



## **EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

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

**5th September 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**

5th September 8.00am Worship online Amelia Koh-Butler  
Includes Communion: please have a portion of bread  
and a drink of grape or other juice ready.  
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>  
Meeting ID: 545 078 6355

### **9.15 am Congregational Meeting on Zoom**

9.30am Worship online Amelia Koh-Butler  
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355> or  
mobile/landline phone 80156011 and  
meeting ID: 5450786355  
Genesis 2:4-15, John 1:35-51  
*'I've been meaning to ask' ...Where are you from?*

2.00pm Chinese Service via WeChat contact Tennyson

12th September 8.00am Worship online Michelle Loxton  
9.30 am Communion online Amelia Koh-Butler  
2.00pm Chinese Service via WeChat contact Tennyson

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

**For the online Congregational Meeting this Sunday starting 9.15am,  
use: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355> Meeting ID: 545 078  
6355 or mobile/landline phone: 80156011 and enter meeting ID  
5450786355 (the link used for worship services).**

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 start the series 'I've been meaning to ask...', 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

Yvonne VE

Liz M's mother Katy

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

|           |        |                                   |         |
|-----------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Monday    | 6 Sept | English Language Classes via Zoom | 9.30am  |
| Tuesday   | 7 Sept | English Language Classes via Zoom | 7.30pm  |
| Wednesday | 8 Sept | Women's Bible Study via Zoom      | 10.00am |
| Friday    | 9 Sept | English Classes via Zoom          | 9.30am  |
|           |        | Social Zoom                       | 7.30pm  |

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS.** The Office team are mostly working from home during the lock down. Best contact is via email. Phone messages can be left and will be checked when someone is in the office. Contact details for the ministry team are on the back page of the weekly notices.

**CHURCH WEBSITE.** A reminder that the old church website's hosting platform will be closing late September. If you access the new website using a saved link to the old site, this will stop when the platform closes in September. We encourage all of you to 'save' or 'bookmark' the new website address when opening it in the next few weeks for easy ongoing access. The office team are very happy to assist anyone needing assistance accessing online resources, or help with meeting via Zoom. Here is the direct link to the page where resources are located:

<https://www.eastwooduca.org/resources.html> You will find under 'Upcoming' near the top, the Zoom link for worship, order of service , weekly notices and the link to the recorded sermon. Simply click on the item you want and they will open for access. Below these are the video recordings of services that also play with one 'click'

**WORSHIP RESOURCE PACKS.** We are still trying to get the packs to households and hope to get them to you soon.

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



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| Kellie Omura- Davis | Today    | 5th September  |
| Nancye Alderson     | Monday   | 6th September  |
| Allan Harrington    | Thursday | 9th September  |
| Jilda Coles         | Saturday | 11th September |

## WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

I've been  
meaning  
to ask...

a series for curiosity,  
courage, & connection

September worship will be using a series called 'I've been meaning to ask'. Devotional material and creative resources are on the way to you that will hopefully arrive during next week.



In September, Please gather these items in preparation as we explore

**C**uriosity  
ourage  
onnection



Uniting  
Mission &  
Education



FAITH &  
POLITICS:  
DO THEY  
RELATE?

7PM 15TH  
SEPTEMBER

### HOW DOES CHRISTIAN FAITH APPLY TO DECISIONS ABOUT THE WAY OUR SOCIETY IS ORGANISED?

An upcoming [on-line forum, \*Faith and Politics: Do they relate?\*](#) aims to

encourage open reflection and conversation about this issue.

The forum is hosted by Uniting Mission and Education and Uniting, and will take place on Wednesday September 15th from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

*Politics and religion- you're kidding aren't you!*

We know this is not always an easy topic to consider and we sometimes feel cautious, even anxious in talking about it. We are aware that different people may hold different views to us and political discussion can evoke strong feelings. On the other hand, most of us recognise that God is interested in and cares about all aspects of life and that includes our life together. Clearly, the political world impacts both our individual lives and freedoms and the values and laws that shape the quality of our life in community. How does our faith apply to all these issues?

## *Encouraging self-reflection and open conversation*

We know that there are many influences on both our views about politics and our beliefs about what constitutes genuine Christian values. These include our families and upbringing, our culture, education, church community and life experiences, to name just a few. One of the aims of the forum is for all of us to be more aware of how our personal history shapes our views and the assumptions we inevitably bring to our thinking and decisions in this area. We hope this will encourage a greater acceptance that other equally sincere people will sometimes come to different conclusions than us, on matters we care about.

### *What will happen at the Faith and Politics forum?*

The Faith and Politics forum will be MC' d by Rev Kath Merrifield. It will begin with the life experience of three different church members. We'll hear about their views about politics, what shaped them and their thoughts on the process of voting. There will be opportunity for all participants to share their experiences, ideas and questions on the issues raised. We will have the benefit of Rev Dr Peter Walker's and Rev Bec Lindsay's theological reflections on all of this, including identifying some principles to help guide us. All those who register will receive a short paper prepared by Rev Dr Chris Walker that outlines factors that have shaped the Uniting Church's approach to social responsibility, which will help orient our conversation at the forum. We are grateful for all our contributor's willingness to be involved.

Our main aim is that the forum encourages both a deeper awareness of, and some guidance in how we navigate, this important area of faith and life. We hope many Uniting Church members will join us on September 15

You can register for the 'Faith and Politics: Do they relate?' forum [here](#). The Zoom link will then be sent to you.

If you have any questions about the forum, or would like to know more, please contact Jon O'Brien on 0477 725 528 or at [joobrien@uniting.org](mailto:joobrien@uniting.org)

**BIG QUESTIONS** is a series of videos on YouTube by the Rev Richard Harris, minister at Terrigal Uniting, formed from questions from members of the congregation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk1OGkCgSvs>

## 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:

Sept 5 Pent 15: Prv 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23, Ps 125 Jas 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17, Mk 7:24-37

Sept 12 Pent 16: Prv 1:20-33, Ps 19, Jas 3:1-12, Mk 8:27-38

**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**