

	Christ the King—Nov 24	Advent 1—Dec 1
Preacher	Rev Dr Mark Hillis	Rev Myung Hwa Park HC
Organist	Lyn Phillips	Sylvia Ireland
Bible Readers	Lorraine White Denise Cameron	Robyn Parsons Stephen White
Vestry Elder	Kate Prowse	Peggy Goldsmith V&HC Lorraine White Assist
Welcomer	Carolyn Craig-Emilsen	Kathy Garland
Steward	William Emilsen	Stephen White
Prayers of the People	Tim Gordon	Stephen White
Flowers	Denise Cameron	Annie Cox
Morning Tea	Annie Cox	Carolyn & William Emilsen
IT/Audio-visual	Robyn & Peter	Paul Cameron

Rosters

Bible readings

Christ the King—Nov 24

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Advent 1—Dec 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Contact John Cox 0408 993007

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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Leura Uniting Church



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Azerbaijan
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

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 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.

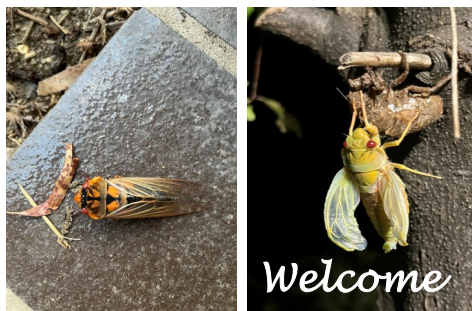
Christ the King/Reign of Christ: Nov 24, 2024: Creation itself is a teacher

As COP29 opened recently in Baku, Azerbaijan, the World Council of Churches (WCC) held an online ecumenical service where Uniting Church President Rev. Charissa Suli delivered a sermon urging decisive action for climate justice. Drawing from scripture and the wisdom of Indigenous communities, Rev Suli called on global leaders to move beyond incremental changes toward profound transformation in their approach to climate stewardship.

“We live in a world on fire,” Rev Suli quoted author Brian McLaren. “As the flames of unjust societies, humanitarian disasters, and ecological crises flicker around us, it is easy to feel helpless and overwhelmed. How can we respond to this destructive era with wisdom, love, and peace?” She emphasized that this path of transformation, inspired by the biblical call to stewardship, requires collective action grounded in faith and respect for creation.

Rev Suli reflected on Job 12:7-10, which teaches that “the animals...the birds...the plants of the earth...and the fish of the sea” all reveal God’s sustaining power and wisdom. “The Indigenous peoples of Australia, Aotearoa, and the Pacific have long lived by wisdom that echoes Job’s words—that creation itself is a teacher and that it is our sacred duty to listen,” Rev Suli added, underscoring how Indigenous traditions call humanity into a relationship of kinship and care with the earth.

Rev Suli challenged her audience: “Let us make this COP29 not just another gathering of global leaders but a catalyst for genuine transformation.” She urged participants to advocate for the most affected communities actively, commit to lifestyles of creation care, and support policies reflecting the urgency of the climate crisis. “God empowers and journeys with us in this transformation,” she concluded, “equipping us with strength, courage, and hope to make a meaningful difference in our world.” Watch the recording at <https://oikoumene.org/news/creation-itself-is-a-teacher-faith-leaders-at-cop29-prayer-service>



Cicadas, Blue Mountains (photos: Myung Hwa)

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Upcoming events...

November

Sun 24—AGM after 9.30am service

Sun 24—Sounds of Sunday S'wood

Sun 24—Twilight service 5pm

Mon 25—White Ribbon Day

Fri 29—Christian meditation 11.30am

Sat Nov 30—BMETS Garage Sale B'th

December

Wed 4—Youth Shoebox Packing Day

Mon 9—Church Council 7pm

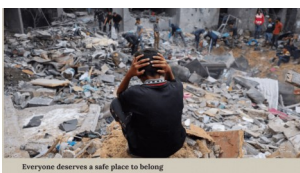
Thurs 12—Leura Singers 7pm

Wed 18—J142 Board 7pm

For our thoughts and prayers: On White Ribbon Day we pray for all victims of gender-based violence and their families. We pray those who are sick, in pain, grieving, lonely.



Middle East Appeal Launched Amid Intensifying



Conflict - "The time to act is now," says Act for Peace CEO, Elijah Buol OAM. "We cannot stand by and watch while hundreds of thousands of people are displaced in Lebanon and almost two million remain displaced in Gaza. Families are without a home, without a safe place to belong and they desperately need medical assistance, food, and shelter. I implore

Australians to act generously and provide life-saving support." Link for more information and to give: [Middle East Appeal launched amid intensifying conflict - Act for Peace](https://actforpeace.org.au/articles/middle-east-appeal-launched-amid-intensifying-conflict/) or <https://actforpeace.org.au/articles/middle-east-appeal-launched-amid-intensifying-conflict/>

Louise Mattay's family has very kindly gifted Louise's lovely collection of religious books and music to our church. The books will be on tables at the back of the church for the next couple of Sundays. Please feel free to browse and take any you would like for yourself.



A reminder that we will be holding our **Congregational Annual Meeting today, Sunday after morning tea.** We will be electing Church Council/Elders. The following have been nominated: John Cox, Lorraine White, Mark Hillis, Tim Gordon and Malcolm Ireland. We will also be electing office bearers and other positions. Following the AGM we will be holding a Congregational Meeting to consider the Mission of our church. Come and be part of these important meetings.



Leura Singers

Blue Mountains Community Choir

Leura Singers will conclude the year on **Thursday 12 December at 7pm** with a free Friends & Family Concert featuring extracts from Handel's Messiah and Christmas music. Members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Today Sunday 24 November from 2.30pm-4.30pm, Sounds of Sunday presents 3 Mountains Choirs, the Moo Choir (Warrimoo), the Blackheathens and the Crowd Around Choir (Hazelbrook) plus local pianists/composers Annie Burbank and Peta Williams. A portion of the proceeds will support local charity Shared Reading. Springwood Uniting Church, 4 Lewin St Springwood. Tickets (\$25 adults, \$20 concession available at <https://bit.ly/Sounds24Nov> or at the door.



Twilight Service Today Sunday November 24 from 5pm to 7.30pm. All welcome and a delicious supper will be provided.

Youth Shoebox Packing Day. Wednesday 4th December - 9am-4pm at Springwood Uniting Church, 4 Lewin St. Springwood.

Each year BMRSG packs shoeboxes to give to children of refugees and asylum seekers for Christmas. Are you free to help us pack, wrap and check boxes on this date? Many hands mean light work! Even a few hours of help is great. Bring your best Elf, friends, some lunch and scissors. We will supply the rest. Donations for our boxes are always welcome too, especially for boys and teenagers. See our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/youthshooboxproject for more details and drop off points, or e-mail Jackie Mayers at jackie@bmrsg.org.au for more info.



Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters will be holding a **Garage Sale on Saturday 30 November** 9am to 2pm at Blackheath RSL Hall, 2 Bundarra Street, next to the railway crossing. Plants, clothes, books, household goods, tools, toys, etc. Donations welcome, please deliver to the RSL on Friday 29 November 3-6pm and Saturday 8am.



Proceeds go to scholarships for young women in Timor Leste. For details please visit <https://www.facebook.com/BlueMountainsEastTimorSisters> or call Gill on 0416170850