

Serving us today and next Sunday....

	18 September, 2022	25 September, 2022
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Mel Macarthur	Mark Hillis
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Louise Mattay	Merril Hillis
<i>Readers</i>	Kerry Jordan Barrie Tippins	Olwen Prowse Delma Marland
<i>Vestry Elder</i>	Kate Prowse	Stephen White
<i>Welcome Elder</i>	Mark Hillis	Mel Macarthur
<i>Door Stewards</i>	Delma & Perce Marland	Carolyn and William Emilsen
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Ross Neville	Stephen white
<i>Announcements</i>	John Cox	John Cox
<i>Flowers</i>	Jenifer Tippins	Anne McCann
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Peggy Goldsmith Lorraine White	Susie Christie Lorraine White
<i>COVID Cleaner</i>		

<i>This Week, 18 September Pentecost 15</i>	<i>Next Week, 25 September, Pentecost 16</i>
Jer 8:18-9:1 Ps 79:1-9	1 Tim 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
	Jer 32:1-3a,6-15 Ps 91:1-6,14-16
	1 Tim 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Activities of Leura Uniting Church

Sunday

Morning ZoomWorship 9.30am
Taize Services 3rd Sun 5pm
 Contact Carolyn 0413 993 368

Monday

Playtime 10am – 12 noon
 during school term. Contact
 Denise 4782 6556
Book Club- 3rd Monday 3pm
 Contact Delma 0407 140 837

Open Table

Tuesday & Sunday Lunch,
 Thursday breakfast,
 Junction 142, Katoomba.
 Contact Margaret 0247 031 761

Mt Solitary Pilgrimages:

Contact: revmel@bigpond.com

Dates for Retreats 2022

Sat 10 September
 Sat 5 November
 Contact Carolyn 0413 993 368

Twilight Services

2nd and 4th Sunday at 5pm

Editor Louise Mattay 4782 2931 lmattay@bigpond.com
Bulletin Deadline Wednesday 8pm



*Corner of Grose and Megalong Streets, Leura
 has a Zoom service every Sunday as well as
 a face-to-face service in the church at 9.30am*

Pentecost 15 18 September,'22 Luke 16:1-13

'Where is your faith?' (Luke 8: 25)

'Where is your faith?' seems to be an odd question for Jesus to ask a group of desperate disciples afraid of drowning! How may we understand the incredulity of Jesus? People are suffering from floods, fire, pestilence and war all over the world. So why does Jesus ask that question?

Jesus is incredulous because his followers do not see their part in his faith. The entire Gospel of Luke is the good news that God has invested faith in humanity, and Jesus is the foremost example of this faith. The amazing thing is that instead of seeing God at work in humanity, through Jesus, we try to make him into someone whose work cannot be done by anyone else! That's a crazy idea. His very coming is about helping us do what he does. The Gospel according to Luke is all about the world according to God.

Humanity is invested with wonderful powers to create, to give life, to heal, love, comfort and share. Whenever human beings destroy and take life – that of each other and other creatures – they betray the trust of God. Whenever humans greedily squander the earth's resources and hoard wealth, they display their rejection of the Spirit. Whenever human actions are motivated by hate or callous disregard, they reject the faith that is their true birthright. We know that this world would always be a better place if people behaved like Jesus. And Jesus finds it hard to believe that we don't.

Mark Hillis

And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? Luke 16:12



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What's happening in 2022

September

Sat 17 Leura Singers Concert 2pm

Other events cancelled until further notice due to the Covid pandemic

Zoom Services only on Sunday 18 September

As a number of people in the Congregation have contracted COVID this week it has been decided to be cautious and **not hold Face to Face Services on Sunday 18 September.**

The Services will be conducted over Zoom and the links are below. Rev Ian Pearson will be conducting the morning worship in place of Ross Neville.

The Zoom links are:

9.30 am Sunday Morning Service

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://uca-](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92687697749?pwd=L0FBbjVWYmlTbEtPSi9uaUpnazM3QT09)

[nswact.zoom.us/j/92687697749?pwd=L0FBbjVWYmlTbEtPSi9uaUpnazM3QT09](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92687697749?pwd=L0FBbjVWYmlTbEtPSi9uaUpnazM3QT09)

Meeting ID: 926 8769 7749

Passcode: Leura

Due to the current cases of COVID within the Congregation, the Church Council decided on Monday night that it would be unwise to return to face-to-face worship next Sunday. **The Service on Sunday 18 September will again be wholly conducted over Zoom.**

Sadly, this will mean a change from what was planned in our Season of Creation Service for the third Sunday, but Mel Macarthur will still be leading Worship. The special service he was planning will take place at a later date.
Stephen White, Congregation Secretary

For our thoughts and prayers

All who are sick, in distress, grieving, lonely.

IMPORTANT – Leura Uniting Church's Annual General Meeting has been postponed to November.

Due to a number of key members being away in September, school holidays and other activities in October, the AGM will be deferred to November.

The AGM will be combined with the election of Elders/Church Council in November.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience with date changes.

Leura Singers

Leura Singers are presenting a concert on Saturday 17th September at 2pm here at Leura UC. The program includes the Faure Requiem and some other well known choral works. Rehearsing for this concert has been difficult for choir members during a Winter accompanied by Covid and 'flu. So we have not advertised it for the general public. It is a concert for family and friends by donation. We would love some of you as our friends to come along and help create an audience, then share afternoon tea with us afterwards.
Peggy Goldsmith

Leura Uniting Church – General Account BSB 634 634

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LeuraUnitingChurch>

Other nearby Uniting Churches

Blackheath – Sunday Worship 10.30am Contact: Michiel Groenewegen
4760 8064

Hazelbrook – Sunday Worship 9.30am Contact: Marjorie
Leggatt 4759 1228