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[Eaglehawk](#)



Sunday 21st April 2024
Easter 4

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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 21 : Rev Ken Rookes

April 28: Rev Jim Foley Holy Communion

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

PM Service Meeting ID: 957 2668 4231 Password: 042802

April 21 : Lectionary Study

April 28 : 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.

Men's Outing. A tour of the historic woolshed at Serpentine is planned for 26th of April. We will lunch afterwards on the Loddon River. Meet at the church carpark at 8:45 am. The tour of the woolshed will incur a cost of \$10.

Working Bee: Saturday April 20th. 9am, to clean Church and Foyer, to remove stuff and clean windows, etc. All able bodied volunteers welcome.

Name tags If you require a new nametag please see John Taylor or ask the steward. Please advise by Friday 26th April.

"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



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.



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

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/>

Remembering, Rejoicing

Another photo to celebrate achievements and occasions from our past. The stumps are down ready for the new floor of our foyer!



Pastoral Care

EUC holds pastoral care (prayer, emotional and practical support) as an integral part of our Mission. Pastoral care is the calling for every church member to be caring and compassionate to the needs of others – striving to be like Jesus.

Another part of pastoral care is Clinical Pastoral Care - provided by someone who has undertaken training to enhance their pastoral identity, skills and responsiveness. In the UCA this is usually the Minister / Pastor.

The EUC Church Council has tasked a group of church members to oversee and coordinate some of the pastoral care support to the congregation and wider members. The Pastoral Care Group meets monthly to consider any identified need, and to provide or coordinate assistance where this will be beneficial. This might include coordinating meal preparation and delivery, following up on prayer requests, negotiating transport arrangements etc. The Pastoral Care Group may also receive requests from the EUC Elders, and will also forward requests for follow-up to the Elder for a particular member if required.

The Pastoral Care Group is quite small, but would appreciate an extra member or two. If you would like to know more, or to join the group, please talk to an Elder.

Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

A Message from 'Vision Christian Media'

On Monday, 15 April at around 7 pm, Assyrian Christians witnessed the vicious stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel as he was delivering his sermon, which was being live-streamed from the Good Shepherd Church in Wakely, a suburb of Sydney.

A 16-year-old male approached the pulpit and lunged at the bishop stabbing

him multiple times in the face, head and body. By the grace of God, the switchblade did not immediately open. Within seconds he was surrounded by people from the congregation who put themselves in danger to restrain the youth.

We saw love in action when members of the congregation rushed to the bishop's aid resulting in two clergymen being injured. We saw love in action when the bishop prayed for the young man after he was violently attacked.

Prior to being stabbed, Bishop Mar Mari informed his congregation about a video circulating on Tik Tok stating he would be dead in two weeks. The bishop said he was happy about the news because he would much rather be with the Lord Jesus than live in this world. His love of the Lord was more important to him than living in fear of someone taking his life.

A true representation of love is reflected in actions, not words. Love in action is a sacrifice of something that is valuable to you. Or how we respond to strangers whose needs and troubles are greater than ours.

In His service,
Phil Edwards
Chief Executive Officer



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.

A 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.

Eaglehawk Uniting Church Council Report.

Church Council Meeting April 10th 2024.

The following is a Summary of the above Meeting

There has been no progress in the Calling of a Minister of the Word to Eaglehawk UC.

The Baptism of Nixon Pata will take place on the 26th May 2024. A Commissioning Service for newly elected Elders will included in the Service on the 21st April 2024.

Reviewed the Services for Good Friday and Easter Day Services which were excellent. Appreciation was expressed to Rev Anne Honey for her preparation and delivery of the Services.

The Preaching Plan for May to August 2024 was endorsed subject to

negotiations with Presbytery.

A Sub Committee was set up to plan for the 170th Anniversary for Cornerstone (Sunday Schools) in Eaglehawk on 10th November 2024. If anyone would like to join this Group please advise an Elder.

A Working Bee will be held on Saturday April 20th to tidy up and clean up the Church and Foyer. Please come.

The Faithful Futures Document from Synod was discussed and will be the topic at the Elders Informal Lunch after Church on Sunday April 14th.

Mission Possibilities: 1 it was agreed to support the Rochester Uniting Church and Community to make a donation of \$500.00 per Quarter up to a maximum of \$2000. 2 The Grace Home in Zambia which cares for teenage young women in need of care. This will be the subject of the May FOCUS Service.

The Holiday Activity to Parkys was a great success with 24 children attending as well as 12 adults.

Maintenance: Ongoing maintenance and the upgrading of the property is being continued including painting, plumbing etc. The Bench Seats near the footpath at the front of the Church is to be repaired. Any balance of COGS Money is to be used for painting around the Church buildings. The External Notice Board and other Notice Boards are being updated. Rev Cynthia Page's name is to be added to the Roll of past Ministers of the Word in the Foyer. The Notice Board on Peg Leg Road is to be revised and redeveloped.. The draft letter was approved to be sent to Congregational members advising who their Elder is. Reports were received from Food & Care, Op Shop, Pastoral Care and Winter Night Shelter. Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

LOOKING BACK ON LIFE

A paraphrase of Psalm 23 by James Taylor from "Everyday Psalms", Woodlake Books

God has walked with me, I could ask nothing more.

God has given me green meadows to laugh in, clear streams to think beside, untrodden paths to explore.

When I thought the world rested on my shoulders,

God put things into perspective.

When I lashed out at an unfair world, God calmed me down.

When I drifted into harmful ways, God straightened me out.

'God was with me all the way.

I do not know what lies before me, but I am not afraid.

I know you will be with me.

Even in death I will not despair.

You will comfort and support me.

Though my eye dims and my mind dulls, you will continue to care about me.

Your touch will sooth the tension in my temples; my fears will fade away.

I am content.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with me.

All through life I have found goodness in people. When life ends I expect to be gathered into the ultimate goodness of God.

