



# 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)

**3 May 2026**

Easter 5

**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

**Twilight 5pm—4th Sunday**

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

**Book Club 2pm - 3rd Monday** contact Delma

**Trains of Thought 1-3.30pm - 1st Wednesday**  
contact Bob

**Multicultural Womens Support Group**  
1-3pm - **1st Thursday**  
contact Bev 0401 762 689

**Meditation/Prayer 11am 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**  
Malcolm Ireland 0417 223 335

*Pastor Raymond Minniecon* is a descendant of the Kabi Kabi nation and the Gurang Gurang nation of South-East Queensland. He is also a descendant of the South Sea Islander people and is a prominent Aboriginal Christian Leader in Australia with a long history advocating for his people.

On Anzac Day Uncle Ray was interrupted by heckling and jeers from a group of people during a Welcome to Country ceremony at the cenotaph in Sydney's Martin Place. Similar actions were experienced in Melbourne by Uncle Mark Brown, a Bunurong and Guditjmarra person, and in Perth by Aunty Di Ryder, a Whadjuk Noongar person.

These racist acts continue to deeply disturb us. The need to work for justice and reconciliation in this country is so urgent. Uncle Ray has written this prayer. It is presented with permission from the [Common Grace web site](#).

Rev John Barr

## The Redfern Prayer by Uncle Ray Minniecon

God of our Dreaming. Father of all our Aboriginal nations in Australia. You have lived among us since time immemorial. We have always known you. You gave this land to our Aboriginal nations. You have not dispossessed us or destroyed us.

People from other lands, who do not understand our unique culture, our unique lifestyle and our unique heritage have come and destroyed much of our way of life. Many of these people from other lands now want to understand and reconcile with us.

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*The Redfern Prayer* (continued)

But for many of us Aboriginal people, we find this reconciliation business a little difficult.

Too many of our children are still in jails.

Too many of our children are still living in sub-standard housing.

Too many of our mothers are living on the streets or in refuges.

Too many of our children are still uneducated.

Too many of our children have no land and no community to go back to.

Too many of our children have not got good opportunities for good employment.

Too many of our children are living in extremely unhealthy environments.

Too many of our children are living among violence and abuse.

Too many of our children are dying to drugs and other soul-destroying substances.

God of our Dreaming and Creator of our people, we sometimes feel overwhelmed by these things. Many of us feel like we are refugees in our own land.

Today we are coming together again on one of our battlegrounds to cry out to You for mercy and justice for our children, for our families and for our land.

We pray that more resources will be given to our local community organisations to help us grow healthy and strong.

We pray that the peoples from other lands will be given a heart of flesh instead of a heart of stone so that they can understand us and support us properly.

We pray that your Spirit will help and encourage us to grow good strong Aboriginal leaders.

Father we want to grow strong and healthy again in our own land. We want to take our rightful place in our land and make our contribution to the re-building of our families, our communities and our nation.

Please hear our cries for justice. We ask these mercies in the name of Your Son.

**Amen.**



We mark with deep sadness the passing of **Rev Dr Jione Havea.**

*News from Robyn and Peter* who are in Wellington, NZ. They escaped the flooding there and will be heading to Japan the week after. They've organized to meet up with the Whites.

- Annie Cox.



[In Response to Disruptions at Anzac Day Services – Uniting Church Australia](#)

**Bible readings for 3-May-2026**

*Easter 5*

**Acts 7:55-60**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

**John 14:1-14**

**Bible readings for 10-May-2026**

*Easter 6*

**Acts 17:22-31**

**Psalm 66:8-20**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

**John 14:15-21**

Roster	3 May	10 May
Preacher	Rev Myung Hwa Park	Rev Dr John Cox
Organist	Lyn Phillips	Sylvia Ireland
Bible Readers	Denise Cameron Joy Connor	George Osborne Laurel Barr
Vestry Elder	Kerry Jordan Carolyn Craig-Emilsen	Mark Hillis
Welcomer	Bob Hendy	Annie Cox
Steward	Tim Gordon	Malcolm Ireland
Prayers of the People	George Osborne	Peggy Goldsmith
Flowers	Denise Cameron	Annie Cox
Morning Tea	Peggy Goldsmith Anne Coote	Laurel Barr John Barr
IT/AV	Paul Cameron	Trevor Prowse

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 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](mailto:revmel@bigpond.com)

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**Bulletin Deadline Wednesday 8pm**