

Keiraview Uniting Church



8th December 2019

2nd Sunday in

Advent

9:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

34 Fisher St., West
Wollongong

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

"This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

Matthew 3:3 & Isaiah 40:3

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A Fairtrade Faith Community

A **warm welcome** to all worshipping with Keiraview today.

Morning Worship will be led by Rev Annette Hawken at Keiraview. All are welcome to stay for morning tea after.

Evening Worship will be led by Rev Annette Hawken at Keiraview.

This Week at Keiraview

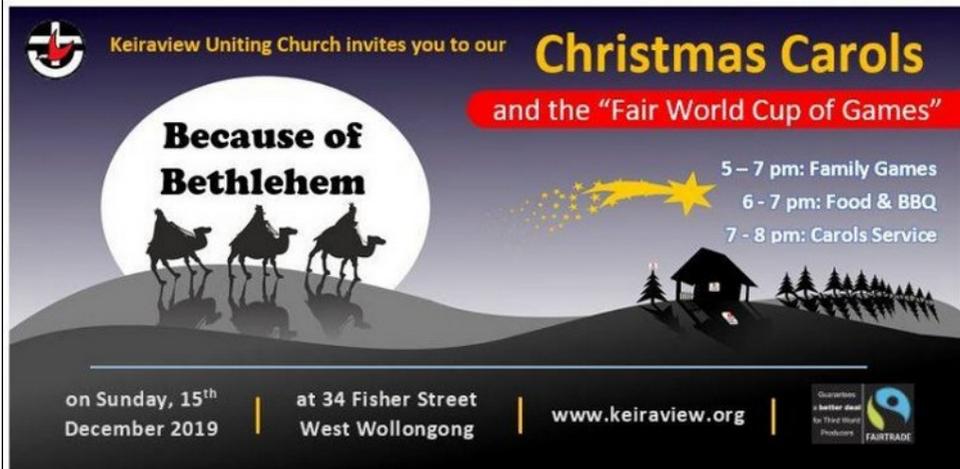
Today	Youth Bible Study 5pm at Keiraview for youth in Year 9 and above.
Wed 11 th	Eden Playtime 9:30am A time for preschool children and their carers to meet, chat and play.
Fri 13 th	Closure of Ministry Service . 10am Service for Nigel Hawken, followed by light refreshments. Kids Club and Good Samarateens Combined Event. Movie Night 5pm at Keiraview for kids in K-Y8. Dinner and Snacks will be provided. No Cost. Any enquiries please contact Makayla 0413542532
Sun 15 th	No Morning Services. Keiraview Family Christmas Carol Celebration: Fun Activities 5-6 pm followed by BBQ 6-7pm Carol Service in the Church from 7-8pm

Coming Events at Keiraview

25th Dec

Christmas Day Celebration and Worship

Keiraview Christmas Carol Celebration:



The poster features a dark blue background with a white circle containing the text "Because of Bethlehem" and silhouettes of three camels. To the right, a yellow star with a trail of smaller stars points towards a small house on a hill. The text "Keiraview Uniting Church invites you to our Christmas Carols and the 'Fair World Cup of Games'" is prominently displayed. Below the main text, the event details are listed: "on Sunday, 15th December 2019", "at 34 Fisher Street West Wollongong", and "www.keiraview.org". Logos for "Guarantee a better deal for Third World Producers" and "FAIRTRADE" are also present.

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

Because of Bethlehem

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

on Sunday, 15th December 2019 | at 34 Fisher Street West Wollongong | www.keiraview.org | 

Church Elections:

These people will serve this congregation in 2020 in the following ways:

Church Council: Annette Arthur, Lurline Butler, Pauline Doyle, Alayne Guerin Owen Hodgson, Ross Johnson, Scott Morrison, Gavin Whitten

Congregation Chair: Bev Ratcliffe

Congregation Secretary: Adell Smith

Transport to the Carols on 15th December

The Keiraview Carols service will be held on Sunday 15 December and all members of both congregations are encouraged to join in the carols event if they are able.

Anyone who would like assistance with transport to get to and home from the carol event please let Pauline Doyle know. We have several people who have offered to help with transporting people. Any other transport offers also please let Pauline know.

Please contact Pauline at rpdoyle@iinet.net.au or phone 0427 654 535

Notices @ Keiraview

The last edition of Notices@Keiraview will be published on 29th December 2019 before the January Break. Please make sure that any notices for January are submitted before December 27th.

Prayer

For all who have been affected in any way by the current devastating bushfire emergency.
For the next adventure in Nigel Hawken's Journey of Life
For the Berry Congregation, for many wonderful and enriching connections and relationships with our community.

A prayer of peace:

Open us, O God,
to your unfolding vision of peace.
Shape us for shalom by the power of your Spirit.
Make us bold to hope and dream,
living as your trusting children.
In the name of Christ. **Amen**

Agape Home Thailand

A team of 10 volunteers are heading off to Thailand in April next year.

They will be volunteering their time to carry out painting, renovating, odd jobs and other assistance. They will be raising funds to buy materials for renovations as well as small bedside cabinets for the children so that they can have their own personal place for their clothes and special treasures.

The goal will be to raise \$2,000 and we will be launching a fund raising campaign to do this. A "DONATIONS BOX" will be left in the Foyer each week up until the end of March during Church Services. Any funds raised this way will be greatly appreciated.

At the Carols Evening we will have a stall with delicious Thai tasting goodies along with cakes, slices, biscuits and Christmas fare for sale. We would be most appreciative of donations of any biscuits slices etc to sell on this stall.

Team members will be around if you would like to know more about this wonderful project.



Closure of Ministry Service

To mark the end of Nigel Hawken's role as Chaplaincy Convenor South for Uniting NSWACT a Service of Closure will be held at Keiraview this coming Friday, 13th December at 10 am at Keiraview.

All are welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

We are in urgent need of offers to provide plates of food. You may be able to assist in this way even if you are unable to attend. Please contact Bev Ratcliffe ASAP if you can assist

Matthew 2:9-10. The wise men see new life as a promise and they bless it; Herod sees new life as threat and curses it. (Ronald Rotheiser, "King Herod and the Wise Men")

The Gospel of Matthew uses the Magi's story to proclaim and affirm the coming of the Messiah, the chosen one, God's Saviour sent into the world. God has been revealed to the world in the form of a child, foretold yet unexpected, miraculous yet an everyday occurrence, divine yet human.

Max Lucado reflects, "the story of the Magi is our story".

God guides the wise, they see the sign of the star in the night sky and recognise the importance of its appearing. A King has been born. The greatest sign that has ever been offered to prove that God so loved the world.

Reflection Questions

Does the story of the Magi encourage you in your walk of faith to inquire about Jesus this Christmas?

The response of the Wise, King Herod and the Scholars were all different and telling of their understanding of this significant event. How do you understand this amazing event and how have you responded in the past and now?

Max Lucado writes, "As with the wise men, God uses every possible means to communicate with us. He wants to help us find our way home. Christmas celebrates God breaking through to our world. He is the pursuer, the teacher, and won't leave us in the dark. He sends signals and messages: Hope, Life, Love."

May this Christmas help you rediscover the enormity of God's love this Christmas and may you continue to live it each day.

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Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week

