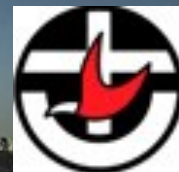


LEURA UNITING CHURCH



Located on Dharug and Gundungurra country
Corner of Grose & Megalong Streets, Leura

We are an open and inclusive
community where diversity is
embraced and all are welcome

Sunday 9.30am Worship service
(also available on Zoom)

4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Transformation - the work of a community (Acts 9:1-19)

Is it possible for people to change their ways? Can angry zealots become loving advocates? Writing this before Australia's national parliamentary election, I wonder if we may ever see the *transformation* of our politicians from campaigners to wise guides and leaders.

There is much that has been written and said about the conversion of Saul the persecutor of Christians into Paul, the Apostle of Christ. That dramatic *transformation* occurred when an appearance of the risen Jesus in a bright light blinded him as he fell to the ground. Far less is written about Ananias of Damascus – the local disciple who looked after the stricken Paul, healed him and nurtured him into the Christian community, calling him 'brother'. Less still do people notice the local disciples of Jesus who surrounded this former enemy with love and support.

The *transformation* of Saul would not have occurred without a community that was sufficiently generous, open and brave to respond to God's call. We pray for our own church community: *Spirit of God, encourage us to welcome all who come among us as sisters and brothers, introducing them to your healing, freeing, life-giving work.*

Rev Dr Mark Hillis

Welcome to everyone joining us today, especially any visitors. We hope you will join us for morning tea after the service.

Sunday worship services:

9.30am ([Zoom link](#))

Taizé 5pm—3rd Sunday

contact Carolyn 0413 993 368

Twilight 5pm—4th Sunday

Playtime 10am-12pm **Mondays** during
school term contact Denise 0427 784 877

Book Club 2pm—3rd Monday

contact Delma 0407 140 837

Meditation/Prayer 11.30am **Fridays**

contact John 4784 1819

Minister

Rev Myung Hwa Park 0400 191 880

Congregation Chairperson

Kate Prowse 0439 581 664

Congregation Secretary

Stephen White 0474 224 533

Congregation Treasurer

Kerry Jordan 4784 3051

Together We Thrive Community Luncheon

Sunday 4 May 2025, 12pm

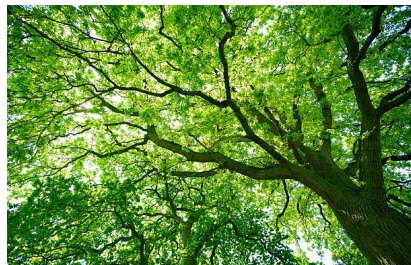
Junction 142, 142 Katoomba St, Katoomba



Plant Inspired and the Natural Health Society of Australia warmly invite you to join us for a vibrant plant-based luncheon to kick off May as Awareness and Action Month, themed 'Together We Thrive'. Learn more about the project: plantinspired.com.au/together-we-thrive

Luncheon tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/community-lunch-together-we-thrive>



Mel Macarthur will be conducting a **Communion service in the Leura Forest** on **Saturday, 17 May**.

We will commence from the Elysian Restaurant, Merriwa Street, Katoomba at **8am**.

We enter the Forest by the Fern Bower Track and exit by the Giant Staircase and Prince Henry Cliff Walk, returning to the Elysian Restaurant around 11.30/12pm. Bring a snack and 1L of water.

Any questions contact [Mel](mailto:revmel@bigpond.com) (revmel@bigpond.com)

Twilight Service—Sun 25 May at 5pm

“Making Peace In The World Today”

Our guests will include **Dr Keith Suter**, an acknowledged expert on international relations, and a member of the Uniting Church.

We shall also hear from a few members of the **Blue Mountains Peace Collective** sharing why they are motivated to be peacemakers.

In addition, we shall welcome pre-prepared questions for Dr Suter. Please email your questions to Mark Hillis at mkhillis@gmail.com in time for forwarding to Dr Suter (preferably before 18 May).

Fundraising Stall a great success!

The Saturday 26/04/25 Stall held at Junction 142 **raised \$1,111.50** towards the wider mission work of our church.

Thank you to **Margaret Neville**, her team of helpers, and all who supported the endeavour.

Bible readings for 4-May-2025

Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Bible readings for 11-May-2025

Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Roster	4 May	11 May
Preacher	Rev Myung Hwa Park	Rev John Barr
Organist	Margaret Neville	Lyn Phillips
Bible Readers	John Barr Peggy Goldsmith	Kate Prowse Ross Neville
Vestry Elder	Annie Cox (V&HC) Peggy Goldsmith (Assist)	Carolyn Craig-Emilsen
Welcomer	Lyn Phillips	Kathy Garland
Steward	Dennis Christie	Malcolm Ireland
Prayers of the People	William Emilsen	Kate Prowse
Flowers	Denise Cameron	Susie Christie
Morning Tea	Susie Christie	Susie Christie
IT/Audio-Visual	Robyn Parsons and Peter Whalan	Paul Cameron

Online giving: For those who wish to **give to the Church** via bank transfer, the details are:
Leura Uniting Church - General Account
BSB 634 634 Account Number 100031809
Reference - Offering

If you wish to **donate to Junction 142** via bank transfer, the details are:
UCA - Junction 142 Account
BSB 634 634 Account Number 100044848
Reference - J142 Donation

Junction 142 - John Cox 0408 993 007

Leura Forest Holy Communion - Mel Macarthur revmel@bigpond.com

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Bulletin karenbassant@optusnet.com.au 0425 273 604

Bulletin Deadline Wednesday 8pm