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# Keiraview Uniting News



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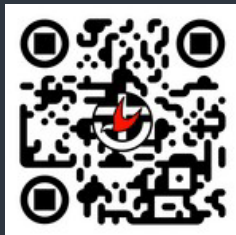
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Psalm 100 4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

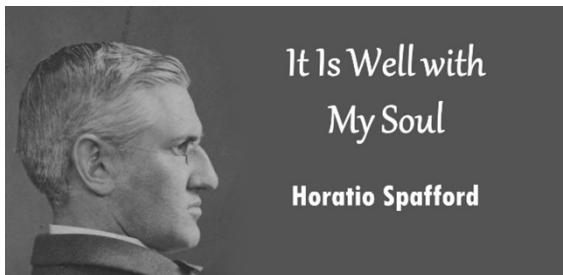
## Thought for the week

**It is Well Within My Soul.** Hymns can speak to us in a special way but we are not always aware of the circumstances behind the penning of the words. I am inspired by the incredible story of the faith of Horatio Spafford who wrote *It is Well with my Soul*.

Married with children, and with a successful career and business interests, life was good but then, within the space of a few years, Spafford suffered a series of tragedies. Business difficulties caused by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 followed by a severe downturn in the economy caused him to delay a trip to Europe with his family. They sailed without him but on the voyage the ship collided with another and, while his wife was saved, all four of their daughters perished. Shortly afterwards he penned the words to a hymn including these lines:

*Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

It is an example of truly inspiring faith and trust in the Lord. 2020 has been a year of difficulty and challenge worldwide. Let us be at peace with the assurance of Christ's words: Lo, I am with you always. **Bev Ratcliffe**



## welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

led by Rev. Dr Les Hewitt

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

led by Kerryn Morrison

## PRAYERS

Pray for the preparations for Christmas Outreach.

Pray for all the leaders of our regular activities as they head towards the end of the year and a well-earned break.

Pray for the Advent Bible Study.

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	08:30	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30- 11:15	<b>Congregational AGM</b>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	14:00- 16:00	<b>Gardening @ Church</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00- 12:00	<b>Eden Playtime &amp; Community Gardening</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	13:15- 14:25	<b>Know Your Bible Bible Study Group for Women</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	<b>Youth MAT</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	16:00- 17:30	<b>Kids' Club Games, activities, and learning about God. K-Yr4</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	19:00- 20:30	<b>Good Samarateens Games, fellowship and devotions. Yr5-8</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	17:00- 20:00	<b>Couples &amp; Friends AGM &amp; Pizza Dinner</b>



## From the Safe Church Team

The Safe Church Team would like to remind the congregation to ensure they maintain the 1.5m physical distancing as far as practical at all times. For those having Morning Tea please ensure you maintain social distancing while getting your cuppa and whilst sitting at the tables. This is one of the best ways to limit the spread of the COVID virus. If you have any questions regarding our COVID Safe Plans or the procedures we have put in place, please speak to the Safe Church Team (Gavin Whitten, Vi Richardson or Pauline Doyle) or email

safe-church  
@keiraview.org

Church Council met in August and the decision was made to continue onsite worship services and group activities.

We continue to recommend the wearing of masks at worship services as per the NSW Government guidelines.



### Top 3 most important issues in Australia today:



### Top 3 personal concerns:

1. **Coping with stress** 43%
2. **Mental health** 34%
3. **Body image** 33%

Mr Toomey said: "It is heartening to see remarkable examples of resilience and strength shown by young people while facing 2020's trials. However, we remain very concerned that without the right supports and policy changes in place, COVID-19 will continue to have a scarring effect on many aspects of young people's lives for years to come.

"Particularly in the wake of the pandemic, young people must have adequate opportunities to access support services, education and jobs when and where they need them.

"Young people deserve every opportunity to not just survive, but to thrive and be heard. Ultimately, how the young people of today fare will determine our country's collective wellbeing in the future."

For more about the Survey read the full Insights Magazine article at <https://bit.ly/3kBCIhe>

## Mission Australia Youth Survey 2020

Mission Australia's new *Youth Survey Report 2020* has revealed that young Australians aged between 15 to 19 years old have significant concerns relating to equity and discrimination, COVID-19, mental health, education and employment.

Mission Australia's CEO, James Toomey said: "This year, we're hearing loud and clear that our young people see discrimination as a major issue in Australia, and are very concerned about unfair treatment, with gender inequality being at the forefront of their concerns. The challenges of 2020 have greatly impacted the wellbeing of young people. Significantly, four in 10 young people felt stressed either *all of the time* or *most of the time*.

## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Please note the following church activities' final dates for the year before the Summer recess:

- Coffee & Chat (Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- Prayer Meeting (Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov)
- KYB (Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- Eden Playtime (Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec TBC)
- Kids' Club & Samarateens (Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec)

## Keiraview Congregation AGM

The AGM will be **TODAY** (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November) at 10:30am in the church after Morning Service. If you wish to participate remotely in this meeting via Zoom the link is

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95555885667>

## HEALTHY CHURCHES FORUM

### Church in a Digital Age

The world has seen extraordinary change, particularly in the past twenty years. And yet, the Church in Australia has remained relatively unchanged. An unwillingness to change and our inability to imagine a different church, has led us down the path of decline. Our message isn't irrelevant, but the way we are transmitting it may well be. This webinar will explore some of the ways young people are tackling the challenge of reaching their generation in the digital age. Join **Rev Kiran Skariah** (Pastor Skar on Twitch) and **Josh Wyatt** (filmmaker and digital expert) at a webinar on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November on Zoom. Registration essential at this link <https://bit.ly/3kLqjOI>. The zoom link will be sent to you on registration.

## Advent Bible Study

The Study Books have been distributed to those who have registered to attend the Studies after the AM Service. The ordered study books have been sent to the Evening gathering for distribution. Please remember to bring your study book and Bible to each Study Session.

First Session will be held next Sunday (29th Nov) the first Sunday in Advent (after the Morning Worship Service), please make your way promptly to pick up your morning tea and bring it to the allocated Study area.

Your mug will be collected during the study session and returned to the kitchen for washing up.

Two groups will meet; one toward the front of the Worship area of the Church the other toward the back. There will be approx. eight to a group. The session will last approx. 45 minutes or 1 hour if the group agrees. Blessings, Fae

## Act for Peace - Christmas Bowl

In recent weeks the newsletter has shared about some of the ways to make a change with your Christmas gifts this year by linking up with catalogues that are socially and charitably supportive. There are a variety of printed catalogues on the table in the foyer including Uniting World, Samaritan's Purse and CARE Australia. Each year Keiraview members also take part in the "Act for Peace - Christmas Bowl Appeal" which is an interdenominational appeal for giving to help vulnerable communities threatened by conflict and disaster around the world. See <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au> for more details on this year's appeal. Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.



### Gifts for Peace – Give a meaningful gift to friends and family

Act for Peace also has a Gifts for Peace catalogue (<https://gifts.actforpeace.org.au/>) . You can select gifts to support Kids, Educational Gifts, Farming & Gardening, Healthy & Happy, Emergency Gifts, and Refugee Essentials. This year there are also masks and hand sanitizer for frontline workers in Ethiopia.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Banking Details** If you prefer to do an electronic bank deposit as offertory, the details are:

Keiraview Uniting Church, BSB: 634 634, Account #: 100017747

## ROSTER

29<sup>th</sup> NOV 2020

### Flowers

Robyn Johnson

### AV/Streaming

Clive Arthur

### Welcomers

Pat Waller

Pat Judd

### Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

### Elder

Annette Arthur

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Alan Bradley

### Prayer

Norma Coudrey

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Lyn Jones

### Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane

Colin Gold

Allan Kew

Thelma Smyth

## READINGS

### ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace/John

by noon Wednesday.

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