

	Pentecost 23—Oct 27	All Saints/Pent 24—Nov 3
Preacher	Rev Dr William Emilsen	Rev Myung Hwa Park HC
Organist	Sylvia Ireland	Merril Hillis
Bible Readers	Richard Morphew Dennis Christie	Lyn Phillips Ian Pearson
Vestry Elder	Stephen White	Kerry Jordan V&HC Carolyn Craig-Emilsen Assist
Welcomer	Carolyn Craig-Emilsen	Bob Hendy
Steward	William Emilsen	Stephen White
Prayers of the People	Annie Cox	John Cox
Flowers	Margaret Neville	Lorraine White
Morning Tea	Margaret & Ross Neville	Lorraine White, Karen Bassant Gill Schierhout
IT/Audio-visual	Trevor Prowse	Paul Cameron

Rosters

Leura Uniting Church



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.

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us today, especially any visitors and those joining us 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 online for a chat after the service.

Welcome!

Pentecost 23 - October 27, 2024: The "right" church leadership

Over time as a Christian I have been involved with many non types of churches: Very few have traditional church leadership, and are multi-denominational organisations but these groups are growing in number and size around the world. Why???

Some of these groups include:

ISCF Interschool Christian Fellowship; Scripture Union; Evangelical Union, Intervarsity University Fellowships and Conferences, National and International; Christian Farmers Association; Uniting Church Rural Church Assoc.; Trans Tasman Rural Church; Rural Ministry Unit; Emmaus; Kairos; Paulian association.

Then Community Ministry activity of churches across Australia: Opportunity shops; Community gardens; men's sheds; Food banks, Food barns; Fresh Expressions of church; Earth Ministries;

Christian farmer camps; International Rural Churches Assoc; Christian European Rural Network; Arthur Rank Centre UK.

I have been thinking about these groups as we look at Mark 10 and then on Sunday on Songs of Praise ABC TV . There was a focus on a church that wasn't a traditional church. It didn't have the traditional church building or traditional church leaders, yet it was the largest Christian church in the district.

How could God let that happen without the RIGHT leadership? Who would keep them theologically correct?

It was the same question as asked by James and John of Jesus: Don't we need to be in charge?

I have seen all over the world sections of the Christian church start up and grow without traditional leadership. I don't think we can stop it!! I don't believe Jesus wants us to stop.

Ross Neville

Bible readings

Pentecost 23—Oct 27	All Saints —Nov 1	Pentecost 24—Nov 3
Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Isaiah 25:6-9	Ruth 1:1-18
Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22)	Psalms 24	Psalms 146
Hebrews 7:23-28	Revelation 21:1-6a	Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 10:46-52	John 11:32-44	Mark 12:38-44

Sunday

Morning Worship (& Zoom) 9.30am

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 0427 784877

Book Club- 3rd Monday 2pm Contact Delma 0407 140 837

Retreats—Saturday 2nd November. Contact Carolyn 0413 993 368

Leura Forest Holy Communion Contact: revmel@bigpond.com

Friday

Christian Meditation/Prayer 11.30am

Contact John Connor 47841819

Open Table

Tuesday brunch

Thursday breakfast

Junction 142 Katoomba

Activities

Online giving

For those who wish to contribute **to the Church** via Bank Transfer, the details are: Leura Uniting Church – General Account BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100031809 Reference – Offering

If you wish to donate **to Junction 142** via Bank Transfer, the details are: UCA—Junction 142 Account, BSB 634 634; A/c no. 100044848; Reference—J142 Donation

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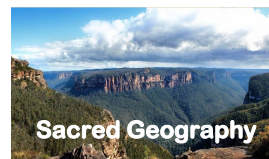
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The Blue Mountain Education and Research Trust invites you to attend the inaugural "Stockton Conversation"; "**Sacred Geography: Place, Pilgrimage and Encounter**" with **Dr Sarah Bachelard on Sunday 27 October 2-4pm** at the Mavis Wood Hall, Mid Mountains Community Hall, Lawson. For information please visit www.bmert.com.au .

The next meeting of the **Leura Eco Group** will be on **Tuesday 29 October at 3pm** in the Church hall. Our special guest will be **Councillor Romola Hollywood, Deputy Mayor of the Blue Mountains City Council**, who will be discussing what our community does on sustainability. All welcome. *Ross Neville*



Upcoming events...

October

Sun 27—Sacred Geography 2-4pm

Sun 27—Twilight service 5pm

Tues 29—Eco Group 3pm

November

Fri 1—Christian meditation 11.30am

Fri 1—Blak Douglas Film The Edge 7pm

Sat 2—Retreat reflection 10-12.30pm

Sun 3—All Saints Day service 9.30am

Sat 9—J142 10th Anniversary 12-3pm

Mon 11—Church Council 7pm

Wed 20—J142 Board 7pm

Sun 24—AGM after 9.30am service

For our thoughts and prayers: We pray for peace in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon. We pray for those who are sick, in pain, grieving, lonely.



Today Sunday 27th TWILIGHT gathering at 5.00pm - FOCUS ON BIBLE. Understanding the Bible will once again be the focus of *Twilight* when we host the return visit of **Dr. Ali Robinson**, Lecturer in New Testament at the United

Theological College and with Charles Sturt University School of Theology. If you have any questions about the Bible, which you would like our guest to see in advance, please contact Mark Hillis on 0408 412 414 or mkhillis@gmail.com

"Oh when the Saints go marching in" we would like you to be there "in that number" on **All Saints Day Sunday November 3 at 9.30am**. Come and enjoy an extended morning tea, and hear what our Saints are doing! Enquiries to Myung Hwa Park and Merril Hillis 0423 067 442.



Retreat

2 November Retreat Reflection morning 10am – 12.30pm—Informal gathering to offer reflections and memories on twelve years of retreats at Leura Uniting Church with a special morning tea and conversation with friends. All welcome. Please register by Monday 28th October carolyn.craigemilsen@gmail.com or 0413 993 368

Now We Are



Come and join us to celebrate the **10th Anniversary of Junction 142! On Saturday November 9 from 12 noon to 3pm with formalities at 2pm**. We couldn't provide our Open Table food service and Shower & Laundry services without the generosity of our supporters, we thank you all! We'll have our op shop, guided tours, music and food. At 142 Katoomba St Katoomba.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday 24 November**.

Election of Church Council/Elders. We have 12 positions and currently ten members. The term for four Church Councillors finish this year. Paul Cameron and Merril Hillis are not standing for re-election. John Cox and Lorraine White are available for nomination. Therefore we will have four vacancies on the Church Council.

It would be great to get some new people to come forward and serve on the Church Council. Think about it and pray about it. Also look around and think who may be able to come onto the Church Council.

Nomination Forms must be received before the Service commences on Sunday 10 November 2024. Nomination Forms are on the table with copies of the Bulletin and Service.

Annual Reports. Could leaders of groups please prepare a report and email/hand it to Stephen by Sunday 3 November. This will allow time for the reports to be collated, printed and handed out before the AGM.



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