



LEURA UNITING CHURCH



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

Sunday 9.30am worship service
(also available on Zoom)

20 September 2026

Pentecost 17

Matthew 20:1-16

Is Australia a “generous” society?



In our Bible reading today, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a landowner, who engages labourers to work in his vineyard, some early, some at midday and some in the late afternoon. But at the end he pays each of them one denarius. When the labourers grumble, he says, why complain, “I am generous”.

In *With Love to the World* this week, Rev Dr John Squires says that Australia is a nation of migrants, but he questions whether we are generous to recent migrants, who may not have contributed as much to the country as others.

John says: “Some elements of Australian society are complaining about this: “they came late...they haven’t contributed like we have...they are taking our jobs, our houses” – just like the grumbling labourers in the story that Jesus told. The response? “I am generous”, the landowner says. Are we gracious enough, as a society, to be generous, as well?”

The Government is currently considering tightening its immigration policy to reduce numbers of immigrants, and is proposing to restrict the right of refugee and asylum seekers to appeal against unfavourable government decisions. Seemingly in response to One Nation and its populist policies.

Immigrants make and have made a valuable contribution to Australian society, and we are a richer, multicultural society because of them. We pray that our generous God will guide our policymakers to act with compassion and vision in framing generous policies on refugees and immigration.

Robyn Parsons and Peter Whalan

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

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 8

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 Women’s Support Group
1-3pm – **1st Thursday**
contact Bev 0401 762 689

Meditation/Prayer 11am Fridays
contact John 4784 1819

Minister
(*vacant*)

Congregation Chairperson
Kate Prowse 0439 581 664

Congregation Secretary
Stephen White 0474 224 533

Congregation Treasurer
Malcolm Ireland 0417 223 335

My Life in Song

Craig Andrew Batty



Twilight – 5.00pm
Sunday 27 September 2026
Uniting Church Hall, Leura
‘What songs have moved you?’

Question:

Does someone have my copy of ‘*Demons at Dusk*’ by Peter Stewart, on the Myall Creek Massacre?



Thanks, Peggy

Save the date – Sun 1/11/26

The 2026 Stockton Conversation
Speaker: Aunty Evelyn Parkin
‘Nurturing an Australian Spirituality’
Mavis Wood Hall, Mid Mountains
Community Centre, Lawson.

Entry Free (\$3 coffee/tea, \$3 cake)

Registration by email contact@bmert.com.au



Bible readings for 20-September-2026

Pentecost 17

Exodus 16:2-15, Jonah 3:10-4:11
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Psalm 145:1-8
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

Bible readings for 27-September-2026

Pentecost 18

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

Roster	20 September	27 September
Preacher	Rev Dr Mel Macarthur Dr David Brooks	Stephen White
Organist	Lyn Phillips	Richard Morphew
Bible Readers	Trevor Prowse Delma Marland	John Barr Kerry Jordan
Vestry Elder	Kate Prowse	Peggy Goldsmith
Welcomer	Bob Hendy	Carolyn Craig-Emilsen
Steward	Stephen White	William Emilsen
Prayers of the People	John Cox	Lorraine White
Flowers	Peggy Goldsmith Denise Cameron	Denise Cameron
Morning Tea	Lorraine White Young Do	Peggy Goldsmith Anne Coote
IT/Audio-Visual	Trevor Prowse	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 Deadline Wednesday 8pm