



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

12th December 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**

12th December 8.00am Worship online

John Brunton

Where are you from, Jesus?

Luke 3:7-38

9.30 am Worship online

Amelia Koh-Butler

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355> or

mobile/landline phone 80156011 and

meeting ID: 5450786355

ADVENT 3: Close to Home

'A home for all' - joy

Luke 3: 1-18

Communion online and live in the courtyard

11-12pm Chinese onsite outdoor service

(pre-registered please)

2.00pm Chinese Service via WeChat contact Tennyson

19th December 8.00am Worship online

Chris Wakefield

9.30 am Worship online and piazza

Amelia Koh-Butler

ADVENT 4: Close to Home

Australian Christmas Carols live worship on the piazza

11-12pm Chinese onsite outdoor service

(pre-registered please)

2.00pm Chinese Service via WeChat contact Tennyson

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来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 online worship service led by Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler.

We hope that you enjoy the time of worship as we start this season of Advent. We hope you feel welcomed and included even as we cannot meet in person.

WORSHIP RESOURCES. The link is emailed weekly to those with email. Printed copies will be delivered to those without internet access.

To join the services any Sunday via Zoom please use the link below.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355> Meeting ID: 545 078 6355

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.

DATABASE UPDATE The office is updating the church database. Please fill out the online form emailed to you if you haven't already.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR CCA. The need for canned food, pantry staples and toiletries for emergency food packages is increasing. Contributions can be dropped off at CCA, 12 Lakeside Rd, Mon-Fri.

PASTORAL CARE Please continue to keep connected with each other by phone, email and text as we are in lockdown again.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Sue H

Chris D

Jason M

Margaret S

Merrill B

Liz M's mother Katy

THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

Monday	13 Dec	Book Club live gathering—Epilogue	6.30pm
Tuesday	14 Dec	English Language Classes via Zoom	7.30pm
		Church Council Christmas Dinner	7.00pm
Wednesday	15 Dec	Women's Bible Study in courtyard	10.00am
Thursday	16 Dec	Blue Christmas Service - Worship space	7.00pm
Friday	17 Dec	Social Zoom	7.30pm

COMMUNION IN THE COURTYARD There is the opportunity for those who would like to have Communion in person to come to the church this Sunday and gather outside in the courtyard at the side of the worship centre. Enter via the gates on the Hillview road side, check in with the QR code and please bring a mask. The Communion will be around the time the 9.30am service concludes.

SMALL GROUPS ONSITE - please contact the office or Amelia if your group of up to 10 people would like to meet (outside only). We will provide COVID plan and guidelines.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS. The team are gradually coming onsite. Find ministry team and office contact details on the back of the notices.

2PM CHINESE SERVICE via WeChat. Please contact Tennyson 0411896274 for further information and the link to WeChat activities.

SRE (SCRIPTURE) Our Church is looking for one or two people who are available and willing to become SRE (Scripture) teachers at Eastwood Public School. SRE is every Wednesday morning during school terms.

To become authorised to teach SRE, you will need a Working With Children Check, obtain Safe Church training and complete some online Modules. Support and assistance will certainly be given to ease into the role, together with all teaching material and resources. Please think about taking on this important and rewarding role, maybe there are a couple of you who could team teach together.

Please contact Peggy Looby (p.looby@bigpond.net.au)

SOCIAL ZOOM meets every Friday. 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.

EVERYTHING IN COMMON

Special cards for special people. Looking for a novel way to communicate how much someone means to you? These cards include thoughtful messages to share the love with your friends and family.

Order online at

www.everythingincommon.com.au or 1800 988 122. Marion and Malcolm have supplies of the cards at their home, 98742088 or 0423355759



Stay COVID safe There's no better gift than helping another family stay safe from COVID this Christmas. \$20 can provide masks, hand sanitiser and share important messages about vaccines and COVID safety.

A chance to thrive In Sri Lanka and other developing countries, there's virtual no social safety net for people with disability. The Church is stepping in to provide support, training and employment opportunities for people so they can add their gifts to their communities and support themselves toward a strong future.



Pigs! They've provided hundreds of families in Bali with the ability to survive the economic shut down caused by the pandemic, and your gift can help even more families take hold of the lives they dream of.

New growth If you know someone keen to do something practical about the impact of changing climate, especially among our neighbours, this is the card for you! It helps plant trees and catch carbon in Indonesia.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Blue Christmas Service	Thursday 16th 7pm
Christmas Eve Family Service	Friday 24th 5 pm on Piazza
Christmas Eve Communion	Friday 24th 11.30pm Zoom
Christmas Day Service	Saturday 25th 9.30am on piazza Online service available

combined service with the Chinese 2pm congregation

Boxing Day Sunday 26th 8 am via Zoom
9.30am link to pre recorded service

Note: please let Amelia or the office know if you or someone you know would like to attend the service on the 16th to be held in Worship space.



JOIN IN PRAYER FOR:

- A generous and compassionate response to the millions of displaced Afghan refugees living in fear and insecurity.
- The Christian community in Syria and Lebanon, the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon and all those mourning the loss of Rev Dr Salim Sahyouni.
- Leaders of worship and faith formation across our Church who are guiding us prayerfully through the Advent season and who are busily preparing for the joyful worship of the Christmas season.

Act for Peace invite you to pray for Sri Lanka this week:

- for the escalating spread of COVID-19 to stop in Sri Lanka.
- Refugees; that they can safely return from South India to Sri Lanka.
- for continued support and resources for Act for Peace's partner, OfERR, in India and Sri Lanka so they can continue the important work.

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:

Dec 12 Advent 3: Zep 3:14-20, Is 12:2-6, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:7-18

Dec 19 Advent 4: Mic 5:2-5a, Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7, Heb 10:5-10,
 Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)

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.eastwooduca.org

Banking Details for Direct Giving:

BSB: 634 634

Account #: 100020668