



## **EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

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

**3rd October 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**

- 3rd October      8.00am Worship online      Amelia Koh-Butler  
Creation Festival 1 includes Communion
- 9.30am Worship online      Amelia Koh-Butler  
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355> or  
mobile/landline phone 80156011 and  
meeting ID: 5450786355  
Creation 1: Genesis 1  
*'Creation and Creativity'*
- 2.00pm Chinese Service via WeChat contact Tennyson
- 10th October      8.00am Worship online      Chris Wakefield  
Creation Festival 2
- 9.30 am Worship online      Amelia Koh-Butler  
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>  
Meeting ID: 545 078 6355  
Creation 2: Psalm 8, Proverbs 8  
Holy Communion *'Humanity and Wisdom - Choices'*
- 2.00pm Chinese Service via WeChat contact Tennyson

**The new church website is: <https://www.eastwooduca.org/>**

### ***COVID UPDATE DETAILS***

**All worship services remain online only.**

**Concerts, events and all activities are cancelled or suspended.**

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 online worship service led by Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler. We hope that you enjoy the time of worship as we begin the Season of Creation this October, and that you feel welcomed and included even as we cannot meet in person.

**WORSHIP RESOURCES** are emailed before Sunday 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.

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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.

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR CCA. Urgently needing** canned food, pantry staples and toiletries for emergency food packages. 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

Merrill B

Jason M

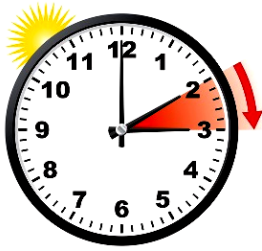
Margaret S

Liz M’s mother Katy

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

Tuesday	5 Oct	English Language Classes via Zoom	7.30pm
Wednesday	6 Oct	Women's Bible Study via Zoom	10.00am
Friday	8 Oct	English Classes via Zoom	9.30am
		Property Meeting via Zoom	3.00pm
		Social Zoom	7.30pm

**No worship services or activities are able to be held at the church.**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins 2.00am this Sunday, 3rd October. Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS.** The office team mostly work from home. Best contact is via email. Phone messages will be checked when someone is in the office. Find ministry team contact details on the back page of the weekly notices.

**CHURCH WEBSITE.** The office team are very happy to assist anyone needing help accessing online resources, or with meeting via Zoom. Here is the direct link to the page where resources are located: <https://www.eastwooduca.org/resources.html> Where you can access the Zoom link for worship, order of service, weekly notices and the link to the recorded sermon. Simply click on the item you want to access. The video recordings of services are there to view.

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

**SYMPATHY** to the friends and family of Yvonne van Ede, who died on Thursday. Details for a service for Yvonne will be available soon.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Merrill Bootes	Today	3rd October
Karen Thomas	Thursday	7th October
Nick Thomas	Thursday	7th October
Amelia Moore	Friday	8th October

**GOOD NEWS!** Amelia has had her Affirmation of Call review with the members of the JNC and SCC Presbytery, which was very positive on all accounts.

**SMALL GROUPS** This week there is the opportunity to be part of some 'one-off' small discussion groups exploring some of the questions in the conversation cards of 'I've been meaning to ask..' for an hour.

If you would like to be part of these the times are

Tuesday 5th October, 10am, 11am and 8pm via Zoom link: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355> or mobile/landline phone 80156011 and meeting ID: 5450786355.

Wednesday, 6th at 11am and Friday 8th at 7.30pm via Zoom link: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/8378337986> or mobile/landline phone 80156011 and meeting ID: 8378337986. It would be helpful to let Amelia or Michelle know which time is suitable for you.

If you are unable to take part via Zoom and would like the opportunity to join, a small outdoor group in the park may be a possibility. Please call the office and leave a message and we can call you back to talk through details and timing. This group will not start this week.



**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** [with Amelia] Book– Inspired

Author - Rachel Held Evans

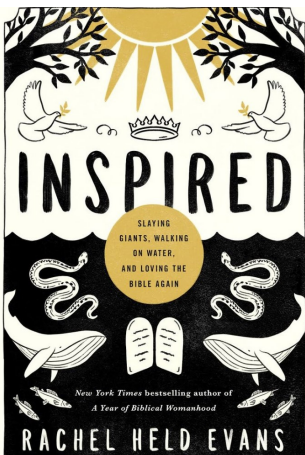
Website: <https://rachelheldevans.com/>

Starts Monday, 11 October at 7.30pm running for 6 weeks. Looking at a couple of chapters each week.

NY Times best seller, RHE, was a young mum and easy-to-read people's progressive theologian. She tragically died a couple of years ago, but her books are so relevant for contemporary life and faith. Her books

are available as print or audiobooks. You can get the book at <https://rachelheldevans.com/inspired>

If you are interested in joining the discussion group, please contact the Office. Zoom and Facebook options.



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As we start this season of creation through October it would be great if people might share a Creation image and a Bible verse on the church Facebook page. If you would rather post on your own page please tag 'Eastwood Uniting church' and let Nilu know. If you are not on Facebook we would love to receive an email with the image and verse please send to the office with 'Creation image' in subject line.

We would also love to see any creation art (your own or sharing other's work) and a short note about what's meaningful about it for you/ your inspiration in creating it.

***We encourage you to have anything representing God's amazing creation in your background at home, when you log in to worship during October.***





## ***VISITS - A Note from Amelia***

Hello Everyone!

Although I have been with you for 6 months now, I have not had the chance to meet many of you in person. I would like to get to know you better, but I am also being super-cautious so that I do not place any of you 'at risk'. With that in mind, I am thinking about how to do some 'visiting'.

There are several options that I would be happy to explore with you.

1. I am happy to open up a ZOOM room for Drop in chat time. Byo cuppa.
2. I am happy to visit groups (or individuals) online in ZOOM or FaceTime groups (individual calls).
3. I am happy to meet physically IN-PERSON outside - at a park or in a front or backyard OR outside at church - the Property Committee are currently looking at how we make the most of our lovely outdoor spaces at Eastwood Uniting. We will have a few different spaces set up so that small groups of 2-8 people will be able to meet safely with distancing, shade and seating. We are committed to keeping our whole community safe and connected. These visits will currently need to be masked, but that restriction may lift in coming weeks.

Note. Online and Zoom options will be part of regular life for the foreseeable future, so I am very happy to offer getting to know how to use ZOOM sessions. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Finally - like many of you, I have been anxiously watching the roadmaps and research. There are many things we do not yet know. What I do know is that God loves us, unconditionally. When we feel a bit fragile or anxious, God is there. Please don't feel like you have to do this weird and crazy period of life on your own.

Eastwood Congregation exists to companion you in the life of faith. We are meant to be pilgrim companions on this journey. Please connect in or contact us to find out what options we might be developing to make new connections.



## **SEASON OF CREATION PRAYERS**

We need the blessings of the Season of Creation even more than usual this year.

May it be for us a time of deep connection with the God of life, who loves and is present within every creature and all of creation.

Especially for those in lockdown but able to exercise outside, may we find comfort and solace in being with God in nature.

May we feel God's presence with us in every leaf, rock and creature.

May we gather for worship with the community of creation, though we cannot worship with our usual human church communities.

In our gathering, may we reconnect with who we are as God's creatures, and wonder with humility at our place as part of the complex interdependent web of creation.

May the sun shine on our faces, The rain wash away our tears, And the earth stand firm beneath our feet.

May you find hope in new leaves, new buds, new babies,

And whatever you are carrying, may it feel smaller beneath the stars.

In these days may our eyes be open for God's face shining through creation, and our ears be open to the words of creation's songs of praise.

May we worship among the wattle in a cathedral of the sky, and see God in the promise of a sunrise, the glory of a sunset.

May the scent of eucalypt and petrichor be our incense.

May the rhythms of our liturgy be breath and wind and wave.

May the bees give their sermons, and the birds their wisdom.

May ripples and dandelion seeds carry our prayers to the ears of God.

May the freedom from walls widen our hearts and fill them with compassion,

And may we find peace in celebrating the rituals of time, season and growth.

May this be for us a sacred time to remember God's first gift to us, and our first responsibility – to love and care for creation.

A time to reconnect, a time to care, a time to plan beyond the Season of Creation and make creation care part of everything we do.

Let us put our love of God, and our love of creation, into action.

*This blessing comes from Jessica Morthorpe, Christian environmentalist and founder/Director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards.*

## 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:

Oct 3 Pent 19: Jb 1:1;2:1-10, Ps 26, Heb 1:1-4;2:5-12, Mk 10:2-16

Oct 10 Pent 20: Jb 23:1-9,16-17, Ps 22:1-15, Heb 4:12-16, Mk 10:17-31

**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.eastwooduca.org](http://www.eastwooduca.org)

**Banking Details for Direct Giving: BSB: 634 634**

**Account #: 100020668**