



LEURA UNITING CHURCH



Sunday 9.30am worship service
(also available on Zoom)

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

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

4 October 2026

Pentecost 19

But I don't want to love my enemies

I was recently asked to preach on Luke 6:27, "Love your enemies". Preparing for this sermon was a confronting experience, especially when I asked myself: who is my enemy? A politician? Someone in the church who won't let women preach? The person who drives too slowly, or the guy who parks his caravan permanently in front of my study window? Sometimes our enemies are far away, a foreign leader we've never met. But more often, they're much closer to home.

Nadia Bolz-Weber, in her book *Pastrix*, writes about a conversation she had with her husband. She was complaining about people with different theological views (a situation I could relate to), and he said, "Nadia, the thing that sucks is that every time we draw a line between us and others, Jesus is always on the other side of it."*

If I'm honest, I don't always want to love my enemies or be kind to people who make my life harder. It's far more appealing to love the people who already love me. But Jesus says that loving only those who love us back is unremarkable.

[\(Tap here for complete article\)](http://www.utc.edu.au/blog/but-i-don-t-want-to-love-my-enemies/) or
www.utc.edu.au/blog/but-i-don-t-want-to-love-my-enemies/

Dr Ali Robinson

*Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint*, Kindle edition (New York: Worthy Publishers, 2020).

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 0407 140 837

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

Minister

(commencing January 2027)

Congregation Chairperson

Kate Prowse 0439 581 664

Congregation Secretary

Stephen White 0474 224 533

Congregation Treasurer

Malcolm Ireland 0417 223 335

Join us in celebrating **the First Anniversary** of our Blue Mountains community dinners, an activity of our Leura congregation along with Teya Brooks Pribacs who leads the team cooking us a delicious plant-based menu.

Thank you everyone who has come along during this past year! With your participation, so far we've raised \$5,303 in support of Junction 142 and community service groups in our community.

The anniversary luncheon is on Sunday, 11 October 2026, 12– 2pm.

Junction 142, 142 Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

\$20 per person. All proceeds to charities.

There will be Live music and a produce exchange stall. Bring something from your garden to share & take something home.

On this special occasion, we're featuring a Permaculture Panel with Jen Hall ([Permaculture Matters](#)), Sarah Daniel ([Kindlehill School](#)), and [Rosemary \(Rowe\) Morrow](#) (international perspective & refugees).



All welcome! Bookings essential.

Secure your ticket through <https://events.humanitix.com/community-dinner-club-luncheon/tickets>

 **Inquiries / RSVP:**

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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

Questions? – Speak to William



Bible readings for 4-October-2026

Pentecost 19

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 19, Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Bible readings for 11-October-2026

Pentecost 20

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Roster	4 October	11 October
Preacher	Rev John Barr	Stephen White
Organist	Sylvia Ireland	Merril Hillis
Bible Readers	Ross Neville Sylvia Ireland	Robyn Parsons Richard Morphew
Vestry Elder	Stephen White Lorraine White	Stephen White
Welcomer	Mel Macarthur	Annie Cox
Steward	Stephen White	Malcolm Ireland
Prayers of the People	George Osborne	William Emilsen
Flowers	Lorraine White	Margaret Neville
Morning Tea	Lorraine White Stephen White	Lorraine White
IT/Audio-Visual	Trevor Prowse	Trevor Prowse

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