April	10.30am Easter Sunday Combined Worship Mark 16:1-8, Isaiah 25:6-9, Acts 10:34-43  1.00pm Outreach Lunch	Amelia Koh-Butler
11th April	8.00am Worship John 20:19-31 <i>'Resurrection! What about Thomas?'</i>  9.30am Holy Communion  2.00pm Chinese Service	John Court  Amelia Koh-Butler  Tennyson Chan



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. <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.

*Masks are no longer mandatory in services, but encouraged where 1.5 metre distancing is difficult, or if caring for a vulnerable person  
Congregational singing is now permitted without masks.*

**NAME BADGES** Please wear a name badge to assist Amelia and anyone visiting. There are blank badges available at the entry table.

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

**‘PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS’**

Sue Howes

Merrill B,

Jason M,

Margaret S,

Liz M’s mother Katy

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

Friday	2 Apr	Good Friday Combined Worship service	10.30am
Sunday	4 Apr	Easter Day Combined Worship service	10.30am
		Outreach lunch at restaurant nearby	1.00pm
Tuesday	6 Apr	Good Morning Eastwood at Provence	10.00am

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** will continue to be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am—3.30pm for the next few weeks.

**POSITION VACANCY.** We are now advertising the position of second office secretary. The job description is available on the church website under other resources. Please share it with anyone you know, who might be interested. Applications by 9 April to the office, attention Chris Wakefield.

**2PM CHINESE SERVICE** will be joining in combined worship at 10.30am for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It will resume at 2.30pm after Easter. Relationships and support are maintained during the week via WeChat. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274. for any further information.

**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. Contact Marion 0423355759.



Tuesdays 6 & 20 April, 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** art exhibition is on again this year and runs till 4 April at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School 10am-4pm. Leading artists reflect upon '*Suffering and the Human Spirit*'.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Elliot Dash Parker-Lacey

Friday

9th April

## ***EASTER SERVICES***

**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)

***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.

***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. Flyers with more information are available on entry table. To register see Christopher Cooper.

### Tending Dying

I sprinkle precious water from my vial  
Over feet into the bowl.

These feet that trod on our assumptions.

They trod the path from north to south,  
bridging the stories of Kingdoms long past.

Could reconciliation be possible in a land  
that has soaked up so much blood?

Perhaps it is inevitable that this Reconciler  
will be taken down?

How the can I show Him my love and support?

How terrible it must be to carry the stories the way He does?

My tears, held in this little vial, join all my weeping stories,  
and those of every mother, sister, wife and daughter,  
with those He bears.

(Mary of Bethany)



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-enchance 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 수있고  
Relevant 相關的 적절하고  
Active 積極的 역동적이 될 것이다

### LECTIONARY READINGS:

Apr 4 Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 or Is 25:6-9, Ps 118:1-2,14-24,  
1 Cor 15:1-11, Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8

Apr 11 Easter 2 Acts 4:32-35, Ps 133, 1 Jn 1:1-2:2, Jn 20:19-31

**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**