



[Uniting Church in Australia](#)
[Eaglehawk](#)

Sunday 21st February 2021

Lent 1

COVID UPDATE

All visitors and church members attending any church property are required to wear a mask until further notice.



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Services in Church and on Zoom

As the COVID 19 restrictions are eased the 10am service is being conducted back in the church building but with certain rules to follow, maximum numbers, social distancing, etc. The situation will change, please see specific notices below for rule updates. We will continue to offer our services by Zoom for people who choose to stay at home. The 6:30pm service is by Zoom only, there is no meeting at the church.

If you are reading this in an email you can click on the required meeting Zoom button below to join the meeting. Alternatively you could download the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID and password indicated. **The meeting will start 30 min early for chat.** If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone then you can join the meeting using the phone number **03 7018 2005**. You will be asked for the meeting ID and password, and your participation will be audio only.

Our mission is to follow the mandates of the Good News of Jesus Christ - 'Love one Another', applying it to 21st Century human and environmental challenges, in our community and beyond.

10am Sunday Worship Meeting ID: 930 3469 6004 Password: 056493
Today: (Feb 21) Rev Cynthia Page Feb 21: Mission Statement (See page 2)

6:30 pm Sunday Service (Zoom only) Meeting ID: 957 2668 4231 Password: 042802
Today: (Feb 21) Rev Cynthia Page Feb 28: Lectionary Study

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[Sun 10 AM Worship](#)

[Zoom](#)
[Sun 6.30 PM Worship](#)

A Welcome to any who may have joined our community for the first time, thanks for choosing to meet with us at Eaglehawk. Whilst it is not possible for us to meet physically at this time, you may be able to participate in the 'virtual gatherings' and we would love to catch up with you sometime in the near future when the current restrictions on public gatherings are withdrawn. For more information please contact our minister, 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.

COVID Update 21/2

We can and will worship at EUC and Zoom this week.

Masks

Please wear your mask when you arrive at EUC and keep wearing it while inside and outside if you are unable to maintain social distance.

Signing in at church is now done via QR code. No paper based sign in sheets are required. But everyone **MUST** sign in using the QR Code found at every entrance to the church. Look for a square filled with dots!

They are easy to use, please see an elder who will be assisting in the foyer at the Sunday service if you would like some help. Using the QR code allows us to increase overall numbers able to attend our services and programs and does not require the use of the booking system anymore.

Social distancing

Please sit at a designated spot and remain there unless you need to use the bathroom.

No moving around is permitted.

Please maintain social distancing, that is 1.5 metres between non-family members at all times.

A reminder that we are following these procedures in order to

keep each other safe and because legally we are required to. Your understanding and co-operation are greatly appreciated.

Communion

Communion will not be served until church council has determined safe procedures within the limitations imposed by the COVID pandemic. We apologize that communion was wrongly advertised for this Sunday in last week's newsletter.

Thank you,
Cynthia

Baptism

Today we welcome Emma and Robin Smith and their children, Mary and Victoria from Serpentine as we baptise Victoria. We look forward to sharing in baptising Victoria and in having morning tea with this family after church.

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

EUC Activities

something for everyone!

Note: most of these activities have been in recess due to COVID restrictions. Please check with group leaders to ensure they have recommenced.

Community Breakfast Every Friday
7:30am in the church hall.

Food & Care Emergency food assistance,
Tuesday 1:00 to 3:00pm

Tue Morning Bible Study Group
meets in the church hall at 10am.

Wed Morning Study Group meets at the
Preston's 36 Harvey Lane, Jackass Flat -
9:30 -11am.

Mission Action Group (MAGS)
4th Tues. - 12noon - 3pm

Friendship Group meet 3rd Wed. of
month at 12:30pm.

JAMM group meets 3rd Sunday of month
at 11:15 am.

Men's Coffee & Conversation Usually last
Friday of month at various venues.

Women's Get Together at 10am on the
last Tuesday each month at Let's Get
Saucy Victoria Street Eaglehawk.

A Place to Start 1st Fri of month 6:30 -
8:30pm in meeting room. All welcome.
Please bring food and/or drink to share.

Old copies of the church newsletter can be
found in the rack in the foyer just near the
library. Copies are available up to about 9
weeks ago. Last week's is top right, oldest is
bottom left.

*If you have items for the newsletter or would
like this newsletter emailed to you, contact
John Taylor, johnnteuc@gmail.com.
Online readers can use hyperlinks indicated by
underlined text or icons.*



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Dates to Remember

As Covid 19 restrictions ease and the new year's activities restart would organisers please advise me of details for the newsletter. John Taylor

Next Sunday, Feb 28, 10 am Service

Launch of our Vision and Mission statement.

Guest preacher: **Rev. Rose Broadstock**, Presbytery Minister

Worship Leader: Rev. Cynthia Page

Your presence is encouraged and appreciated. Thank you.

Women's Get Together

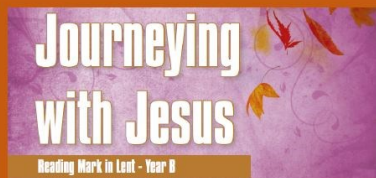
Owing to the fact that Let's Get Saucy café is now closed on Mondays, Women's Get Together will be held on the **last Tuesday** of the month at 10 am, eg Feb 23.

The Men's Coffee and Conversation group

is going to meet on Friday 26th Feb 10 am at David U'Ren's – a getting back together and a planning meeting.

The Wednesday Bible Study will commence on Wednesday 24th Feb 9:30 for 10 at the Preston's place. Contact Laurie for more information.

Eaglehawk Uniting Church 2021 Zoom Lenten Studies.



Sunday nights,
6:30 to 7:45p.m.,
February 21st, 28th,
March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

All welcome!

Written by Rev. Dr. Robert Bos.
Led by Rev. Cynthia Page.

Study book to be purchased and
downloaded from Mediamoon. Cost \$9-

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<https://zoom.us/j/95726684231?pwd=cDlTTjQNGNkQ1VLeHlwOVFrRlpyUT09>
Meeting ID: 957 2668 4231
Passcode: 042802

Diary dates from Cynthia

Lenten Retreat: a chance to be still and listen for God.

Please note, **this Saturday**, February 20th, 10:30am to 2:30 p
at Marong Uniting Church (please note we will meet outside.)
This retreat will be prepared and led by Cynthia. We will meet together briefly at
the beginning and end. In-between you will retreat on your own.
Cynthia will be available to reflect with, if you want.
BYO: journal, pen, Bible, comfortable shoes, an umbrella for sunshade, chair, read-
ing material, water bottle, thermos, lunch and snacks or money to buy locally.

Autumnal Retreat: a chance to be still

and give thanks for the beauty of creation.

Saturday May 8th, 11a.m. to 3 p.m.

OR

Monday May 10th, 11a.m. to 3 p.m.

Venue will be announced later.

RSVP by May 4th: desirable but not essential.

Food & Care

Community Emergency Food Assistance

During the COVID restrictions this valuable community service has been maintained with food parcels being delivered by our team. As of Tuesday Feb 16, recipients will be rostered to collect food parcels from the church. Contact Di Gough 0439 405 622 for more information.



To contribute

to the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter program through the EUC,

please place your donation in an envelope and place in the Offering plate. Alternatively, you can direct debit into the EUC Mission Account and the total will be forwarded to BWNS at the end of February.

Details for the Direct Deposit option:

Account Title: UCA Eaglehawk Mission Account

BSB: 633 000

Acct No: 2031029

Reference: BWNS



This Lent may we, like this year's belladonnas, flourish as we receive nourishment and sustenance from the source of our Life: creative God who knows us, adores us and looks out for our well-being. This is my prayer.

Fondly,
Cynthia

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Committee co-ordinates pastoral visits, provision of meals, the prayer chain and provision of transport. If you need any of these services and/or are willing to help with them, please let Cynthia know.

From the Message

By Eugene Petersen

Psalm 25:1-10

[1-2] My head is high, GOD, held high;
I'm looking to you, GOD;
No hangdog skulking for me.

[3] I've thrown in my lot with you;
You won't embarrass me, will you?
Or let my enemies get the best of me?
Don't embarrass any of us
Who went out on a limb for you.
It's the traitors who should be humiliated.

[4] Show me how you work, GOD;
School me in your ways.

[5] Take me by the hand;
Lead me down the path of truth.
You are my Saviour, aren't you?

[6] Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, GOD;
Rebuild the ancient landmarks!

[7] Forget that I sowed wild oats;
Mark me with your sign of love.
Plan only the best for me, GOD!

[8] GOD is fair and just;
He corrects the misdirected,
Sends them in the right direction.
[9] He gives the rejects his hand,
And leads them step-by-step.

[10] From now on every road you travel
Will take you to GOD.
Follow the Covenant signs;
Read the charted directions.



*The Church Council
The Eaglehawk Uniting Church
in Australia,*

Pierce Grenfell and his children Paul, Loretta, Rosalie and Dennis convey their gratitude to the Eaglehawk Uniting Church for the funeral services provided 9 February for

Pierce's wife Olga Grenfell.

Thanks go to the Reverend Cynthia Page who officiated at the services and provided comfort to the family members. Thanks also to the organist, the church elders, the ushers, and technicians who enabled the service to run so beautifully in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.

Pierce is comforted when the many condolence cards sent by church members and others are read to him.

Paul Grenfell

On behalf of Pierce and his family.

Song of the week

As the deer pants for the water.

<https://youtu.be/78lj3sl8L9M>

From Cynthia

The belladonnas are in flower and are flourishing more than usual.

I was tempted to pick some and put them in a vase but refrained from doing so because I knew from previous experience that the beautiful belladonnas die quickly if picked, if removed from the ground, from their source of nourishment. That makes sense, really doesn't it?

It got me thinking about our own need for nourishment and sustenance. Like the belladonnas, we fare better and certainly are more likely to flourish if we remain connected to the source that provides us with life. This is pertinent as we begin the Season of Lent, 40 days in which we are invited to turn away from focussing on ourselves and turn towards God, drawing on God's life and strength rather than ours.

Reading Scripture or a devotion every day during Lent can help us turn to God and draw on God's strength over our own. I recommend this practice.

Recycling Cans

Thanks for keeping the cans coming - any bag to hold them is OK - but NOT the Organic Waste bags please. The cans stick to these bags as they become soggy and start to disintegrate.



Eagle Op Shop

Why not come along and pick up a bargain, Eftpos facilities available.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, open times are limited to 10am to 1pm and only a limited number of customers are allowed in the shop at any one time.



Bible Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

| Lent 1: Feb 21 | Lent 2: Feb 28 | Lent 3: March 7 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Genesis 9:8-17 | Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 | Exodus 20:1-17 |
| Psalms 25:1-10 | Psalms 22:23-31 | Psalms 19 |
| 1 Peter 3:18-22 | Romans 4:13-25 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 |
| Mark 1:9-15 | Mark 8:31-38 (or 9:2-9) | John 2:13-22 |

From the Lectionary

1 Peter 3:18-22

3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

3:19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison

3:20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

3:21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

1:12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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Booking Officer The church property is currently not available for outside groups because of COVID restrictions. As restrictions ease and people are looking to use the property, please ensure that all bookings are arranged through our booking officer, Rosie Taylor, 0417 451 467.

ROSTERS

| | February | | March | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| | 21 | 28 | 7 | 14 |
| Steward | K Neimann | K Neimann | J Taylor | J Taylor |
| Duty Elder | Y Davey | Y Davey | R Costin | R Costin |
| Communion | Y Davey A Pata R Taylor | | | |
| Childrens reader | Henry | Ryan | Tilly | Ku |
| Bible Reader | D U'Ren | L Preston | J Richards | R Dean |
| Zoom | J Taylor | A Pata | | |
| Powerpoint | M Hall | L Preston | | |
| Sound | T Evans | T Evans | | |

Testing time

Haiku for the start of Lent

Immediately:
baptism to temptation.
Mark gives no details.

In the wilderness,
tempted; forty days, Satan,
wild beasts, and angels.

Satan the tester,
doing what God asks of him;
checking out Jesus.

How was he tested?
Mark has no answers, leaving
us to speculate.

Jesus commences;
he will not be diverted
from his Father's will.

Comes to Galilee
with God's message of good
news:
The day has arrived!

The kingdom is near,
the age of love is revealed;
believe it and live!

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