

TODAY, SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Today is the last Sunday Rev Radhika Sukumar-White will be present as a Minister in Placement in West Epping. Radhika concludes her placement with us on 1st November. We will formally acknowledge Radhika's contribution and farewell her on Sunday 4th November during her Closure of Ministry Service at 2pm in this church. Please plan to be there.

Today, in both 8am and 10am worship, Radhika and John will share in the leadership of worship and they will speak about some of their insights and experiences in ministry.

Radhika, we will miss you. More words will be said next week. However, on this last "official" Sunday of your placement with us – a big "thank you"! We will pray for you, Adrian and Anna as you move on to the next challenge in Leichhardt.



CLOSURE OF MINISTRY

for
Rev Radhika Sukumar-White

will take place

Next Sunday at 2pm

Please bring a plate of food for
afternoon tea.

All welcome

JOINT WORSHIP WITH THE CSI CONGREGATION ON SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER @ 9am

The Church of South India has been worshipping here in West Epping for a number of years. They are a significant community of people who have settled in Sydney and who have strong links with the state of Kerala in South India. Earlier this year a full-time minister from Bangalore was assigned to lead this congregation – Rev Sujit David.

On Sunday 18th November both the 8am and 10am West Epping congregations with the CSI congregation will worship together at 9am. This will be an opportunity for us to share and to learn from one another as we bear witness to our unity in Christ. Morning tea will follow.

Please plan to be there as this will be a key opportunity to get to know one another and to build relationships as we look to the future.

MULTI CULTURAL CELEBRATION



Saturday 3 November 5 to 7.30pm

Only 1 week to go. Come and Enjoy:

- * a variety of foods from around the world
- * variety of entertainment from children—mainly music, play group
- * individual items—piano, singing
- * stories of funny happenings in settling in Australia
- * dancing with Michael Jackson and Blues Bros
- * Indian traditional dancing (CSI ladies) And more!

Celebrate our togetherness as well as our diversity
We encourage anyone who can to wear National dress.

Sunday Morning Worship 8am & 10am

Community News

PRAYER GROUP ~ If you would like prayer for yourself or for others please contact Lois Rees, Helen Campbell, Annabelle Avern or Rev John Barr who convene a weekly Prayer Group each Thursday in the Cottage 12.15-1.00pm. **During this time we pray for all members of the West Epping Community and for the needs of others.**

New members of the Prayer Group are always welcome.



MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP ~ Wednesday 7 Nov
Join us at 10am for morning tea followed by a talk 'Sightseeing in Singapore & Hong Kong' with Jan Watson. All welcome.

Enquiries: Jan Dunstan 9876 3344

COTTAGE CAFÉ ~ Thursday 8 November

Join us in the cottage at 2pm for an informal gathering for everyone over a cuppa. Come and join us for a good chat, some excellent fellowship and nice food. Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.



INTER-CHURCH MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ Monday 12 November. Dinner at 6.30pm followed by the speaker at 7.45pm. Speaker will be Dr Paul Byleveid – **"Humanitarian emergencies and refugees, an international perspective"**. Dr Byleveld has been deployed overseas with Australian Government emergency response teams to help after the tsunami in Banda Aceh and the Yogyakarta earthquake in Indonesia.

Dinner bookings to: David Newton 0419 200 791
John Planner 0419 747 100 or Ivan Drury
i.van@iinet.net.au

INTER-CHURCH MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ The **Christmas Celebration** Dinner will be held on **3 December**. All invited to enjoy great entertainment by Kevinwood Bells. \$30 pp. Bookings: David Newton 0419 200 791, John Planner 0419 747 100 or Ivan Drury
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CONTINUOUS FOOD DRIVE ~ is part of the Ladies Fellowship outreach into the community. Start collecting an extra packet or tin of non-perishable foods etc such as:

'cereal, long life milk, coffee, tea, pasta, rice, canned vegies or fruit, pasta sauce, meal bases, one cup meals, lunchbox items, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner', when shopping and bring them in on the first Sunday of each month. The food collected is given to Christian Community Aid at Eastwood.



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH MUSICAL SOCIETY

Ladies Fellowship still have tickets available for Friday 9 November at 8pm to see the musical 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Tickets \$27 each. Book with Joan Ross or Lyn MacGregor.

THE ROMERO PRAYER

Composed by Bishop Ken Untener in memory of Archbishop Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.

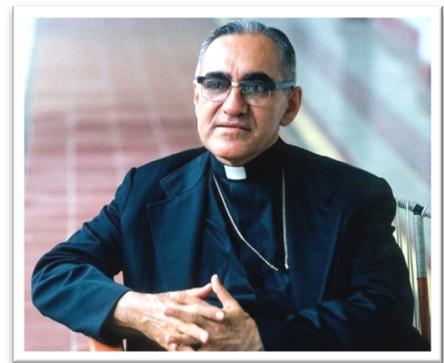
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.



Friday's Small Group

Rev John Barr will continue our series on Biblical characters with a focus on:



RUTH: True faithfulness

Friday 2nd November

JOSEPH: Commitment and obedience

Friday 16th November

MARY: Favoured one of God

Friday 7th December

1pm to 3pm in the COTTAGE – ALL WELCOME

TOGETHER SERVICE AND AGM

A **Congregational AGM** will be held at West Epping Uniting Church on **Sunday 25 November 2018** at 10.45am, after a Together Service at 9.00am.

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for a 'pot-luck' lunch following the meeting.

Please forward any Other Business items to the Chairperson, Phil Chapple, by email or phone, by Sunday 18 November 2018.

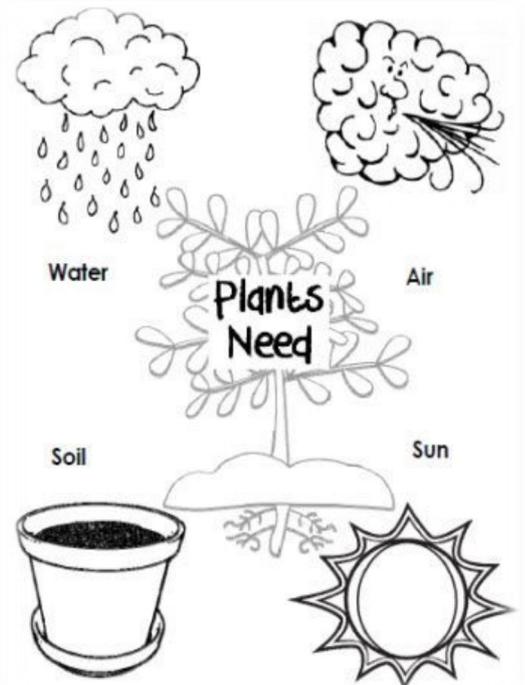
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU

The following items have been taken to Samaritan's Purse for their journey to children overseas.

55 boxes, 113 girls skirts, 35 drawstring bags and 180 soft toys.

Thanks to all who participated.

Jill Rolinson





Diary Dates

- ◆ **Saturday 3 November** ~ Multi-cultural Celebration
 - ◆ **Sunday 4 November** ~ Closure of Ministry for Rev Radhika Sukumar-White, 2pm
 - ◆ **Sunday 18 November** ~ Combined Service with WEUC and CSI, 9am
 - ◆ **Tuesday 20 November** ~ Mid-week Communion, 10am
 - ◆ **Sunday 25 November** ~ West Epping Together Service, 9am followed by AGM
 - ◆ **Tuesday 27 November** ~ Advent Ecumenical Service, 7.45pm at St Alban's
 - ◆ **Saturday 8 December** ~ CSI Carol Service
- 2019**
- ◆ **Saturday 13 April** ~ Mystery Coach Tour
 - ◆ **Saturday 4 May** ~ West Epping Women's Retreat



For Pastoral Care needs please contact:

Rev John Barr 0457 879 099

PRAYERS

If you would like to know of some specific names of people with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please **contact**



Annabelle Avern (member of the Pastoral Care Team) on 9484 4146, preferably on weekday evenings. Alternately, you are welcome to come along to the Prayer Group that meets on Thursdays at 12:15pm.

West Epping Uniting Church uses information and news provided by its members, adherents and officers for the purposes of conducting its pastoral ministry. In the course of that ministry, material published in this bulletin may reach an audience wider than the membership of the congregation.

West Epping Uniting Church is a member of an Ecumenical Covenant with the Anglican Parish of Epping, the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford, Epping Baptist Church and Epping Uniting Church.



What's on this week!

Monday 29 Oct	10.00am 10.00am	English Conversation Classes KYB
Tuesday 30 Oct	9.30am	Men's Shed at Arrunga
Wednesday 31 Oct	9.30am 9.45am	Men's Shed at Arrunga mainly music
Thursday 1 Nov	9.30am 10.00am 12.15pm	Men's Shed at Arrunga Thursday Craft Prayer Group in cottage
Friday 2 Nov	1.00pm	Friday Small Group
Saturday 3 Nov	5.00pm	Multicultural Celebration
Sunday 4 November	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm 5.30pm	Worship HC Worship HC: JAM for children Closure of Ministry for Rev Radhika CSI Worship

Serving next Sunday 4 November

	8.00am	10.00am
Welcomers	Annabelle Avern Betty Taylor	Norma Perry Doreen Davies
Stewards	John Planner John Norman	Morris Ross Peter Sugunanathan
Ministers Assistant	Margaret Leivesley	Peter Brown
Communion Assistants	Mavis & John Hall	Lois Rees, Pete McAndrew, Margaret Gibbons
Reader	Carolyn Button	Phil Chapple
Prayer Ministry	John Planner	Elva Harris
Prayers for Others	Jan Venn-Brown	Jan Venn-Brown
Sound/Computer	Eric Lye	Nick Ostle
Flowers	Jean Chapple	



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