



# Keiraview Uniting Church

**9<sup>th</sup> DEC. 2018**

## **ADVENT 2**

9:15am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

*Sharing life's journey with faith, hope and love in Christ.*

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”*

*Philippians 1:9-11*

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A warm welcome to all worshipping  
with Keiraview today.

**Morning Worship and communion** will be led  
by Rev. Annette Hawken at FGV. All welcome  
at morning tea afterwards.

**Evening Worship and communion** is led by Rev.  
Annette Hawken at Wollongong West Public  
School (WWPS).

### **THIS WEEK AT KEIRAVIEW**

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> **Church Council** 7:30pm at the  
Doyle House.

Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> **Couples & Friends** Christmas lunch,  
12 noon at the Fraternity Club.

**Kid's Club** 4-5pm at WWPS, for kids  
in Yrs K-4. *Figtree Park & Maccas*

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> **Good Samarateens End of Term  
Activity** 7-9pm at Strikezone  
Bowling, Albion Park. Contact Nat  
0421 605946.



A Fairtrade Faith  
Community

## COMING EVENTS (Keiraview)

**Christmas Carols & Fair World Cup of Games** Sun., 16 Dec., from 5pm at Wollongong West Public School. Note this replaces the usual evening service.

**Bible Study** Tues., 19 Dec. Venue TBD. Contact Scott Morrison

**Christmas Day Service** Tues., 25 Dec., at 9am at FGV

**Church at the Beach** Sun., 30 Dec., evening service at Stuart Park, North Wollongong.

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## COMING EVENTS (other)

**Santa Fest** Today, 6pm at Lang Park partnered with the Salvation Army and the Disability Trust.

**Kiama Community Carols** Wed., 12 Dec, featuring Colin Buchanan.

Commencing 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Carols at 7:00 p.m. at Hindmarsh Park, Terralong St, Kiama.

**Corrimal Region Uniting Churches Christmas Dinner** Fri., 14 Dec, all youths are invited to join us for Christmas Dinner. The cost is \$10 and the night will start at 5:30pm. Please let Nat (0421 605 946) know by 10 Dec. if you will be attending.

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**COFFEE AND CHAT UPDATE** Thanks to all members of the Coffee and Chat group for having donated approximately \$250 for Frontier services through the small money boxes. *Blessings to you all, N Coudrey*

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**MOVEMBER** Thank you for all who supported me through Movember. I was greatly touched and raised \$1045. You have helped many people.

*Many thanks, Darren Kirwood*

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**CHRISTMAS BOWL** Standing by men, women and children living through conflict and displacement is, sadly, more important than ever. For the first time in history, there are nearly 60 million displaced people in the world who need our help. The Christmas Bowl appeal is our way of forging a loving connection between our Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering.

Envelopes for Christmas Bowl donations are available at church, place them into the Offertory Bowl or go to <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>

for those in our Church Family undergoing tests, treatment, and for those suffering bereavement.

for our upcoming **Christmas Carols** community outreach on December 16.

### A Prayer from **UCA Lectionary Resources**

God of timeless grace,  
you fill us with joyful expectation.

Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,  
that with uprightness of heart and holy joy  
we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

Keiraview Uniting Church invites you to our **Christmas Carols**  
and the "Fair World Cup of Games"

**JOY**

5 – 7 pm: Family Games  
6 - 7 pm: Food & BBQ  
7 - 8 pm: Carols Service

on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018

at Wollongong West  
Public School

[www.keiraview.org](http://www.keiraview.org)

Guarantees a better deal for Third World Producers  
FAIRTRADE

Our flyers for Christmas events have been printed, but we need volunteers to place flyers in letter boxes in our surrounding community streets. We want to do this in the week before Carols, so in the week of 9<sup>th</sup> December. Packs of 50 flyers will be made available on or before that day. Contact Scott 0418 665161

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR** Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As the Advent season draws us closer to Christmas, we listen for the familiar stories of Jesus, where God's love becomes flesh and enters our world and our lives. We open ourselves to what God may be saying to us at this time.

We know the temptation to take possession of this gift from God, as if it were ours alone. Yet when we make the gift a possession, it is lost. John the Baptist speaks with authority, echoing God's voice in Isaiah, '*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*'

(Continued overleaf)

Our decision to enlarge the definition of marriage at the Assembly Meeting was made after months and years of prayer, biblical and theological reflection, and discussion. It was made with integrity and hope. For many, it was painful; some due to the long waiting, and some in the decision itself. Our church laboured hard, together, to hear God's voice and act on God's will.

The Assembly's decision has been deeply troubling to some within our church community. Over this season, the Presbytery of SA will meet, and consider a proposal which may suspend the Assembly Marriage Resolution and ask the church to work through this once more.

The immediate need is pastoral care for those affected. In truth, that is almost all of us. However, this is an especially upsetting time for the members of our church and community who are lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex. The well-being of many of our friends is being deeply impacted. Some are finding this almost too much to bear.

This decision is about our families, our friends, people we love. At this time, as always, we are called to bear witness to the love of God in Christ; to embody that love in our church and our communities. The dignity and sanctity of all humanity was spoken into being at creation and is proclaimed anew to us at Christmas in the child of Bethlehem. Christ's death and resurrection ensure our salvation, not because of who or how we are human, but because of who and how God became human. A truly precious, and gracious gift, in which we all share.

Please pray for our church, especially for the SA Presbytery. Consider the words you choose and how you participate in conversation (both formally and informally) around the Assembly Marriage Resolution. Please care for all within our LGBTI community, pray, and listen, remembering we are all formed, loved and valued in the image of the one God, in whom all life is found.

*Grace, hope and peace for this Advent and Christmas journey, Rev. Simon Hansford*

<b>NEXT WEEK ...</b>	
Advent 3, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	
Zephaniah 3:14-20	
Isaiah 12:2-6	
Philippians 4:4-7	
Luke 3:7-18	
Audio System	Rod Doyle
PC/Slide Show	Ian Almond
Welcomers	Freda Broadhead Pat Mobbs
Announcements	Norma Coudrey
Elder	Pauline Doyle
Music	Grace Kennedy
Bible Reader	Annette Arthur
Prayer	Minister
Offering Counting	Ian Almond Lyn Jones
Morning Tea	Annette Arthur Sandy Brisbane Robyn Johnson Glenys Johnson

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