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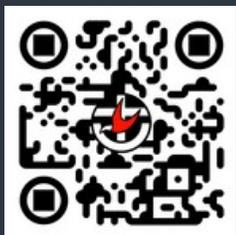
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Thought for the week

A Letter from a Friend on Valentine's Day

Dear Friend,

Just a note to tell you how much I care for you - I waited all day hoping you would have a talk with Me - I gave



you a sunset to close your day - A cool breeze to refresh you - I waited but you never came.

I watched you fall asleep, and I longed to touch your brow, instead, I spilled moonlight onto your pillow - I waited, waiting to share your life - But you awakened late and rushed off - you looked so sad and so much alone it made My heart ache.

I try to tell you of My love for you - I whisper it in the leaves and breathe it on to the colour of the flowers - I shout it in the mountain streams and in the songs of birds - I even talk to you about it in your dreams.

My love for you is deeper than the oceans and larger than the biggest need in your heart - I have so much to share with you - please call sometime - I'm waiting!

Your friend, Jesus

(This week's thought from Robyn Johnson)

welcome

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

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

PRAYERS

Pray for our church during this upcoming season of Lent.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.-

UCA Lectionary Resources

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 15 th	09:30-11:00	Coffee & Chat
Tues 15 th	10:00-12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Tues 15 th	13:15-14:45	KYB Women's Bible Study
Wed 17 th	19:30	Service of the Ashes
Thurs 18 th	19:30	Church Council
Fri 19 th	16:00-17:30	Kids Club Years K-4
Fri 19 th	19:00-20:30	Youth Club Years 5-9

We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19



From the Safe Church Team

NEW ADVICE

Restrictions have changed as follows:

One person/2m², however we still need to maintain 1.5m physical distancing as far as practical.

Face masks are no longer mandatory in Places of Worship. They are strongly encouraged in indoor venues where social distancing is not possible.

Singing by the congregation is still not allowed. Up to 5 singers indoors and they must be 5m away from the congregation.



Note:

Even though restrictions have changed to one /2m² this doesn't mean we can fit 2x as many chairs in the church!

We still encourage those who feel vulnerable to wear a face mask.

For those having Morning Tea please continue to maintain physical distancing while getting your cuppa and whilst sitting at the tables.

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

Ash Wednesday 'Service of the Ashes' at the church on **Wed. 17th February at 7:30pm.**

Lent Event is your annual opportunity to recommit yourself to following Jesus in His way of justice, compassion and hope. Together we've provided people with the tools to build peace and break free from poverty. Your help is needed more than ever because of the worldwide pandemic. As the World Bank predicted in October 2020 because of COVID-19 a further 158 million are expected to slide back into extreme poverty by 2022. Find out ways to help at www.lentevent.com.au. To donate either place your donate big or small in the reply paid envelope in the Lent Event brochure or place a donation in an envelope marked Lent Event in the Offering Plate during the Lent period. Further information from Fae McGregor 42713762.

Keiraview Market Day We will be holding a Market Day on **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. If you can help please contact Robyn Johnson 0414 307910

KEIRAVIEW PROPERTY NEWS

After many years of faithful service, Alan Bradley and Bev Ratcliffe have stepped down from their roles as Property Convenor and Bookings Officer. We sincerely thank them for all they have done to keep our property running smoothly and looking good.

Our current property committee members are Clive Arthur, John Kennedy, Kerryn Morrison, Karina Ponne, Don Townsend and Gavin Whitten. A warm welcome to new members Karina and Don. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know.

Kerryn is now our **Property Convenor**. If you have any property 'issues' please contact her on 0407240223 or kerryn@morrison4.id.au

John is now our **Bookings Officer**. To enquire or make bookings, email bookings@keiraview.org

Thanks to **Don, John** and **Neville Jolly** who have kindly agreed to be our **Supplies Officers**.

A friendly reminder that if you use the Keiraview Property, please leave it in the state you found it (or better!). For example, if you open windows, please remember to close them before you leave; turn off air conditioners/fans/lights; empty the kitchen bin if it is full; turn on the alarm if you are the last to leave; and be mindful of our Covid Safe requirements.

Coffee & Chat returns this week (Tues 16th Feb) from 9:30-11am. Guests will be Rev David and Mrs Jillian Stuart. All welcome. Contact Norma Coudrey for more information.

Commissioning Service The annual *Commissioning and Covenanting Service* will be held on Sunday 28th February at 5pm. The service will recognise the various leaders within the life of our church and we will pray for them as we commission and send them into their roles of ministry. We will also make a covenant as a congregation to work together in the life of the church, supporting each other in love, prayer and action. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship over pizza.

There will be no 9:30am or 6:30pm service on this day, however the usual monthly prayer gathering will still be held at 8:30am, followed by a time of reflection at 9:30am for those who would like to attend.

Eden Gardening Sunday afternoon gardening will not be happening every Sunday, maybe now and then. Contact *Ian* or *Jenny Almond* (0401 245669) if you would like to be part of Eden Gardening.

World Day of Prayer Australia is on Friday 5th March with the theme "Build on a Strong Foundation". Our neighbour in West Wyalong, St Mark's Anglican will host a service @10am. RSVP 0403 194 577

POSTPONED

Mentoring @ WWPS

We received a communication that the Mentoring Program can start up again at the neighbouring Wollongong West Public School. This mission was started by Annette Hawken and Scott Morrison and has been running since 2017. If you would like to know more about this work please contact Laurie Aldridge 0412 356495 or laurie.aldrige@gmail.com. It is proposed that we will start the program at the school on Monday 22nd February.

Can You Help? This year Wollongong West Public School P&C are seeking assistance in three ways:

1. The new school playground is completed. The next stage is planting grasses, trees, and pigface around the rocks. Among other volunteers and students, Michelle thought it may be a nice way for mentors to reconnect with students. The current dates for this to happen are Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 in the afternoon 2 ish. Michelle is happy to talk more on this when she meets with the mentor group next week
2. For some years a local church has run a breakfast club at the school 2 or 3 days a week. A vital service for at least 30 kids who rely on it. They are not continuing this year. Michelle is very keen to find volunteers to coordinate this service. It was discussed that, although many parents would volunteer to serve breakfast, someone needs to coordinate purchase of supplies or seeking donations from clubs and supermarkets. Also organising rosters. Examples of simple breakfast is cereal, milk, toast, juice, fruit or whatever we can get donated. Is this something the church would consider a valuable mission outreach? This is an urgent need.
3. The Support Class for students with autism is looking for mentors. If you feel that this mission calling is for you, more information can be obtained from <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au> or <https://www.autismawareness.com.au/>

If anyone is interested in this mission please contact Jenny Almond, Laurie Aldridge or David Stuart.

What does it mean to be GROWING YOUNG?

There is an interesting news article in Insights (the newsletter of UCA NSW/ACT Synod) this week about the Growing Young initiative of UCA Pulse that Keiraview UC is also participating in. Read more here <https://www.ucapulse.org.au/2021/02/what-does-it-mean-to-be-growing-young/>

Don't forget to fill in our **GROWING YOUNG** survey this month!
<https://www.oursurvey.church/KeiraviewUnitingChurch>

← DON'T FORGET

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

21st FEB 2021

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond
Khairul Hamden

Welcomers

Keith Smyth
Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Bev Ratcliff

Elder

Annette Arthur

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Ross Bryceson

Prayer

Minister

Offering Counting

Alan Bradley
Pauline Doyle

Morning Tea

Rod Doyle
Robyn Johnson
Glenys Johnston
Pat Waller

READINGS

LENT 1

Galatians 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

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