

WEST EPPING UNITING CHURCH



Our Vision:

We strive to be a diverse community transformed by God's love, living fully in the power of the Spirit, with Jesus's teachings at our core.

Connection. Community. Commitment. Christ



Newsletter

Sunday
28th September
2025

Readings

1 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

To Timothy my true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Luke 10:1-12

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we gather, the Wallumedegal people of the Eora nation and give thanks for their care of the land over many generations.

Hymn Singing

Our monthly traditional hymn singing is to be held on **Sunday 28th September @ 9.05am** prior to the 9.30am Service.



Did you know that singing reduces cortisol levels, releases endorphins, regulates blood pressure & reduces stress! Apart from being great for your body it's a great way to connect with others and build community.

Come along and join your voice to ours!

Worship this Sunday Is a hybrid Service

Everyone is welcome to attend or join us on zoom.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Telephone 02-8015-6011

Meeting ID 864-749-2332 passcode 2121

Or you can watch on our youtube channel

[WEUC - Youtube](#)



Ladies Fellowship

At our next meeting on **Friday 10th October @9.45am**

We welcome JENNIFER HUBBARD as our speaker.

Jennifer is a favourite of ours, she is articulate, amusing and an all round excellent speaker. Her topic this meeting is *'Why Christmas Cake at Christmas?'*

We will start as usual at 9.45am with morning tea

All ladies are welcome. Please join us.

Lyn MacGregor - 0400 701 876

Mid-Week Devotion



Join us on **Wednesdays at 10am** on zoom led by Pastor Lyn Graham.

Join Zoom Meeting at 10am

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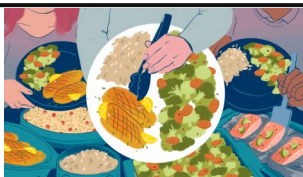
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Family & Intergen Service Is on break for the school holidays And returns on the 19th Oct



Pot Luck Lunch

On **Sunday October 5th** following the morning service a pot luck lunch will be held (commencing approx 11.30 am.)



At this time we will help Jean Chapple celebrate her 90th birthday!

If you have access to a garden please bring one flower which will be put towards a bouquet for Jean.

Please bring a plate of food to share, savoury or sweet.

Enquiries, to Alison Anderson. 0418 623 446

Zoom Prayer Group

You are invited to join our weekly prayer time on zoom on **Thursdays at 4pm**.

Everyone is welcome to join in. For more information contact Lois Rees.

Join Zoom Thursday Prayer Group at 4pm

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98939453219?pwd=dG9paSs1eGg4MGZDbGozNWdqOHlQQT09>

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mainly music & playgroup on school holiday break

Mainly music are on break for the school holidays and will return on Tuesday 14th Oct & Wednesday 15th Oct for term 4.

Geoff's Reflection



The video reflection this week is called:
LOVE: Breaks Down Barriers that Divide

It can be found at: [LOVE - Breaks down Barriers that Divide](#)



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 0428 368 870



Book Review: Surprise the World by Michael Frost

Chapter Four – “Eat: The Second Habit”

In *Chapter Four of Surprise the World*, Michael Frost introduces eating together as the second missional habit. He argues that meals are not just social events but deeply spiritual practices that reflect the heart of the gospel. “Sharing meals together on a regular basis is one of the most sacred practices we can engage in as believers. Missional hospitality is a tremendous opportunity to extend the kingdom of God.”

— Frost (2015, p. 47)

Frost draws on the life of Jesus, who consistently shared meals with people from all walks of life—tax collectors, sinners, friends, and even enemies. These meals were central to Jesus’ mission of reconciliation and inclusion. Frost writes: “The table ought to be a primary symbol of the Christian gathering. It represents hospitality, inclusivity, generosity, and grace.” — Frost (2015, p. 46)



A Table of Unity

Frost also connects this habit to Paul’s teaching on the Eucharist in 1 Corinthians 11, where Paul confronts divisions at the Lord’s Supper. Frost emphasizes that meals must reflect unity, equity, and care for others: “The habitual practice of the love-feast was to be an incubator in which Christians learned to accept the outsiders, offer generosity to the poor, and have fellowship with that so-called lower rank.” — Frost (2015, p. 50)

Frost reminds us that this doesn’t require elaborate dinners—it can be breakfast, coffee, or a simple snack. The point is to sit down with others and create space for conversation and connection: “Just sit across a table from three people this week, and ... talk.” — Frost (2015, p. 47)



Mission in Everyday Life

Frost challenges believers to eat with three people each week, with at least one person outside their church. This makes mission relational, tangible, and integrated into everyday life. Shared meals become both:

Evangelism – Welcoming outsiders into God’s family
Discipleship – Deepening relationships in the Body of Christ

“Around a table, we are all equals.” — Frost (2015, p. 54)

Meals slow us down, challenge individualism, and open space for storytelling, listening, and vulnerability.



A Note of Caution

One limitation is that Frost doesn’t explore potential challenges—like building trust with strangers or finding time in busy schedules. But his call is clear and compelling: “If every Christian family in the world simply offered hospitality around a meal once a week to neighbours, we would literally change the world by eating.” — Frost (2015, p. 48)



Summary

Chapter Four shows that eating is a profoundly missional habit. Rooted in the example of Jesus and the teaching of Paul, Frost invites us to see ordinary meals as extraordinary spaces of grace, welcome, and transformation. “If every Christian family regularly invited a stranger or a poor person into their home for a meal once a week, we would literally change the world by eating.” — Frost (2015, p. 48)

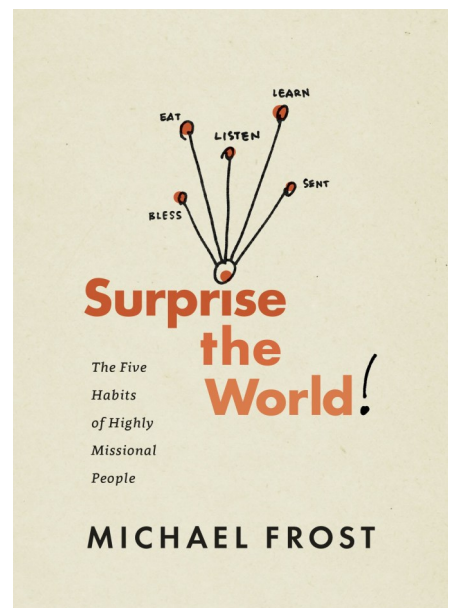


Your Challenge This Month:

Bless three people – at least one who is not a member of the congregation
Eat with three people – at least one who is not a member of the congregation

Let your table become a place of mission, ministry, and meaningful connection.

*From The Cottage,
25th Sept 2025*



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#renewyourchecknsw

What's on this week

Sunday 28th Sept	Worship Service 9.30am
Tuesday 30th Sept	Mahjong & More! 9.30am
Wednesday 1st Oct	Zoom Mid Week Devotion
Thursday 2nd Oct	Zoom prayer group 4pm
Sunday 5th Oct	Holy Communion Worship Service 9.30am Pot Luch Lunch 11.30am

Rosters

5th Oct	9 30am HC Worship Service
Liturgist	Rev. 'Oto V. Faiv
Preaching	Rev. 'Oto V. Faiv
Ministers Assistant	John Hall
Welcomer	Margaret Wilson, Margaret Leivesley
Stewards	John Norman, Ralph Cadman
Communion Stewards	John Norman, Sue Elliot
Reader	Desy Chapple
Prayers for the people	Jeane Finnegan
AV desk	Morris & Helen T
Flowers	Helen Campbell
Lectionary Readings	Lam 1:1-6 Ps 137 or Lam 3:19-26 2 Tim 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

Leading This Sunday's 9.30am Service:
Rev Dr John Jegosothy

Moon Festival Volunteers

The Moon Festival is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to being part of the festival activities at CUC on **Saturday 11th October**.

*** If you are planning on attending if you could RSVP to Tennyson on 0411 896274 - tennysonc@nswact.uca.org.au**

Alison is co-ordinating our involvement from WEUC. *Thank you very much* for your offers to help with monetary donations (WE account), slices or fruit.

More helpers will be appreciated!

To indicate what you are able to do, please complete the spread sheets on the foyer table or at morning tea this Sunday.

WE providing slices and fruit for dessert (at Festival). Please bring slices or fruit to Ladies Fellowship or to Alison from 12 midday - 1 p.m. Ready to serve slices or fruit platters can be brought on the day to CUC if more convenient.

Call Alison if you need this to be collected or for enquiries. Meet at WE from 0800 Saturday 11th to assemble fruit platters. We will take these to CUC at 0900 by shared car.

Thank you!



Hosted by Epping Uniting Church

LEGO COMPETITION

Spring School Holiday Fun! – Join us for an afternoon full of creativity, fun, and imagination!

9 October 2025
Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Epping Uniting Church

Entry Fee: \$3 Per Participant
Family Discount Available

Prizes for each age group winner

Afternoon Tea provided
Tea, Juice, Snack & Fruit

Age Categories:

- 1–4 years (Megablocks)
- 5–10 years
- 11–17 years

Register Now!



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