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Mark 11:8-10

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

welcome

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

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

Thought for the week

More Than Meets the Eye Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:20-27) If we visit any rodeo with a riding and roping competition, we will see them – the competitors with four fingers on one hand and a 'knob' where their thumb should be. It's a common injury in the sport – a thumb gets caught between a rope on one end and a decent-sized steer pulling on the other, and the thumb is generally the loser. It's not a career-ending injury, but the absence of a thumb changes things. Without using your thumb, try to brush your teeth or button a shirt or comb your hair or tie your shoe-laces or even eat. That little overlooked member of your body plays a significant role. The apostle Paul indicates a similar scenario in the church. Those often less visible and frequently less vocal members sometimes experience a (usually) unspoken "I don't need you" response from the others. (1 Corinthians 12:21). God calls us to have equal concern and respect for one another (v25). Each and every one of us is a part of Christ's body (v27), regardless of the gifting we've received, and we need each other. Some of us are eyes and ears, so to speak, and some of us are thumbs. But each of us plays a vital role in the body of Christ, sometimes more than meets the eye. John Blase. If we're an "eye", what's one way we could encourage a "thumb"? and if we think we're a lesser member, why not memorise 1 Corinthians 12:27, an important scriptural truth. We are the members and God and God alone is the Head. (Our Daily Bread) Provided by *Robyn Johnson*

PRAYERS

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

Pray for Rev. David Stuart in his ministry at Keiraview. Pray for his wife Gillian, and for their children as they continue their studies at new schools and forge new friendships.

Pray for all those affected by the flooding and severe weather this week, and all those supporting them.

Pray for those in our Church Family with illness, undergoing tests, treatment, or suffering bereavement.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 28 th	08:30- 09:00	Prayer Meeting
Tues 30 th	10:00- 12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Tues 30 th	13:15- 14:45	KYB Women's Bible Study

Kids' Club and Three:SixTeens are on recess for Easter holidays but return on Fri. 23rd April.



From the Safe Church Team

The current restrictions are as follows:

Capacity of our building is 274 based on 1 person/2m². However, during services when we are singing the capacity reduces to 137 based on 1 person/4m².

Physical distancing of 1.5m should be maintained as far as practical. This is what determines the placing of the seats in the church.

When the congregation is singing all people over 12 years must wear a face mask. This also applies to those people who are not participating in singing.

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, Phil Crawford or Pauline Doyle) or email

safechurch@keiraview.org



All Keiraview volunteers have been asked to fill in a volunteer form and return it to the Safe Church Team ASAP. Printed copies are available at



SJE MAT Meeting There will be a SJE Meeting (Zoom) on the 14/4/21 at 19:30 to 21:00. We are going to be discussing our Mentoring program, plus other ideas of Social Justice and Evangelism we might have. If you are interested in attending, could you please email scott@morrison4.id.au, and we will arrange to send out the Zoom meeting invite.

Wesley Mission Meals Program

The Keiraview Congregation have for many years been a keen supporter of this program with weekly gifts of non - perishable food items being delivered to Wesley.

During COVID restrictions this collection has been on hold but now it is time to restart. Wesley have continued throughout the uncertainty of the past year to provide Food Parcels to the City's needy. If you can and would like to help please bring your donated pre-packed non - perishable food each Sunday and place in the container provided in the Church Foyer. Your gift will be appreciated.

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY DATES

Synod Whole of Church Event - Palm Sunday

"Obedience in the Wilderness"

Gerrington Uniting Church

7.30pm Sunday, 28 March

View online – links in main article

Grants for Mission Applications Close

Wednesday 31 March

Prayer workshop for Illawarra Presbytery Presence

in West Lake / West Dapto

1pm - 3pm Sunday, 11 April

Presbytery office (TBC)

Seven Days of Solidarity

18-25 April

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Presbytery Retreat

Ministers and Ministry Agents

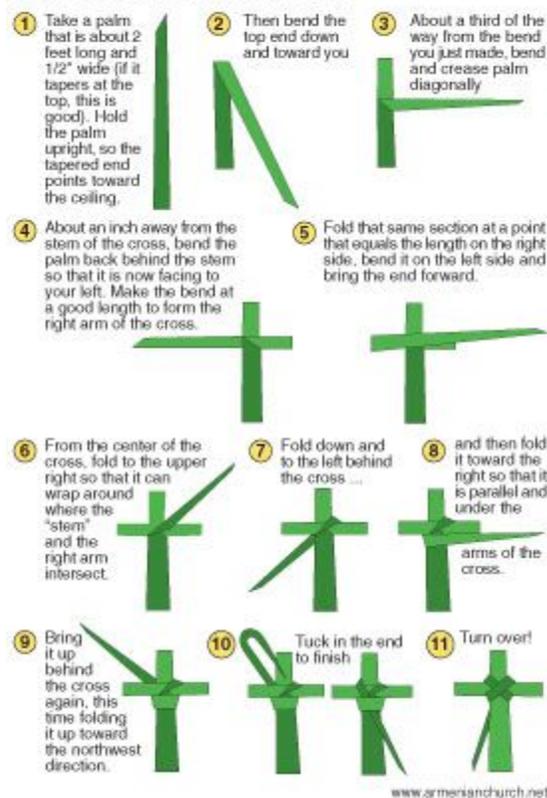
20 and 21 April

Presbytery office

where the wild God is

The next whole of church event will be **TODAY** at Gerrington Uniting Church at 19:30. They will be exploring "Obedience in the Wilderness: You can also catch the service **livestreamed** on nswact.uca.org.au/live

How to make a palm cross



Palm Sunday Peace Rally

starts at Belmore Park **today** (close to Central Station), Sydney at 2-4pm. Further details around the rally and COVID-safe requirements at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/69686698>

WWPS Update This term we were able to restart the mentor program at Wollongong West Public School (WWPS). As some background, this program was started in 2017 and looking back, it is quite amazing how God worked to open doors for us to help at the school. We have had various faithful members of our church serve as leaders since starting the program.

In 2021 we have 11 mentors working on Monday or Friday mornings assisting students under the supervision of the teachers. An important part of this program is lunch time activities where between 11:10 and 11:40 we interact with children playing games and talking with children. Laurie Aldridge is the day to day organiser of Mentors. The Mentoring program falls under the SJE (Social Justice and Evangelism) MAT. The SJE MAT one of the many Mission Action Teams that are the 'hands and feet' of Church Council at Keiraview and anyone can take part in a MAT (you don't need to be part of Church Council). If anyone would like to know more about SJE issues at Keiraview the convenor of the SJE MAT is Scott Morrison.

The aim of the program was for Keiraview volunteers to act as mentors to children having difficulties at school and to provide positive support and encouragement, modelling Christ's 'servant leader' attitude to those most vulnerable in society. We originally started off as a male only mentoring group but now have both male and female mentors. Based on feedback from the school principal, Michelle Barnes, the school continues to highly value our work and they have noticed benefits to their students. Through all the ups and downs of working with the children at WWPS, the program has also proved to be very rewarding to the Mentors.

We would like to thank all our Mentors for 2021: Thanks - Diane Aldridge, Laurie Aldridge, Ian Almond, Clive Arthur, Phil Crawford, Gayle Cunningham, Kath Hamdan, Khairul Hamdan, Danny Ivanovski, Clare Tuckerman, and Sue Woodland.

We would encourage you to pray for, support, and interact with the Mentors and hear their story. More details of the program are available from Laurie Aldridge or any of the mentors.



Kids Camp Out 2021

Kids Camp Out is an annual event for primary school aged children. The aim of KCO is to provide an opportunity whereby children can experience the wider church family through fun, worship and learning. Keiraview hosted 20 children from Keiraview and Wollongong UC. The bible time was about building your house on firm foundations and Jesus being the cornerstone of our "house". There was also team trivia, won by the "Who Let the Dogs Out?" team.

Diasater Recovery Chaplaincy Network

The Co-ordinator of the NSW DRCN has warned that many families hit by floodwater across the state will take years to recover. We can help to support communities devastated by extreme weather events by donating to the Moderator's Appeal <https://appeals.nswact.uca.org.au/>

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

4th APR 2021

Flowers

Annette Arthur

AV/Streaming

Colin Gold
Kath Hamdan

Welcomers

Pat Robinson
Pat Judd

Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

Elder

Annette Arthur

Music

Robyn Bradley

Bible Reader

Ross Bryceson

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Communion Preparation

Alayne Guerin

Communion Elders

Alayne Guerin
Lyn Jones

Offering Counting

Alan Bradley
Ross Johnson

Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane
Allan Kew
Don Townsend
Sue Townsend

READINGS

EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

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