



Eastwood Uniting Church Newsletter September 2023

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



September Calendar Dates

01/09 Social Zoom 7.30pm
03/09 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 11.30am
Mainly Music 4.30pm
04/09 English Classes 9.30am
Singing Group 11am
Yoga group 11.30am
05/09 Community Café 10am
English Class Zoom 7.30pm
06/09 Women's Small Group 10am
10/09 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 11.30am
11/09 English Classes 9.30am
12/09 English Class Zoom 7.30pm
13/09 Women's Small Group 10am
15/09 Social Zoom 7.30pm
17/09 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 11.30am
Mainly Music 4.30pm
18/09 English Classes 9.30am
19/09 Community Café 10am
English Class Zoom 7.30pm
20/09 Women's Small Group 10am
24/09 Services 8am,9.30am &11am
Games Club 11.30am
25/09 English Classes 9.30am
26/09 English Class Zoom 7.30pm
27/09 Women's Small Group 10am
29/09 Social Zoom 7.30pm



September Birthdays

Helen Ramsay	02/09
Gwen Davis	04/09
Nancye Alderson	06/09
Allan Harrington	09/09
Anna Lin 林志紅	09/09
Phoebe Chow	13/09
Huan Xie 解歡	13/09
Ruby Blissett	14/09
Billie Jarvis	16/09
Miriam Lennestål	16/09
Sophie Edington	18/09
Dorothy Hough	19/09
William Wan 尹福根	19/09
Phil Looby	21/09
Lizzie Joannou	22/09
Janine Joannou	24/09
Robert Dive	25/09
Mary Goswell	25/09
Chris Wakefield	27/09
Ben Ferris	28/09
Kerrie Springett	28/09
Pat McLeod	29/09
James Huang 黃驥	30/09

EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH OFFERS A HOME AWAY FROM HOME TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Eastwood Uniting Church recently extended its arms to embrace young international students into their Game Club. These students have embarked on their educational journey, far from their home enrolled in high school from year 10 to year 11.

At Eastwood Uniting Church, Game Club is a weekly gathering that ushers in a sense of camaraderie and joy every Sunday. It is a program to connect the wider community to play games with people from different cultures and different generations joining in. The enchanting world of board games, video games, and even the timeless allure of Mahjong unite people separated by language through the universal language of fun.

The church members recognised that these young scholars have ventured to a foreign land, miles away from their families, to seek education and opportunity. In this shared understanding, they sought to bridge the gap with a simple, yet profound gesture – a hot pot welcome dinner in order to extend their care and friendship.

Jermaine Yan, a compassionate member of the church, voiced their collective sentiment, stating, “As we know these students come to study in Australia alone, we are trying to make them feel warm while they are away from their parents. Some of us used to be overseas students, we definitely know that feel and need.”

The hot pot dinner, a cherished tradition in the students’ home country of Hong Kong, resonates with a sense of familiarity that transcends borders.

While residing with local host families, these young scholars may miss out on this cultural tradition, but the Eastwood Uniting Church took it upon themselves to ensure that these students feel cherished, and indeed, at home.

“Hot pot dinner is very common, especially during winter in their home country, Hong Kong. However, they may have no chance to enjoy it if they stay with a local host family. We organize this event to make them feel like they are at ‘home’. Eastwood Uniting Church can be their home during their stay in Australia,” Jermaine Yan further explained.

Beyond the warm and nourishing meals, what truly shines through is the Eastwood Uniting Church's vision for a multicultural ministry.

In Eastwood Uniting Church, diversity isn't just tolerated; it's celebrated. With open hearts and outstretched hands, they prove that the beauty of community knows no boundaries.

So, to all those who yearn for a sense of home away from home, Eastwood Uniting Church's doors are wide open, waiting to embrace you in their circle of warmth and hospitality.

Article from Insights digital edition Thursday 10th August by Aditee Vora



You are invited to celebrate Moon festival at a combined service at 9.30am on September 24th. The service will be in three languages (Chinese/Korean/English). A celebration tea party will follow the service and it is hoped that everyone can stay for the festivities.

我们诚邀您来伊士活聯合教會和我们一起用(中/韓/英)三語庆祝中秋節！

9月24日(日) 上午9:30am 隨後有聯歡會, 歡迎參加!

HELP NEEDED WITH SUPPERS FOR MUSICAL SOCIETY SHOWS

Janine is looking for help as we provide suppers for the upcoming EUCMS shows as part of our fundraising activities.

Shows are from Friday 22 September to Saturday 7 October.

People to cook muffins or slice, and people to serve are needed.

Please let Janine know if you are able to assist.



PLEASE WEAR A NAMETAG

when attending church. It is helpful for all of us if we are wearing nametags. The office is happy to place an order if you would like a magnetic name tag \$15 each.

GOOD MORNING EASTWOOD

Community Café 社區茶座

If you have free time on Tuesday mornings please consider coming along to have a coffee and meet new friends, share in the cultural diversity of our community and to practise conversation in different languages .



The only cost for participants is their own drink order which helps support the local business.

Tuesdays 5th and 19th September, 10-11.30am at Provence Garden Café, 35-43 West Parade, Eastwood. All welcome!



Please help the mainly music team by inviting any people you know with children aged up to 6 years old. It is on Sundays 4.30pm-6pm fortnightly during school terms



A Mighty River

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

Throughout the month of September Christians across the world will celebrate the Season of Creation, an annual invitation to pray and reflect on our shared call to care for the earth - our common home and the 'household' of God.

The Season of Creation takes place from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) under the 2023 international theme, 'Let justice and peace flow.' The symbol is a mighty river, a reference to the cry of the prophet Amos: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24)



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