

Eastwood Uniting Church Newsletter



March 2023

Multilingual Service at 9.30am on Sundays in English, Chinese and Korean

Calendar Dates for March 2023

03/03 World Day of Prayer @ St.Kevin's 10am
03/03 Basic Chinese Class 10am
05/03 Mainly Music 4.30pm
06/03 Free Yoga class at 11.30 am
06/03 Lenten Discussion 31 Epping Av 8pm & Zoom
07/03 Community Café 10am
07/03 Lenten Discussion 24 Wood St 7.30pm
08/03 Womens small group onsite 10am
13/03 Free Yoga class at 11.30am
13/03 Lenten Discussion 31 Epping Av 8pm & Zoom
14/03 Lenten Discussion 24 Wood St 7.30pm
15/03 Womens small group onsite 10am
17/03 Basic Chinese Class 10am
19/03 Mainly Music 4.30pm
20/03 Free Yoga class at 11.30am
20/03 Lenten Discussion 31 Epping Av 8pm & Zoom
21/03 Community Café 10am
21/03 Lenten Discussion 24 Wood St 7.30pm
22/03 Womens small group onsite 10am
27/03 Free Yoga class at 11.30am
27/03 Lenten Discussion 31 Epping Av 8pm & Zoom
28/03 Lenten Discussion 24 Wood St 7.30pm
29/03 Womens small group onsite 10am
31/03 Basic Chinese Class 10am

LEARN BASIC CHINESE

You are welcome to try the free fortnightly classes on Fridays here at Eastwood Uniting Church
March 17 & 31 from 10am to 11am
This class is for anyone interested in learning some Chinese language and culture.
For further information contact the church office



March Birthdays

Ramesh Edward	02/03
Matilda Ewin	03/03
Deborah Harris	11/03
Olive Howard	14/03
Owen Gillard	19/03
Doreen Wright	20/03
Michelle Weatherburn	23/03
John Court	25/03
Wynne Chan	27/03
Kathleen Herring	28/03



Free Yoga Classes at Eastwood Uniting Church main hall every Monday at 11.30am.

PLEASE WEAR A NAMETAG, if you attend any Church activities.
It makes it much friendlier if you wear a nametag!



GOOD START TO YEAR FOR EUC ENGLISH CLASSES

The Saturday before 2023 classes started on 6th February several volunteers and some of the students with better English made use of the Lunar New Year Festival in Eastwood Park to let people know about our English classes. Signs were carried, saying 'Ask me about English classes', in Chinese as well as English.

If people showed interest, they were given information about the classes.

Classes began the following Monday. A good number of students came to the church, including some who were returning, either from last year, or from before COVID. Many were new students. Since then new students have come each Monday morning. By the end of February, over 30 students were attending on Monday mornings at the church, in 7 classes. Zoom classes continue on different days of the week.

Volunteers are vital to teach the classes. On the right you see a few volunteers gathering for coffee and a chat after classes have finished.



SYDNEY ALLIANCE ASSEMBLY

This was held on 28th February at the Morley Centre at Westmead. The venue emphasised the focus on Western Sydney by the Assembly in the lead up to the NSW election on 25th March.



Sydney Alliance has been negotiating with both sides of politics over many months prior to the Assembly. The aim of the Assembly was to lock in commitments by the Treasurer Matt Kean, and Shadow Treasurer, Daniel Mookhey, on issues of housing, planning, energy, climate-proofing rentals, rental rights, an energy hub, temporary migrants, and continuing regular meetings with Sydney Alliance.

People from Western Sydney spoke of their personal experiences of these issues. Memorable speakers were those who testified to their own experience of how extreme heat in western Sydney affects learning, sleeping and everyday living. Matt Kean and Daniel Mookhey spoke briefly. Mr Mookhey spoke about his experience of growing up in Western Sydney, before continuing, as Mr Kean did also, to give a short outline of some of their parties' plans if they win government. Both politicians made important commitments about all the issues of concern.

'It will be significant if the incoming Government legislates to end 'no ground' evictions of renters. Sydney Alliance has worked hard with the politicians on this issue.



There was a wonderful contingent of Uniting Church people. The Moderator, Simon Hansford led the Roll Call, when people from the many groups represented at the Assembly rose to stand in their groups.

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YOGA CLASSES AT EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

Yoga class at EUC started in February on Mondays after the English classes. Vicky, who is one of our Chinese members is also an experience Yoga instructor, and leads the class. The class has had a dozen or so participants; a mix of the ESL students and the wider community.



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith - a Lenten Devotional Discussion groups will examine the lectionary readings through this year's Lenten Devotional. You are invited to attend in person or online.

Mondays 8.30—9.30pm at 31 Epping Ave, Eastwood and online via the worship service ZOOM link (see website)

Tuesdays 7.30—8.30pm at 24 Wood St, Eastwood

Complimentary copies of the Lenten Devotional are available from the church.

Please advise if you would like to attend by emailing brendonlukin@gmail.com



COMMUNITY CAFÉ held fortnightly on Tuesday morning at Provence Café is supported by EUC and the wider community. It's an opportunity to meet new friends and listen to each others' stories. We like to ask one of our members to share their story about how they experience God's love in their life. Please join us in prayers and in person when possible.



CLOSURE OF MINISTRY OF REV. DR. AMELIA KOH-BUTLER

The service on Sunday 26th February was a great opportunity for the Eastwood congregation to thank Amelia for all that she has achieved with us at Eastwood and to wish her well as she moves to Singapore.



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