



NEWSLETTER

7 - 13 October 2024



Worship Services Sundays 9am

Term 4 Roster

The roster is currently being prepared up to the end of January. If you would like to be included on the roster or change your involvement in any way please contact Val R - Welcoming & morning tea, or Cathy - other rosters.

Commissioning Service

At our service on October 20 we will include time to commission our church council members and congregational office bearers.

Fellowship Event - Date changed to 26 October

Our next fellowship event is planned for **Saturday 26 October**. We will meet at 8.45am outside Old Government House for a walk around Parramatta Park. If it is wet the event will be cancelled.

Invitation from West Epping Uniting Church

WEUC have invited us to join them for an afternoon of fun & fellowship with entertainment, kids activities, food and more! Wear your traditional or cultural dress. Bring your family, friends and neighbours! All Welcome!

Cultural Celebration Day
An afternoon of fellowship and fun!

**SATURDAY
26TH
OCTOBER
2.30PM-6.30PM**

Food & Entertainment
Kids Activities

Wear your traditional or cultural dress!

RSVP 20th Oct 2024
Contact Alison (0418 623 446)
or 'Oto (0405 636 088)

An activity of West Epping Uniting Church

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Oct	
16	Zoom Prayer Meeting
20	Commissioning of Church Council
26	Fellowship walk at Parramatta Park
Nov	
1	Craft Group

Craft Group @ 10 am-noon Fridays

Bring along your latest craft project and join us for morning tea and a chat. 10am each Friday in the church.

Community News and Notices

SIM Connect

SIM Connect is coming up on Sat 19th October. SIM Connect provides opportunities for mission minded Christians to join together and learn of what God is doing in the world through SIM.

To register please go to sim.org.au/simconnect-october-2024.

Jacky & Mike are travelling to Sth Africa for the SIM Regional Leaders Conference so your prayers for that are much appreciated. We will be away from 16 Oct – 17 Nov, as we will also make a trip to UK for Jacky's mum's 90th birthday.

The final SIM Connect of the year is on 7th December where the theme will focus on SIM's motto "By Prayer" and looking back to the founding of SIM by prayer 127 years ago.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For more information pick up a flyer from the church. If you are filling a box and would like to drop it off at the church we need to receive it by Sunday 20 October.

Jazz at Ebenezer returns!

A great night supporting a wonderful cause - building fresh water wells in West Papua!
Share with your contacts and invite people along for a great night!



Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

Reflection of the Week

Do not become discouraged when you feel that the world is hopeless. The world can be changed for good, and God will give you the strength to stand up for His Truth. God will reward you when you speak the Truth to those who are in error. God will reward you when you maintain godly living in an ungodly culture. God will reward you when you fully trust Him and strive for spiritual integrity no matter what circumstances you face.

Trust that God will help you to withstand the forces of evil in any situation. Trust that God will give you the strength to overcome the temptations of the world. "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, . . ." (Titus 2:11-12).

What diet do you feed upon? Are you feasting on unclean spiritual food, as the Babylonians did?

Or are you following Daniel's example, keeping your soul healthy by feeding on God's Word? To combat the evil of this world, you need a steady diet of God's Word. "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:13-14).

Prayer: God, I pray that Your Spirit would convict and motivate me to seek Your Truth in Scripture every day. Give me the strength to overcome temptation. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray that we grow in understanding God's will with wisdom so that we can live in a way that honours Him (Colossians 1:9-10).
- Pray for guidance and unity in our church during this time of change.
- Pray for everyone serving at NRCC—preachers, service leaders, music and sound teams, the minister, Church Council members, and ministry leaders. May they know how best to serve the church and bring glory to God.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.
- Also, pray for year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC exams.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray that churches stay true to sound teaching and help believers grow in their faith.
- Pray for young generation in churches, that they would meet God and confidently carry their faith into the future.
- Pray for the Uniting Church and its leadership, that they may be filled with God's truth and peace to fulfill their mission.
- Pray for organizations like The International Mission Board, Gospel for Asia, The AIDS Orphans Project, and our missionaries—Mike and Jacky Hammond, Bill and Sandra Callister, and Richard and Lindsey Parker—as they spread the message of Jesus.

For Australia:

- Pray for economic relief for those struggling to make ends meet and for wisdom in policymaking that addresses these challenges.
- Pray for support for individuals facing substance abuse issues and for effective programs that treat and prevent addiction.
- Pray for honesty and wisdom among federal leaders as they make decisions that impact the nation.

- Pray for those seeking affordable housing amidst rising living costs.

For the World:

- Pray for world leaders to govern wisely, justly, and compassionately, seeking solutions that encourage cooperation among nations.
 - Pray for peace in conflict areas like Ukraine and Israel, and for leaders to find effective solutions to these tensions.
 - Pray for wisdom for leaders globally to foster justice and unity. Ask for the protection of democratic institutions and peace in divided communities.
 - Pray for advances in medical research and fair access to healthcare resources, including vaccines and treatments for diseases like dengue fever, HIV/AIDS, and malaria.
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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn or Pastoral Care Team.
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Ministry Leaders

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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Samson Leung Treasurer: Anne Crabb
Alex Chow, Nicole Critchley, Jenny Keyte