

Uniting Church in Australia
Eaglehawk



Sunday 10th March 2024
Lent 4



Our mission:
Striving to be like Jesus.



A Welcome to any who may have joined our community for the first time, thanks for choosing to meet with us at Eaglehawk. Currently our church does not have a minister as we are in the process of calling a new person to lead us. Meanwhile we have the services of supply ministers for both leading services and for pastoral care. For more information please contact us, contact details on page 2. The people of Eaglehawk Uniting Church acknowledge the original custodians of the land on which we live and worship, the Dja Dja Wurrung – the Elders and the People, both past and present.

ZOOM If you are reading this in an email you can click on the 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 15 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.

Cornerstone

is our children's Christian education program which is available to all 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 accompanied by a carer.



10 AM Worship (Zoom and at Church)

Meeting ID: 930 3469 6004
Password: 056493

Mar 10: Rev Ken Rookes

Mar 17: Rev Anne Honey

[Zoom](#)
[10 AM Worship](#)

PM Service

Meeting ID: 957 2668 4231 Password: 042802

Mar 10: Lectionary Study

Mar 17: Lectionary Study

[Zoom](#)
[6:30 PM Service](#)

Name tags are very helpful for visitors and newcomers to our church to get to know us. If you have a name tag please wear it each time you come, and if you don't have one and would like to identify with us, please see John Taylor or ask the steward.

Offering 2024

Our church is able to offer its programs and services because of the generous contributions from our community, volunteering, in kind and financially. Our church is dependent and most grateful for all these contributions, especially so as we commit and look forward to the calling of a new minister. Financial contributions can be made through a weekly offering. The offering is an act of worship and it can be made by different methods including:

*Direct Deposit to EUC Operating Account, Bendigo Bank BSB 633:000 Account Number 155682875. This can be setup through your Bank for regular deposits if desired. Please reference your name or just Offering.

*Through Offering Envelopes by placing your offering in the Envelope at Church each week. New Offering Envelopes to commence from Sunday 2nd of June but they will be available from the Church in May. Contact Brian Davey if you would like a packet.

*A direct donation can also be sent to the Treasurer Robert Trew, or Chair of Finance Committee Brian Davey and it will be banked immediately into the EUC Account.

Mission Donations

One of the core values in our church's Vision Statement is:

Advocating and Supporting: the marginalised, locally, regionally, nationally, globally.

To this end we have made the following recent donations to other organizations who share the same value and who have the capacity to be effective where we cannot.

Leprosy Mission	\$600
UCA Frontier Services	\$380
Act for Peace	\$750

These donations totaling \$1730 were largely sourced from individual donations resulting from the related Focus Service. We thank all the individuals who have contributed in some way to these worthy causes.

As an act of gratitude for the medical care, personal support and prayer which Rosie has received these past months for her lymphoma treatment, Rosie is giving something back by fund raising for the lymphoma foundation. You can click on the link <https://www.lymphoma.org.au/patient-story/rosemarys-story/> to read Rosie's story and also make a donation. She has already exceeded the modest amount she predicted she could raise but please give as you are able to support this worthy cause.

EUC Activities

Food & Care Emergency food assistance,
Tuesday 11:00 to 1:00pm
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Tue Morning Bible Study Group
meets in the church hall at 10am.
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Wed Morning Study Group meets at the
Preston's 36 Harvey Lane, Jackass Flat -
9:30 -11am.
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Mission Action Group (MAGS)
4th Tues. - 12noon - 3pm
----- ◇ -----

Friendship Group meet 3rd Wed. of
month at 12:30pm.
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Men's Coffee & Conversation Usually last
Friday of month at various venues.
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Pub Lunch
Meet for lunch fourth Sunday each
month. Location varies, see newsletter.
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Whilst there are now limited Covid regula-
tions that apply to our church, we ask
people to practice **safe hygiene** wherever
possible. Hand sanitizer is still available
and people are welcome to wear masks if
desired. Thankyou.

Prayer Chain

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



Newsletter

- **Items for the newsletter** should be
forwarded to John Taylor before 6pm
each Thursday.
- The **newsletter can be emailed** to
you if you prefer. Contact John Taylor.
Online readers can use **hyperlinks** indi-
cated by underlined text or icons.
- **Old copies of the EUC newsletter**
can be found in the rack in the church
foyer. Last week's is top right, oldest,
about 9 weeks ago, is bottom left.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING



March 2024 FOCUS

– Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving pro-
duce will again be utilised by
the Food 'n' Care program. In
addition to donation of produce
today, you might like to give a \$
donation or give some of your
'time' to this program:

- To volunteer
- To purchase items needed
- To pray for the program and volunteers
- To encourage those who do volunteer
- To make a visit, have a cuppa and a chat to the volunteers and guests
- To tell someone in need about the program

Donations can be forwarded to EUC by placing in an envelope and into the
Offering Plate at church (FnC on the envelope please), give to an Elder who can
pass this onto our treasurer, or you can direct debit into the EUC Mission Ac-
count and this will be transferred to the Food and Care account.

Details for the Direct Deposit option:

Account Title: UCA Eaglehawk Mission Account

BSB: 633 000

Acct No: 2031029

Reference: Food and Care

Food and Care

On behalf of our friends at F&C we wish to thank our EUC Congregation, for the
wonderful variety of items donated from the **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**.
These have been gratefully received and distributed to those in need.



We currently need:

- 1 litre Long Life Milk
- Small Weetbix
- Cans of soup

Blessings and Thanks, from F&C Team,

Richard Rohr Daily Meditation

You can receive these daily devotions by clicking on this [link to join the email list of the Centre for Action and Contemplation](#).

Marya Grathwohl, a Sister of St. Francis, describes soulful beauty in nature as
the Divine Presence:

After almost fifty years of being a Franciscan Sister, I learned that **beauty** for
Franciscan theologians and philosophers is the ultimate and most intimate
knowing of God, another name for God, **the** name for God. Saint Bonaventure
and Blessed John Duns Scotus teach that the beauty and diversity of creation
nourish us through suffering and loss. When we've run out of purpose, when
memories of war sicken us, when Earth is attacked with unparalleled savagery
for coal, gas, oil, timber, and profit, when poverty runs rampant and extreme
wealth for very few soars, when friends betray us, and everyone we love lives
far away ... then, still **beauty** endures, and helps us make it through.

Remembering, Rejoicing.



We are encouraging you to remember those who have built this church in years gone by. Each week we will endeavor to include a photo/article from our archives that you can share and talk about with your friends and family. This is the first of many to come. How many names can you recall? How many of these people are still with us? Enjoy.



Bendigo Relay for Life 2024

Saturday 20th April:
from 9:30am–10:30pm
at **LUBAC, (Latrobe University Bendigo Athletics Complex),**
58 Retreat Road, Flora Hill.

This year's Relay for Life will be a 13-hour event and incorporate all the elements that make this fundraising event for the Cancer Council Victoria, such an inspiring and moving event.

If you would like to join our **Bendigo Uniting Churches Team**, please register online beforehand @ www.relayforlife.org.au/event/bendigo-2024 OR 'on the day' at the event.

(NOTE: The Early-bird registration of \$35 (per adult) is available until 18th February). Please refer to our Church notice-board for further information. All enquiries to Anne on 0411 127 925.



The Challenge: 79,000 homemade biscuits, delivered to every prisoner in Victoria.

The Cause: To promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a practical expression of God's Love.

The Call: For churches, schools, men's groups, women's groups, youth groups and individuals to bake biscuits, deliver them to Prison Fellowship for packing and distribution through out all Victorian prisons.

Biscuits Must Be:

1. Homemade
2. Crisp, not moist or crumbly
3. Nut free (no peanut butter, almond meal, etc)
4. In sealed, disposable containers
5. Clearly labelled with ingredients and the number of biscuits in each container.

Deliver to Rosie Taylor on or before Monday March 18



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

On Saturday, March 16, we are partnering with the City of Greater Bendigo, as part of the city's Cultural Diversity Celebrations for a bus tour of Bendigo Sacred Sites. The tour will include the Bendigo Mosque, the Karen Buddhist Cultural Centre, the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion and the Sacred Heart Cathedral. A vegetarian lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. A flyer is attached for this event also. This is a free event, but bookings need to be made for catering purposes. These can be made at:

events.humanitix.com/a-tour-of-local-sacred-sites-bus-trip

For more information see notice on notice-board in foyer.

"Eagle" Op Shop

Lots of bargains available, new stock arriving weekly.

Opening times:

Mon to Fri: 10am - 4pm,
Sat: 10am—12noon

Mary P, Manager, "Eagle" Op Shop



JOIN IN PRAISE

Inspired by Psalm 107 – by David U'Ren and Leslie Brandt

Come on now – it's time to praise and thank the Lord!
He is good.
His steadfast love never fails!
Join in and praise the Lord,
we who have been blessed with his loving presence.
Join with people all around the globe
who have been touched with God's grace.

Some of us have known emptiness and loneliness.
We have drunk from many wells,
sipped honey from many flowers
and stumbled into many blind alleys
in our search for fulfilment.

But our hearts remained empty and unsatisfied.
until we faced up to God
and discovered his purpose and objective.
Now we want to proclaim to the world
the wonderful works of our loving God!

Some of us have suffered the draining depth
of sickness and pain.
We have blamed ourself
and slipped into despair
even drawn near the gates of death.

But we turned to God in our great distress
and he touched us with healing
delivering us from our confusion and guilt.
We thank the Lord for his amazing love
and celebrate his unmerited grace!

Some have set out in joyous abandon
to find happiness in the streets and markets of the city.
We became lost and disillusioned and afraid
of being de-humanised and destroyed.

We cried out for help and found God was there
among the milling masses.
He restored courage to our hearts
and meaning to our lives.
We want the city's multitudes to hear of
our discovery
and know that they too may rejoice
in God's everlasting presence and love.

Some of us have struggled to make sense
out of drought,
of depressed markets
of scary overdrafts
and the daily grind of hard work.
We were diminished and brought low
through oppression, trouble and worry.
But He raised us up and strengthened our spirit.

Great God,
wherever we are,
whatever our condition,
help us to proclaim your praises
so that the world may know
of your love and great goodness.

From the Lectionary

Ephesians 2:1-10

2:1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins

2:2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

2:3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us

2:5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--

2:6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

2:7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--

2:9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

John 3:14-21

3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

Bible Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

The Eaglehawk Uniting Church seeks to be informed and guided by the biblical witness. These readings are typically used for personal reflection, group bible study and preaching.

Lent 4: Mar 10

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Lent 5: Mar 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Palm Sunday: Mar 24

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

John 12:12-16



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believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

3:17 "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.

3:18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

3:19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

3:20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

3:21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Healing and life

Haiku for those who grumble

The people grumbled,
impatient with their progress,
circling Edom.

Why have you brought us
out of Egypt, to die here,
in the wilderness?

No food, no water;
we detest the stuff we eat,
this pitiful food!

God was not impressed,
sending poisonous serpents
to bite the people.

Many people died.
They learned their lesson, saying,
sorry, we have sinned.

Moses prayed to God.
God answered: The serpents stay,
but no one need die.

Mount a bronze serpent,
on a pole. Those bitten shall
look on it and live.

It happened like this:
Those who looked upon the snake
found healing and life.

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ROSTERS

for 10am
service

	Mar 24 Communion:				
	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	A Pata, R Taylor, Y Davey	Mar 31
Leader	Focus Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev Ken Rookes	Rev Anne Honey	Rev Jim Foley Palm Sunday	Rev Anne Honey
Duty Elder Steward	Y Davey K Niemann	Y Davey K Niemann	Y Davey K Niemann	Y Davey K Niemann	Y Davey K Niemann
Sing Leader	R Taylor	K Lloyd	M Cole	R Taylor	M Cole
Piano	G Hall	G Hall	L Thomas	G Hall	L Thomas
Organ	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey
Bible Readers	J Richards Tilly L	J Watson Jones Ari	Y Davey Flynn	T Woodhouse Tilly M	S Field Levi
Cameras	John	John	John	John	John
Zoom + PP	A Pata	M Hall	J Taylor	A Pata	L Preston
Sound	T Evans	T Evans	T Evans	T Evans	T Evans
Coffee	Eamon & Di	D Gough	T woodhouse	S Lawson	Eamon & Di