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[Eaglehawk](#)



Sunday 27th April 2024

Easter 5



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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

April 28: Rev Jim Foley Holy Communion

May 5 : Focus Service

[Zoom](#)

[10 AM Worship](#)

PM Service

Meeting ID: 957 2668 4231 Password: 042802

April 27 : Lectionary Study

May 5 : Lectionary Study

[Zoom](#)

[6:30 PM Service](#)

Pub Lunch, Sunday April 28 at the Camp Hotel, Eaglehawk. Please add your name to the list in the foyer.

Friendship group will be holding an afternoon tea as a fund raiser for cancer, on Wednesday May 15 More information to come later.

HYMNS Alive You are invited to join a non denominational group who enjoy getting together to sing much loved hymns, listen to speakers from many churches share their stories and have afternoon tea, fellowship and lots of laughter.

Fortnightly Meetings on **alternate Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 pm.** In recess over the school holidays.

At **Connect Church**,
Solomon Street, East Bendigo.

Next Meeting: May 2

Enquiries: Frank Kinsman, 5447 8161

Food and Care

On behalf of all our friends at F&C we wish to thank you for your kindnesses and donations.

We would be grateful for any of the following items:

- 1 litre Long Life Milk.
- Cans of soup
- Small packets of Weet-Bix.

Food and Care meets each Tuesday, 11 am to 1pm, you are most welcome to attend and enjoy fellowship and a chat.

Your gifts are a blessing to many.
F&C Team.



"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



Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the
hall after the 10am service



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
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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** indicated 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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Cows for Cambodia is essentially a "COW BANK". Families are loaned a pregnant cow, they must look after it and when it has the baby they get to keep the baby and the cow it taken back to the 'bank'. It's more about providing an opportunity to break the poverty cycle rather than a direct handout.

The success of this project has been overwhelming, so much so that the long-term goal is to have 1,000 cows in the project which will make Cows for Cambodia one of Asia's biggest Agriculture

charity projects. But they need help!!!!

As our contribution to the work of Cows for Cambodia, please consider a donation.

You can place it in an envelope and place in the Offering Plate at EUC, or forward via an Elder / Treasurer.

Alternatively, you can debit directly into the EUC Mission Account and the total will be forwarded to Cows for Cambodia at the end of April.

Details for the Direct Deposit option:

Account Title: UCA Eaglehawk Mission Account

BSB: 633 000

Acct No: 2031029

Reference: Cows

If you require a Tax Invoice / Receipt, please donate direct through the Cows for Cambodia website: <https://www.cowsforcambodia.com/>

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.



It is with joy and excitement we invite you to our **Commissioning Service** for the "Project launch of the 2024 Bendigo Winter Night Shelter".

This service gives us the opportunity to pray together and to thank God, celebrating previous years of blessing and dedicating the coming months of June, July, August and our work together outpouring the love of God to the homeless within our city.

The Project is the faith in action response – which empowered by prayer releases by faith God's gifts, bestowing His blessing of love, comfort, and mercy.

We cannot wait to see you, come, and pray at **9:30am on Saturday 4 May** at the Koolamurt Park Scout Camp, 44 Mandurang Rd, Spring Gully VIC 3550

Together we are the Church.

Urgent! The Bendigo Winter Night Shelter urgently requires additional volunteers to assist with this worthwhile community service. See notice in foyer for more information or see Mary Preston.

The Word For Today from *Vision Christian Ministries*. You can download the app 'Vision Christian Media' from the App store or Google Play.

'Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good ...'
Genesis 1:31 NKJV

The first reaction recorded in Scripture is God's reaction to His own creation. He stepped back at the end of each day, looked at what He had made, and said, 'It's good.' Then, on the sixth day, when creation was complete, He said, 'It's very good.' This is why we feel so spiritual when we watch an ocean sunset or the towering summit of a mountain. Scottish historian Thomas Carlyle said, 'Worship is transcendent wonder. Wonder for which there is no limit or measure; that is worship.' It's standing in amazement of the Creator and His creation. It's translating the beauty of creation into worship of the Creator. It's thanking God for splendid sunrises, dazzling stars and unique snowflakes. It's giving credit where credit is due—to the Creator. The psalmist captured it in the words: *'The heavens declare the glory of God ...'* (Psalm 19:1 KJV). Such wonder is also an act of worship. One pastor writes: 'The sunrise is so consistent that we take it for granted, but few things are as miraculous as the celestial dance that takes place on a daily basis. The earth spins on its axis at a speed of 1,000 mph. And while it rotates 360 degrees on its axis every twenty-four hours, it is also hurtling through space at the unimaginable speed of 67,000 mph. You may not have any big plans for today, but you will travel 1.6 million miles in your annual lap around the sun. Quite an accomplishment!' So, take time to wonder and worship God.

Remembering, Rejoicing

The framework for the foyer goes up.



I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in my fundraiser for lymphoma. With your help I raised \$1708. Our family would also like to thank our Eaglehawk Church family for your support with prayers, meals and good wishes during my recent cancer challenge. I am happy to report that my cancer is now in remission. I will be receiving immunotherapy for the next couple of years to rebuild my immune system and will have regular checks but for now I am cancer free. With love, Rosie.



A CRY OF DESPAIR!

Based on Psalm 22 - by David U'Ren
 My God, my God,
 why have you forsaken me?
 Why do you feel so far from me?
 O God, I cry all day
 and you don't answer!
 By night I keep crying and find no rest.
 I reach desperately for you
 but there is only emptiness!

I know you are holy and righteous.
 Saints of past years
 believed in you and trusted you.
 You responded to their cries.
 They sought you and found you.

But I feel as empty and insignificant
 as a bag full of wind.
 People mock me,
 talk behind my back
 and seem disgusted with me.
 "Let God deliver him", they mock,
 "since he believes in Him".

I feel as though I am poured out like water.
 My bones, out of joint with a heart of wax
 melting in my breast.
 I am desperate.

And yet,
 I believe you were with me
 from the very beginning
 of my life.
 I know you have cared for me
 through all the years.

But God, I need you now
 in this moment.
 I am falling apart!
 Nothing seems to make sense anymore.
 I feel inferior and weak.
 Even those whom I tried to serve
 are gloating over me.
 They divide up my possessions
 among themselves
 and toss for my clothing!
 My failures and weaknesses haunt me.

How can I get past these feelings
 and face the facts?
 Facts that are clear -
 That you are real and present.
 You know both my feelings
 and my failings.
 You love me and accept me.
 You will save me -
 even from myself.
 And I know that you will
 not ignore the afflictions
 that plague any of your
 many children.

The fact is
 your children are precious to you -
 even when we fail!
 But you will never fail us.
 You hear our cries and pain
 waiting to support us.

Lord, my God, I am exhausted.
 I give in.
 I hold myself open to you
 And your loving acceptance.
 I join those of every nation
 the least and the greatest
 as we celebrate and serve you.
 I will proclaim your deliverance
 declaring, "Just look what God has done!"

You are my God.
 regardless of my feelings of despair.
 I will praise your name
 and proclaim your love forever

The men's group enjoyed a guided tour of the historic East Loddon Woolshed on Friday. The large building is over 150 years old and was designed by W J Vahland with shearing stands for up to 32 blade shearers.





By the Well is a weekly lectionary-based podcast for preachers or anyone who is interested in looking deeper into the biblical texts. Expert biblical scholars and theologians from Pilgrim college present the 30 minute discussion. Each week they take a deep dive into some of the texts from the Revised Common Lectionary, exploring their ancient setting and what they might mean for us today. They bring the best biblical scholarship into conversation with lived experience, pastoral need, and theology. You can access the podcast through the [Facebook link](#), or through the [website](#). On these sites you will find a link to the current podcast.

From the Lectionary

1 John 4:7-21

4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

4:9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

4:11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

4:12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.


4:13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

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

Easter 5: April 28	Easter 6: May 5	Easter 7: May 12
Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalms 22:25-31	Psalms 98	Psalms 1
1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13
John 15:1-8	John 5:9-17	John 10: 17-19



IF JESUS' WORDS ARE IN YOU, THEN WHEN YOU SPEAK YOUR DESIRES, THEY WILL BE THE WORDS OF JESUS.

I CAN ASK FOR ANYTHING I WANT?!

YES.

THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH ISN'T THERE.

JOHN 15:1-8

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4:15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

4:16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

4:19 We love because he first loved us.

4:20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

4:21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The wilderness road

Haiku of inclusion and welcome

An angel told him:
take the wilderness road, south,
heading to Gaza.

Philip did as told,
not knowing who he would find.
He found a eunuch.

An important man,
the eunuch was heading home,
from Jerusalem.

In his chariot
reading Isaiah, puzzled
at what it might mean.

Do you understand?
Philip asked. I need someone
to guide me, he said.

Like a lamb, silent
before its shearer; this speaks
to us of Jesus.

They came to a pool.
What prevents my baptism?
the eunuch asked him.

He was baptised. The
Ethiopian entered
into God's kingdom.

Outsider by race,
cut off in more ways than one;
he is made welcome.

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ROSTERS for 10am service	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28 Communion:
Leader	Focus M Cole	Elders	Rev Ken Rookes	Rev Jim Foley
Duty Elder Steward	G Hall	G Hall	G Hall	G Hall
Sing Leader		R Taylor K Lloyd	R Taylor	M Cole
Piano	G Hall	L Thomas	G Hall	L Thomas
Organ	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey	B Davey
Bible Readers	H Cox Hugo	G Trewartha Ku	G Hall Henry	Bec Pata T Lawson
Cameras	John		John	John
Zoom + PP	Mal Hall	Mal Hall	Al Pata	L Preston
Sound	T Evans	J Taylor	T Evans	T Evans
Coffee	Sherri	Di Gough	Eamon

Did You Know? Ken Rookes, a member of our congregation, has a website, <https://poemsinseason.wordpress.com/>, where he regularly publishes his poems and other artworks.