



Services:

Today	June 3
10am- Rev Cynthia Page Holy Communion	10am- Focus Service
6:30 pm - Rev Cynthia Page Holy Communion	6:30 pm - Rev Cynthia Page

Our Mission: *The Eaglehawk Uniting Church seeks to live the way of Jesus, wherever we go.*



A Welcome for those attending for the first time, thanks for choosing to meet with us at Eaglehawk today. Please stay for a chat after the service and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us. For more information please ask the duty door steward who will endeavour to assist you. We hope to see you again soon. Our contact details are on page 2 of this newsletter. The people of Eaglehawk Uniting Church acknowledge the original indigenous inhabitants – the Elders and the People, both past and present – who occupied the land on which we live and worship.

Cornerstone is our children’s Christian education program which is available to all children aged 3 and over. Children participate in the first part of the 10 am service then either work on a guided activity at the rear of the church or leave for age appropriate lessons and activities in the meeting room. Children under 3 are also welcome to attend if they are accompanied by a carer.

FoodCare 3556

**Community Emergency Food Assistance
1 to 3 pm Thursdays, Eaglehawk Uniting Church**

We encourage everyone at Eaglehawk Uniting Church to utilise this 'food pantry' facility to assist any needy person/s in their circle of outreach - family, friends, neighbours.
All enquiries, please contact Tony & Cathy on 0403 698 715.



Steward

	May	June
am	L&M Preston	H Cox

Duty Elder

am	J Watson-Jones	M Preston
pm	B Davey	J Farrell

Communion Duty Elders

am	J Watson-Jones R Costin Y Davey	M Preston J Speirs-Gent J Taylor
pm	B Davey	J Farrell

Bible Reader

6	A Pata	3	J Pata
13	R Taylor	10	D Armstrong
20	G Cay	17	Combined Service
27	M Hall	24	J Speirs-Gent

Donations for Emergency Relief

Breakfast foods Spreads	Tinned soup
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Pub Lunch The next pub lunch is today, 27th May, at The Bridge Hotel. Please add names to the list in the foyer.

Prayer Point From Presbytery

May 27

As winter begins, please pray for those who are homeless and living in cars, tents, or wherever they can find or make a bed, and for the agencies who try to find a place for them to stay. Blessings, Judy Causon

Cape York Adventure On Friday 1st of June, several men from our church will be setting off for a 5 week adventure to Cape York, the most northerly point of Australia. Lance, Mal, Laurie, Ted, John Gent and John Taylor, together with two others, will be travelling by 4WD to this remote and beautiful region. We pray that all will travel in safety, avoid the crocodiles and have an enjoyable time exploring this great country.

Prayer Chain *If one has a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Rosie Taylor 0417 164 973, or Yvonne Davey 5446 9163.*

Bible Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

Trinity: May 27	Pentacost 2: June 3	Pentacost 3: June 10
Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Samuel 3:1-10	1 Sam 8:4-20, 11:14-15
Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalms 138
Romans 8:12-17	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
John 3:1-17	Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 3:20-35

From Cynthia

There's not many things I like more than getting lost in a good book, which for me, is usually a novel. As the book unfolds, I become immersed in the life described in the story. The characters become my kin, my family. I feel their emotions, their situation as if it is my own.

If the story ends badly, I am bereft. If it ends well, I feel great joy. Regardless of how it ends, if it's been a good read, I feel grief that my shared experience with these characters has ended and I am forced to move on.

One of my favourite books in the Bible is the book of Job, which is allegedly a fable, a story which while not being literally true, is true to the extent that it conveys great truth about God, humanity and life.

Job experiences harsh and relentless suffering and many people, including his best friends, assume that this suffering is happening because Job has sinned.

Job stands firm with his protestations that this is not so and at the end of the story he is vindicated. He is a good man and yet, despite this, he has suffered.

Along with communicating great and important theological truths like the fact that suffering is not punishment from God, the book of Job also tells us what is possible for us in regards to our relationship with God.

God is not someone we have to fawn around. We don't have to walk on eggshells in God's presence, being ever so cautious and careful. We don't have to be on our best behaviour, watching our P's and Q's. What we need is to be real, whatever that looks like.

We can be happy with God. We can be sad. We can be angry. We need to be real. God doesn't need our protection. God wants our honesty and authenticity.

This truth is expressed well by American theologian and popular writer, Philip Yancey, in 'Disappointment with God: Three Questions No One Asks About': -

"One bold message in the Book of Job is that you can say anything to God. Throw at him your grief, your anger, your doubt, your bitterness, your betrayal, your disappointment – he can absorb them all. As often as not, spiritual giants of the Bible are shown contending with God. They prefer to go away limping, like Jacob, rather than to shut God out."

The fact that this is true, so true, makes me rejoice. It is such good news for all of humanity.

God is strong and can take whatever we need to say. That we know this and practise this is my prayer.

Fondly,
Cynthia

Pastoral Care

Church Council are looking at how we ensure pastoral care occurs effectively at EUC. While it is the responsibility of Church Council to oversee this we invite members of the congregation to participate.

For example, we know that there are members of the congregation who are not Elders who visit other members and maybe there are more people who would like to be involved in this way or to show pastoral care through phone calls or email.

Many people are involved in our prayer chain and there is room for more to be involved.

We would also like to explore whether there are members wanting to offer to drive people to appointments or to make food for people who are going through hard times.

We have prepared a form below and invite you to fill it in and give it to Cynthia or Yvonne.

Many thanks,
Cynthia

Pastoral Care Offer of Help

Name Phone

1. I am interested in:-

- Visiting
- Making phone calls or emails
- Praying
- Making food
- Taking people to appointments

2. I would like to receive:-



A reminder to all Church Leaders, you are now required to attend Safe Church Training to be able to continue in your important Leader role here at EUC. Elders and Rev Cynthia will try and get an invitation around to all Leaders, however if you think you are a Leader but haven't received an invite yet, please see an elder. Church Council has organised the following date for the training....

Sunday the 3rd of June, 12-3 pm here at Eaglehawk Uniting Church. Some catering will be provided.

Please see an elder or Rev Cynthia if you have any queries. We thank and value all our Church Leaders who undertake a huge variety of roles to make our church special.

From Alastair Pata on behalf of EUC Council members.

From The Lectionary

John 3:1-17

3:1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Entering the Kingdom

Haiku of the Spirit

Nic the Pharisee
worthy leader of the Jews,
slipped away one night.

Locating Jesus
he pressed him with his questions.
Tell me what it means.

*Truly I tell you
if you would see God's kingdom,
you must be reborn*

How can these things be?
Can one return to the womb,
to be born once more?

*It's a Spirit thing.
The flesh is not important;
true life comes from God.*

*Unconstrained, the wind
unseen blows where it chooses;
so, too, the Spirit.*

*Earthly things confound!
When I speak things heavenly
how will you believe?*

For the sake of love
God's only Son lived with us
that we might know life.

He came among us
not to judge or to condemn
but to give us hope.

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