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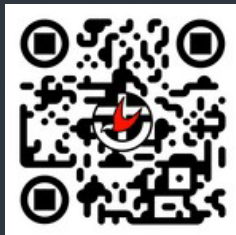
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Isaiah 40:10-11

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Thought for the week

An old Christmas Carol we seldom hear, begins...

"I saw three ships come sailing by on Christmas Day in the morning." We can almost picture such a scene, but those three ships can also help to focus our Christmas thinking. The first "ship" is

wor-ship - most definitely a Christmas ship. In Matthew's gospel we read of the Wise Men: *"When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they fell down and worshipped him."* During Advent we need to gather in worship and focus our thoughts on the One who came as the babe in Bethlehem.

Let us wor-ship and praise God together. Another ship that comes sailing by at Christmas time is

friend-ship. We send greeting cards to friends near and far. Our friendships in the church are especially important at Christmas time for friendship is a way for us to care about others. The third ship is

steward-ship. Christmas is a time when we as a church give in the spirit of generosity to groups such as the Christmas Bowl while we continue with our general support of God's work through the mission and outreach of our own Congregation. May these three ships.... **wor-ship**

- **friend-ship** and **steward-ship**.... come sailing into our lives at this Christmas time, bringing you joy... love for others.... and peace for us all. **Les**

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

led by Rev. Dr Les Hewitt

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

led by Liana Whitten

PRAYERS

Pray for the students, families and staff at Wollongong West Public School and for continuing engagement.

A prayer from UCA Lectionary:

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.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 6 th	10:30-11:15	Advent Bible Study
Sun 6 th	14:00-16:00	Gardening @ Church
Tues 8 th	10:00-12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Wed 8 th	19:30-21:00	Mid-Week Advent Bible Study
Thurs 10 th	19:30-21:30	Church Council Meeting
Fri 11 th	16:00-17:30	Kids' Club
Fri 11 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.

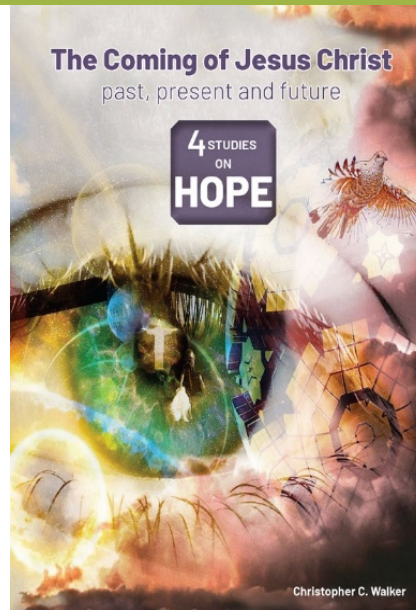
We continue to recommend the wearing of masks at worship services as per the NSW Government guidelines.



Sunday Advent Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study is held in the church sanctuary immediately after the Morning Worship Service during Advent. Grab a cuppa at morning tea and bring it over for Bible Study. Please remember to bring your study book and Bible to each Study Session.

Contact Fae McGregor.



Mid-Week Advent Bible Study

Mid-Week Evening Bible Study will be held at the Morrison house from 19:30-21:00 on Wednesdays in Advent.

Please RSVP to Kerryn if you plan to attend so we can ensure we meet COVID Safe guidelines.

Contact Kerryn Morrison.

Know Your Bible 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

Gift Donations to Wesley Mission

The Wesley Community Centre (at Wollongong Church on the Mall) are unable to do their Christmas lunch this year due to COVID, however they will still be distributing Christmas gifts to local people facing hard times.

The Community Centre Meals Program is also looking for donations of coffee, sugar, Christmas cakes, puddings, large tinned tuna or any tinned foods this week. If you are interested in donating gifts or goods, please contact coordinator Karen Zaini (4229 2117).



Learn to Use Our Coffee Machine

Eden Playtime & Community Gardening are offering the use of our coffee machine by other groups in the church, such as morning and evening service, young adults, etc. Possibly fundraising for Youth MAT. Michael Stephenson has kindly offered to show people how to make a latte or cappuccino using Playtime's espresso machine. We will provide coffee from *State of Bean*.



Please contact Jennifer Almond 0401 245669 if you want to attend training on Sunday 13th December, at 4pm at Keiraview (this will be between Eden Gardening and Insight)

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)

Matthew's Movember

Thank you to all at Keiraview Uniting who supported Matthew Hewitt's Movember fundraising efforts last month.



UOW Wellbeing Club

The UOW Wellbeing Club met at Keiraview this week and shared their International Cooking skills with such dishes as: Indonesian nasi goreng, Indian vegetable curry and Macedonian burek

The Wellbeing Club Executives also presented a certificate of appreciation to Keiraview Uniting Church. Thanks to Keiraview Church Council and Congregation for supporting young adults and international students through donations and food vouchers this year. For more details on the Wellbeing Club contact *Rev. Doo Ah Leeming* (UOW Uniting Chaplain).



E-Mailing List

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 wish to subscribe to the list you can do this by sending an email to keiraview+subscribe@groups.io.

Act for Peace - Christmas Bowl Appeal 2020

There is an offering plate (as well as Christmas Bowl envelopes) in the porch of the church to receive donations for the Christmas Bowl each Sunday. Donations may also be made electronically via the banking details at the bottom of this page (please ensure you use the reference "Christmas Bowl" so that it will be added to the correct donation pot).

Second Sunday of Advent



Richard Wainwright/Act for Peace

Bringing peace to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

The coronavirus has reached the world's largest refugee camp and widespread misinformation about the virus is making it harder for doctors to contain the virus. Act for Peace's local partner is working with doctors, community workers and religious leaders to dispel myths and teach people how to stop the spread. Your Christmas Bowl gift will help give refugees around the world the long-term support they need. **Please give today.**



Christmas Bowl

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

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

13th DEC 2020

Flowers

Annette Arthur

AV/Streaming

Colin Gold
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane
Pat Robinson

Announcements

Norma Coudrey

Elder

Scott Morrison

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Clive Arthur

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur
Ross Johnson

Morning Tea

Ian Almond
Jenny Almond
Annette Arthur
Allan Kew

READINGS

ADVENT 3

Isaiah 61:1-2, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace/John

by noon Wednesday.

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