

29th November 2020

ADVENT SUNDAY

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1 Corinthians 1:7-9

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**
led by Rev. Dr Les Hewitt

Evening Worship **6:30pm**
ADVENT-ure with Liana

Thought for the week

“He who belongs to God hears what God says.” John 8:47

During the recent drought I lived on a 3000-acre farm. I had not grown up on a farm and I assumed that beef cattle are simply seen as potential dollars being fattened for market. I was delightfully surprised by the farmers' deep concern for the wellbeing of his stock. Paddocks quickly became brown and then bare, the soil became dust, feed diminished. The farmers' anguish tangible as the ribs began to show. Loading the Ute with hay, the cows would smell respite from their vain attempt to find food and surround the Ute. We could not keep up with their need of feed and we watched helplessly as their condition deteriorated.

The cows are no doubt completely unaware of the farmers' heartache for them. There is no comparison for the love and compassion that God has for His flock. But like the cows, how many of His children are unaware of this love? How do we, who know God's love, begin to show those who are unaware? Lord, help us to share your love for us with others. **Sue Woodland**

PRAYERS

Pray for Rev. David Stuart, his wife Gillian, and their three children as they prepare for the move to Keiraview.

Pray for planning for 2021 for all activities & outreach. Pray for all MATs.

A prayer from UCA Lectionary:

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 29 th	10:30- 11:15	Advent Bible Study
Sun 29 th	14:00- 16:00	Gardening @ Church
Tues 1 st	10:00- 12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Wed 2 nd	19:30- 21:00	Mid-Week Advent Bible Study
Fri 4 th	16:00- 17:30	Kids' Club
Fri 4 th	19:00- 20:30	Good Samarateens



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.



Evening Service This Sunday (29th November) we will kick off advent with an **advent-ure**. We will be meeting at the church and will have an introduction there (which will be broadcast online in the normal way for those playing along at home). You will then be invited on a walking adventure. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Those at home won't be left out...I will send another email with further resources and instructions on Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you all. *Liana*

KYB 2021 KYB is now in recess until 2nd February 2021. If any ladies are interested in joining us next year please contact Bev Paton 0408291741

Movember Matthew Hewitt (son of Les and Lynette) in Bathurst is participating in Movember again this year. If anyone would like to support him again this year please see Lynette.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

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

- Coffee & Chat (Tues 17th Nov)
- Prayer Meeting (Sun 22nd Nov)
- KYB (Tues 24th Nov)
- Kids' Club & Samarateens (Fri 11th Dec)
- Eden Playtime (Tues 15th Dec)

Keiraview Congregation AGM

At last Sunday's Annual Meeting the following people were elected:

Church Council: Jenny Almond, Pauline Doyle, Ross Johnson, Lyn Jones, Ian Litchfield, Scott Morrison, Gavin Whitten

Congregation Chair: Bev Ratcliffe

Congregation Secretary: Adell Smith

Presbytery Rep: John Kennedy (Gavin Whitten as alternate)

Thank you to all those people for your willingness to give of your time and talents, and thank you too to Lurline Butler, Nathaniel Hawken and Owen Hodgson for your service on Church Council.

NEW MAILING LIST

Update Your Address Books

Yahoo groups have been closed so Keiraview has moved our mailing list to groups.io. Please update your contacts/address book with the new email address keiraview@groups.io. If you were on the old yahoo groups mailing list you should now have received an email to welcome you to the new list. If you have not received your welcome email or you wish to subscribe to the list you can do this by sending an email to keiraview+subscribe@groups.io.



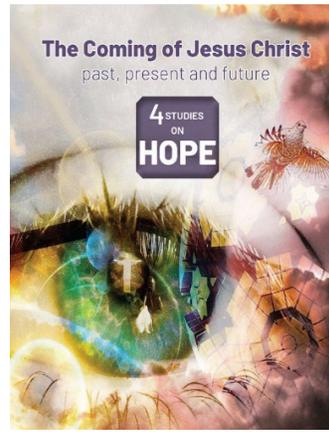
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Sunday Advent Bible Study

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 **this** 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. Those preferring to have morning tea and not attend the studies will be able to meet in the hall as usual because those doing the Advent studies will convene elsewhere in the Church complex. Blessings, Fae



Mid-Week Advent Bible Study

Wednesday Evening will be held at the Morrison house from 19:30-21:00 starting 2nd December. **Please RSVP to Kerryn** if you plan to attend so we can ensure we meet COVID Safe guidelines. Thanks, Kerryn

ROSTER

6th DEC 2020

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond
Kath Hamdan

Welcomers

Keith Smyth
Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pauline Doyle

Elder

Annette Arthur

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Ross Bryceson

Prayer

Darren Kirwood

Offering Counting

Ian Almond
Ross Johnson

Morning Tea

Rod Doyle
Robyn Johnson
Don Townsend
Sue Townsend

READINGS

ADVENT 2

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace/John

by noon Wednesday.

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First Sunday of Advent



Hope for school girls in Afghanistan

The coronavirus is making it even harder for girls in Afghanistan to get an education and realise their dreams. Schools closed in March and most children don't have internet, TV or radio to learn remotely. Act for Peace's local partner is distributing self-learning packages to children, advocating for girls' education, and getting schools ready to reopen. You can help this vital work. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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