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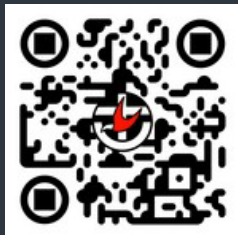
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Psalm 111:2-3

Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Thought for the week

“Every new beginning comes from some beginning's end”.

A new beginning can only happen when something has come to an end. This year is a new year, a new beginning in many ways. 2020 is behind us and although many parts of last year have been carried over to this year, such as the COVID pandemic, restrictions, politics etc., there are many things which are only just beginning – a new school year, looser restrictions, and new world political leaders.

In this week's gospel reading in Mark 1:21-28 Jesus said “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.” When Jesus speaks this, he is talking about a new beginning. No longer is the kingdom of God something far off, but it is here and now, bringing reconciliation, justice, beauty, and wholeness.

There is much more in this passage but seeing it as a new beginning is especially important for us here at Keiraview UC, as we too see a new beginning in our relationship and ministry together. Things have shifted, some things have changed, while other things have taken on new life. This new chapter of ministry for myself and for Keiraview, would not have begun if previous placements had not come to an end. It is an exciting time when many possibilities and opportunities will present themselves. As we move along this journey together, may we remember that it is Jesus Christ who comes in the ordinary everyday things, yet comes calling us in a new beginning. Rev. David Stuart

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**
led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**
led by Rev. David Stuart

PRAYERS

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

Pray for Rev. David Stuart as he begins his ministry at Keiraview. Pray for his wife Gillian, and for their children as they begin their studies at new schools.

Pray for children starting a new year at school.

Pray for all the children and staff at the Agape Home in Chiang Mai, for Owen and his work in Thailand, and for the upcoming Market Day fundraising event.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 31 st	14:00- 16:00	Gardening @ Church
Sun 31 st	16:00- 17:30	Insights Young Adults Group
Tues 2 nd	10:00- 12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Tues 2 nd	13:15- 14:45	KYB Women's Bible Study
Fri 5 th	16:00- 17:30	Kids Club Years K-4
Fri 5 th	19:00- 20:30	Youth Club Years 5-9



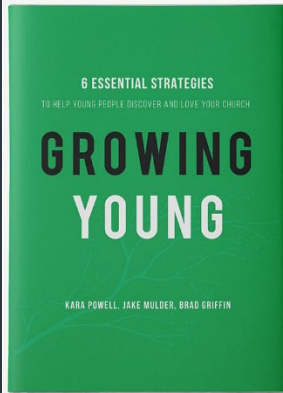
From the Safe Church Team

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.



Growing Young Survey Keiraview's Growing Young Survey is still open for responses. The survey should only take 10 minutes, if you haven't already completed it, please consider doing so, so that we can get a good representative view of our church family.

If you are unable to complete the survey online, a member of council will be able to sit and enter the information with you. See Gavin, or email secretary@keiraview.org for assistance.

Complete the survey here <https://www.oursurvey.church/KeiraviewUnitingChurch>

Keiraview Market Day SAVE THE DATE! **Saturday 6th March** for a Market Day to raise the funds to sponsor our 2 young people, Pasin & Juli, at Agape Children's Home in Thailand.

We had to cancel the planned Market Day last March due to the COVID-19 virus. We are looking for people to help man the stalls. Please contact Robyn Johnson 0414 307910 if you would like to help.

Church Bookings

As we begin to have more bookings in the church facilities, it is important that we are suitably organised so that bookings will run smoothly and spaces do not get double booked. A new online calendar has been set up as a central resource to manage the spaces. For anyone that has regular use of the church, please could you check the calendar to ensure it is booked (the link was sent out via the Keiraview mailing list recently, if you did not receive it please contact me).

John Kennedy – 0404 643206
bookings@keiraview.org

Know Your Bible KYB is held on Tuesdays from 13:15-14:45. Join us as we follow Paul's travels around the Mediterranean in Acts Ch 13-28. If any ladies are interested in joining us please contact Bev Paton 0408291741

Name Badges It is always helpful, especially for new people or visitors, if name badges are worn. Do you need one? Please speak with or contact Annette Arthur if you wish to order (price \$10).

Safe Church Training The next Safe Church Awareness Workshop will be held at **Gerringong Uniting Church** (24-28 Fern St) on **Sat. 13th February 8:45 for 9:00 am** start.

All ministry leaders (including ministers and pastors) in church-run programs/events with direct contact with children or other vulnerable people, as well as representatives from the pastoral and practical oversight of each congregation. For a Church Council this means that at least some members must be Safe Church trained. It is a requirement that all leaders of children and youth activities attend these.

There are many in our Congregation whose training is nearing (or just past) three years old. It is thus time for a refresher (or if more than three years ago, time for the full course).

Registration by 7 February at <https://bit.ly/36hrESb>



Megaroster Time Just a reminder that it is time to consider your availability for Mar/Apr/May rosters. Please let me know of any dates you will not be available **by Sun 7th Feb**. Thanks, Don (donsue@optusnet.com.au)

UCA Act2 Project

You are invited to consider the future of the Uniting Church as a people of God on the way. As we look to the future, what is God saying to us as the UC about how we order our life so we can be committed to transforming lives and communities in God's love? Be part of the UCA Act2 Project as we discern God's way together.



In the lead up to the 16th Assembly in July 2021, members of the UC, our congregations, agencies, schools and Councils, are invited to engage in a conversation about the future to which God is calling our Church.

Find out more about how you can be part of this important conversation at the following link.. https://uniting.church/act2_introduction/

Eden Playtime + Community Gardening returns this Tuesday at 10am. This term's theme is "The Whole Wide World & ME". Contact: *Jenny Almond* 0401 245669

Considering Solar Panels – an online talk for Uniting Church Members

Home installation of solar panels is growing rapidly in Australia, spurred on by the reduced cost of the technology and the opportunity to save money on energy bills. And of course, it is a practical and effective way we can all help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the challenge of global warming.

But where do you start if you want to install solar panels on your home or church building?

To answer this question Uniting Church members are invited to a free online talk on **Tuesday 23rd February** from **19:30-20:45** on the whys and hows of installing solar panels. The talk will be introduced by the Moderator Rev Simon Hansford and presented by Elliot Rosen, Consumer Relations Officer for the Clean Energy Council, the peak body for renewable energy in Australia.

You need to register for this event using the Eventbrite link below. The Zoom link will then be sent to your email address.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/installing-solar-panels-for-uniting-church-members-tickets-133045100477>

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

7th FEB 2021

Flowers
Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming
Stephen Donsworth
John Kennedy

Welcomers
Sandy Brisbane
Pat Judd

Announcements
Annette Arthur

Elder
Alayne Guerin

Music
Robyn Bradley

Bible Reader
Alan Bradley

Prayer
Norma Coudrey

Communion Preparation
Pauline Doyle

Communion Elders
Jenny Almond
George Wood

Offering Counting
Alan Bradley
Ross Johnson

Morning Tea
Ian Almond
Jenny Almond
Rod Doyle
Colin Gold

READINGS

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Isaiah 40:21-32
Psalms 147:11-20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

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by noon Wednesday.

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