

Serving us today and next Sunday....

	25 September, '22	October 2 October
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Mark Hillis	Myung Hwa Park
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Merril Hillis	Louise Mattay
<i>Readers</i>	Olwen Prowse Delma Marland	Paul Cameron George Osborne
<i>Vestry Elder</i>	Stephen White	Denise Cameron HC Merril Hillis
<i>Welcome Elder</i>	Mel Macarthur	Carolyn Craig-Emilsen
<i>Door Stewards</i>	Carolyn & William Emilsen	Stephen & Lorraine White
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Stephen White	Belle Tukin
<i>Announcements</i>	John Cox	John Cox
<i>Flowers</i>	Anne McCann	Annie Cox
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Susie Christie Lorraine White	Annie Cox Susie Christie
<i>COVID Cleaner</i>		

<i>This Week, 25 September Pentecost 16</i>	<i>Next Week, 2 October Pentecost 17</i>
Jer 32:1-3a,6-15 Ps 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Tim 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
	Lam 1:16 2 Tim 1:1-14 Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137 Luke 17: 5-10

Activities of Leura Uniting Church	
<p>Sunday Morning ZoomWorship 9.30am Taize Services 3rd Sun 5pm Contact Carolyn 0413 993 368</p> <p>Monday Playtime 10am – 12 noon during school term. Contact Denise 4782 6556</p> <p>Book Club- 3rd Monday 3pm Contact Delma 0407 140 837</p> <p>Open Table Tuesday & Sunday Lunch, Thursday breakfast, Junction 142, Katoomba. Contact Margaret 0247 031 761</p>	<p>Mt Solitary Pilgrimages: Contact: revmel@bigpond.com</p> <p>Dates for Retreats 2022 Sat 10 September Sat 5 November Contact Carolyn 0413 993 368</p> <p>Twilight Services 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5pm</p>

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 16 25 September,'22 Luke 16:19-31

The Bible and the World in Collision
(Luke 16: 19-31 and 1 Timothy 6: 6-19)

When the rich man in the parable found himself in Hades ‘being tormented’ he saw Lazarus next to Abraham. He seems to have recognised the two of them. Notice two things. The rich man asks Abraham for a favour. And what is it? To get Lazarus to come and serve him! I have two questions for you: Do you know anyone who would behave like that rich man? And what does the request of the rich man tell you about how he lived and died?

‘We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it’ (1 Timothy 6:7). What a simple philosophy! Yet there are many today who would happily ignore that line from the Bible. Today’s two readings illustrate a collision with the dominant cultural narrative of our times: that we measure quality of life by the supposedly successful exploitation of the world’s resources. That cultural narrative has, unfortunately, led to many millions of people suffering like Lazarus at the gates of the rich.

The rich need to find their joy in letting go and letting others live. The scientist and ecologist Tim Flannery speaks like a prophet and writes like a theologian on this topic when he says, ‘I am certain of one thing—if we do not strive to love one another, and to love our planet as much as we love ourselves, then no further human progress is possible here on earth.’

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



Minister
Myung-Hwa Park
0400191880
Congregation Chairperson
John Cox 0408993 007
Congregation Secretary
Stephen White
Congregation Treasurer
Kerry Jordan 47843051

What's happening in 2022
September
Sun 25 Twilight Service 5pm
Thu 29 2pm Police Remembrance
Blackheath UC
October

The Wisdom of Age: Reflections on Growing Old in the Blue Mountains.

This is the title of a new book edited by William Emilsen and Eugene Stockton. It features chapters by Leura residents John Connor, Peggy Goldsmith, Robert Gwyther, Richard Morphey, Elizabeth Mary O'Connor, Sally Segal and Iris Swan.

The book includes reminiscences of their life journeys. \$25.00.

Enquiries or book orders, email: contact@bmert.com.au

For our thoughts and prayers

All those in pain, distress, grieving, lonely.

***Zoom Services as well as face to face
on Sunday 25 September***

The Services will also be conducted over Zoom and the links are below.

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=L0FBbjVWYmlTbEtPSi9ua](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92687697749?pwd=L0FBbjVWYmlTbEtPSi9uaUpnazM3QT09)

UpnazM3QT09

Meeting ID: 926 8769 7749

Passcode: Leura

National Police Remembrance Day

2pm Thursday 29th September Blackheath Uniting Church

A day to remember Australasian police officers and others who have died on duty.

**Leura Uniting Church – General Account
BSB 634 634**

A/c No. 100031809 Reference – Offering

The **Twilight Service** with Bev Plaizier will feature activity inspired by the artist Vincent van Gogh.

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