

	3 September Pentecost 14	10 September Pentecost 15
Preacher	Myung Hwa Park HC	Mel Macarthur
Organist	Richard Morphey	Margaret Neville
Bible Readers	Ross Neville Dennis Christie	Annie Cox Kerry Jordan
Vestry Elder	Kerry Jordan (V&HC) Carolyn Craig-Emilsen	Peggy Goldsmith
Welcomer	Louise Mattay	Annie Cox
Steward	Ross Neville	Kerry Jordan
Prayers of the People	Peggy Goldsmith	Laurel Barr
Flowers	Denise Cameron	Peggy Goldsmith
Morning Tea	Susie Christie Peggy Goldsmith	Carolyn Craig-Emilsen

Rosters

Bible Readings

3 September Pentecost 14 **10 September Pentecost 15**

Exodus 3:1-15 Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 105:1-6,23-26,45b Psalm 149

Romans 12:9-21 Romans 13:8-14

Sunday Matthew 16:21-28 Matthew 18:15-20

Morning Worship (& Zoom) 9.30 am

Taize Services 3rd Sun 5pm

Contact Carolyn 0413 993 368

Twilight services 4th Sunday at 5pm

Monday

Playtime 10am-12 noon during school term Contact John Cox 0408 993007

Contact Denise 0427784877

Book Club 3rd Monday 2.30 pm Contact Delma 0407 140837

Retreats - Saturday 11th November

Contact Carolyn 0413 993368

Mt Solitary Pilgrimages Contact: revmel@bigpond.com

Open Table

Tuesday lunch

Thursday breakfast

Junction 142 Katoomba

Contact John Cox 0408 993007

Activities

Editors Peter & Robyn tel 0497 674213 Email: currawong2785@gmail.com

Bulletin deadline Wednesday 8pm

Leura Uniting Church



"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
Matthew 16:24

Corner of Grose & Megalong Streets, Leura
Located in Dharug and Gundungurra country. We have a zoom service every Sunday as well as a face-to-face service in the Church at 9.30 am. Our Church embraces diversity. All welcome.

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us today, especially any visitors and to those joining on Zoom. It's good to be worshipping together here. We hope you will join us for Morning Tea and a chat after the service! If you are on Zoom, if you are able to, please stay on the line for a chat after the service.

Pentecost 14 3 September 2023 Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses: "I was just there looking after my father in law's sheep when FIRE!! A SELF COMBUSTING BUSHFIRE. "

I was called by my name. I hear that sacred voice speak to me saying I have seen the oppression of my people and I want you to go to lead them to a new land. But who shall I say sent me? What is my authority? YHWH: I am who I am. It sounds like YAHWEH. In Hebrew, it also sounds like I am with you.

The word is in the present tense or I am who I am, or I will be who I will be. Or I am being who I am. There is an ever present meaning of this expression, so that I am with you will always be true and always real. For me personally this is perhaps the greatest assurances I have about YAHWEH God or I AM WHO I AM.

I also think it is paradoxical in that I AM WHO I AM, OR I AM BEING WHO I AM, is a constant. This means I am with you (always) but also means I am everchanging, different, because the world, our knowledge, our challenges are ever new.

The journey of the Israelites into their new land, gave them a new understanding of their God. We face important personal, community, church, and national decisions. The same I AM, I AM BEING WHO I AM is with us into a new faith as we consider new relationships, communities, and a world faced with the economic, political and climate uncertainties.

I AM WHO I AM IS WITH US. As everyday people in our everyday life we have something important to say.

John Cox



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The Uniting Church welcomed the announcement on Wednesday of the **date for the Voice referendum on 14 October**. Rev Sharon Hollis encouraged all Uniting Church members to get involved and to engage in respectful and positive conversations in the lead up to the referendum. For details please visit <https://uniting.church/voice/>

September

Wed 6 - Rev Hansford's Closure of Ministry 9.30 am

Fri 8 - Sun 10 - National Weekend of Prayer

Sat 9 - Leura Singers Concert 2.30pm

Mon 11 - Church Council 7pm

Tues 12-14 - Pilgrims with the Planet

Thurs 14 - Rev Hiliu's induction as Moderator 7pm St Stephen's Sydney

Upcoming events...

Fri 15-Sun17 - Synod at Katoomba

Sun 17 - Taize Service 5pm

Wed 20 - Junction 142 Board 7pm

Sun 24 - Congregational Meeting after 9.30am Service

Sun 24 - Twilight Service 5pm

For our thoughts and prayers. We pray for all fathers, grandfathers and father figures that they may be blessed with love and wisdom today and every single day. We pray for deceased fathers and father figures. We pray for those who are sick, in pain, grieving, lonely.

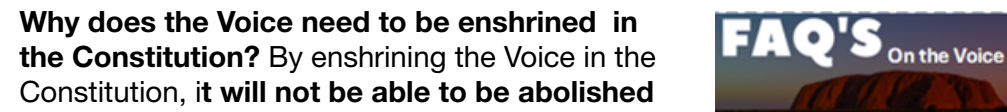


On **Sunday 24 September** there will be a **Congregational Meeting** after the 9.30am Service to decide on becoming a Safe Church, including being Open and Affirming.

On **Sunday 15 October** we will be holding the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation.

On **Sunday 5 November** there will be a Service of Closure of the Katoomba Faith Community.

BM East Timor Sisters will be holding a **Garage Sale** on **Saturday 23 September** 9am to 2pm at Blackheath RSL Hall, Station Street, next to the railway crossing. Collecting donations from Friday 22 September from 3pm and welcoming volunteers. They will be taking good quality books, clothes, kitchen items, garden & camping stuff, plants.



Why does the Voice need to be enshrined in the Constitution? By enshrining the Voice in the Constitution, it will not be able to be abolished by the Parliament/the government of the day. It will also not be afraid to give frank and fearless advice. Its composition, powers and procedures will, however, be able to be amended by Parliament to ensure its effectiveness. For more details and FAQ's, please visit <https://uniting.church/faqs-about-the-voice/>

Communities of faith all over the country will be joining in a **Weekend of Prayer, Reflection and Meditation from 8-10 September** to reflect on and pray for unity and hope **in the lead-up to the Voice referendum**. Rev Sharon Hollis said "This is an opportunity for us to open our hearts again to what is at the core of the Uluru Statement - a gracious and generous invitation from the First Peoples of this country to walk together to a better future". For details please visit <https://uniting.church>



Leura Singers
Blue Mountains Community Choir

On **Saturday 9 September at 2.30 pm** the Leura Singers will be holding a concert at Leura Uniting Church, with **Songs of Peace & Hope**, including works by Forrest, Lauriston and Jenkins, This is a fundraiser for the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group. We hope you'll be able to come and share in Songs of Peace & Hope. Tickets \$20 at the door. Join us for complimentary afternoon tea after the concert. For details please contact Pauline on 0432 889 369

Synod 2023 will be held from **September 15-17** at Katoomba Christian Convention Centre. The Synod meeting includes representatives of all twelve Presbyteries in NSW/ACT and the theme is **Transforming Spirit**. It will discuss how to move forward with the Future Directions which the Synod committed to in 2021. For further details please visit <https://nswact.uca.org.au>

