

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.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

John 5:24

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A Fairtrade Faith Community

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

Worship will be led by Rev Annette Hawken at Keiraview and supported by a cast of thousands including **you**.

This Week at Keiraview

Today	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
Sun 22 nd	Prayer Meeting 8:30am in the meeting room at Keiraview see Norma Coudrey for details or any prayer requests.
25 th Dec	Christmas Day Celebration and Worship 9:00am

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.



Change The Heart

As we approach January 26, we call on Australian Christians to change the heart through truth telling, action and justice.

Join us on January 23rd 2020 at 7pm at Keiraview for a #ChangeTheHeart Prayer Service.

Find out more at

https://www.commongrace.org.au/jan26_2020

RSVP at

https://www.commongrace.org.au/jan26_2020_wollongong



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 the residents of Wollongong, the Mayor and Councillors and for the residents of the Keiraview neighbourhood.

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

For the Bomaderry Congregation, for guidance on the future and for growth.

A prayer of love:

Loving God,

From you all good things come

Help us to recognise those opportunities where we can share your love with those around us

and in doing so, bring forth Your Kingdom. **Amen**

The angel reassured them [The Shepherds at Bethlehem]. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”



Luke 2:10-15

Thomas
Buchanan
Read, 1870

The theme for our Community Carols Service this year focuses on the question, 'Why do we celebrate Christmas?'

Why do you, your friends and family, celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is that time of year when people who love Jesus and who don't know the love of Jesus celebrate with gifts, food and gatherings. Much planning, cooking, decorating, organising and expertise goes into planning the festivities on Christmas Day. As Christians we celebrate because a long time ago God brought a gift into the world that would give hope, peace, joy and love to all who received it. The gift was Jesus, God incarnate and present with the world He created.

But what if our Christmas was like that first silent night? What if there were no family, no presents, no trees, no tables laden with food, no fairy lights and no busy shopping malls?

What if Christmas was just another ordinary night where people simply worshipped God because they were grateful for the gift of eternal love that was being offered?

Why do you celebrate Christmas?



Take time this week to reflect on why and once you discover or rediscover the answer celebrate Christmas like you have never celebrated before.

Sunday, 22nd December
Advent 4

Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Next Week

Flowers	Pat Mobbs
PC / AV	Stephen Donsworth
Welcomers	Keith Smyth Thelma Smyth
Announcements	Norma Coudrey
Elder	Pauline Doyle
Music	Lurline Butler
Bible Reader	Bev Ratcliffe
Prayer	Alayne Guerin
Offertory Counting	Pauline Doyle Lyn Jones
Morning Tea	Robyn Johnson June Keith Pat Waller Pat Judd

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