



Eastwood Uniting Church Newsletter

July 2023



8.00am Informal Worship
9.30am Multilingual Service
11.00am Korean Service

Calendar Dates for July 2023

02/07 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 12pm
Mainly Music 4.30pm

03/07 Eastwood History Walk 10am

07/07 Social Zoom 7.30pm

09/07 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 12pm

11/07 Community Café 10am

16/07 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Congregational Meeting 11am
Games Club 12pm

18/07 English Classes Zoom7.30pm

19/07 Women's small group 10am

21/07 Social Zoom 7.30pm

23/07 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 12pm
Presbytery Ordination 1.30pm
Mainly Music 4.30pm

24/07 English Classes 9.30am

25/07 Community Café 10am
English Classes Zoom7.30pm

26/07 Women's small group 10am

29/07 Presbytery Meeting 8.30am

30/07 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Congregational Meeting 11am
Games Club 12pm

GAMES CLUB

A new ministry called 'Games Club' started on 7th May running fortnightly. Due to the positive response it received, from Sunday 2nd July it will move to being on every Sunday afternoon, 12 to 2pm.

Congratulations
ON YOUR
Engagement

Matt Abourizk & Sophie Edington

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays

Pat Davey	07/07
Emma Jarvis	13/07
Philippa Harrington	21/07
Ron Hoffmann	22/07
Bill Howard	24/07
Jack Ferris	28/07
Sean Harjoprakoso	28/07
Pam Wark	30/07

NEWS FROM HELEN RICHMOND

Helen is finishing her 3 month placement in Bethlehem

'Beginning last week here till we hand over to the new team.

Mixed feelings about getting ready to say goodbye.

Hope all is going well at Eastwood.' (20/6/23)

'You might be interested in this film made a couple of years ago that features people we know here in the Lutheran church & Tent of Nations.'

<https://fb.watch/lqq9WONckq/?mibextid=v7YzmG>



**7.30pm TUESDAY
18th JULY at
Thornleigh
Hillcrest Uniting
Church.**

The Normanhurst, Hornsby and Thornleigh Hillcrest Congregations are hosting this Forum. COME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE VOICE MEANS SO YOU WILL BE BETTER INFORMED WHEN YOU VOTE ON THE REFERENDUM.

Julian Leeser, Federal Member for Berowra who has journeyed over 10 year in seeking Constitutional recognition of First Peoples. He was the former Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians who resigned to support and campaign for the Voice.

Nathan Tyson, Director First Peoples Strategy and Engagement, Uniting Church's NSW ACT Synod. A passionate advocate for the rights and interests of Aboriginal peoples. He is of Anaiwon and Gomeroi heritage.

Edwina O'Brien, Assistant Chaplain, Head of Religion and Ethics and an Aboriginal Studies Teacher at Pymble Ladies College and has worked over a decade with the remote community of Minyerri, NT.

Forum Moderator, Martin Levine is the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery regional resource minister focused on growth and mission leader and past Chairperson of the Beecroft Forum for many years.

This forum will also streaming live on:

[YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@thornleighhillcrestuc7481](https://www.youtube.com/@thornleighhillcrestuc7481)

PLEASE WEAR A NAMETAG when attending church. It is helpful for any new people and makes it much friendlier if you wear a nametag!

NOTE FROM BRONWYN MURPHY

Its been a long while since I was last at Eastwood. My life as Chairperson of two presbyteries means a lot more travel. We hope to be there this Sunday, but it will be our last as members.

We are relocating to our own home in Springwood, and so will need to find a new church to sporadically attend

We would like to thank the Eastwood congregation for their support and care and wish you all well. I will always watch your space with fond interest.

Thank you Bron

Please consider if you are able to assist with worship.

There are many ways that you can be a part of worship each Sunday. We are always looking for people to help with Bible readings, Prayers, Children's talks and leading the liturgy or presenting the message.



There is also opportunities like preparing the monthly Communion and helping distribute the Communion during the service. There is also the need for more people to assist in serving Morning tea after the 9.30am service. Please contact the office or speak to Michelle.

Congregational Meetings

There are two important Congregational Meetings this month.

July 16th - an update from the JNC

July 30th to approve the budget.

IN MEMORIAM

Amy Welham

19 January 1925 – 24 June 2023

A NEW RESOURCE ON THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT is now available for congregations to use and share. In two pages, it breaks down how the referendum is an opportunity to consider a change in our constitution that will recognise First Australians and give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples a say in matters that affect their lives.

"The Voice will not create division but enable greater cooperation and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. "

The resources explain why the Uniting Church supports the change, a position informed by our covenant commitment with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and our Christian call to work for practical and meaningful change that ensures all can live life abundantly.

The resource includes:

- simple information on why a Voice is needed, how it will work and how it will make a difference
- connections to our Covenant with UAICC and our faith as Christians
- helpful starting points for a conversation
- where to go to find out more.

Open this link for the resource: <https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/A-REFERENDUM-FOR-AN-ABORIGINAL-AND-TORRES-STRAIT-ISLANDER-VOICE-Ver-2.0.pdf>



The mainly music programme has been running here on Sunday afternoons for a few months now.

The team need everyone's help in letting all your friends, family and contacts know that it is on here.

Please help by inviting all people you know with young children



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