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# Keiraview Uniting News



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Ephesians 5:15-20

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no denying this week has been difficult. The very sad news of the passing of Rev. Annette Hawken was hard to hear. While it was not unexpected, the news was no less upsetting, for the candle that once burned brightly has been extinguished.

There is never an easy time to hear about the death of a dearly loved person. Annette was not just any person though, for many of you she was so much more. She was a confidant, a pastoral carer, a leader, a teacher, an enabler, and a friend. Annette was many things to many different people throughout her ministry here at Keiraview and her memory and legacy will live on in the ministries we are involved in and the stories we tell, just as the memories and legacies of others in ministry before her. There are some of you who knew Annette well and shared very deeply and personally with her,

while for others the encounters with her were momentary. No matter the relationship, the grief of her death is no less and it causes deep sadness, for she impacted our lives and was part of our journey. Knowing that journey has now come to an end is a cause for sorrow, weeping and mourning. In this time, know that you are not alone, for we are still journeying together, and we share in this time as family and friends, offering each other love and support.

I too am grieving alongside you, for while I did not know Annette on a deep and personal level, we gathered in times of formation, shared collegially in ministry, drank coffee (actually, I think she had tea), prayed with and for each other, and shared the bonds of joy, wonder and possibilities of the Keiraview congregation.

Whilst this is a very sad time, there is also a whisper, or maybe even a cry of rejoicing, for while we feel the pain of the parting, we rejoice in the faith that she has gone to be with God, in whose presence is restoration, renewal and the fullness of joy. We know that Annette is now at peace, fulfilled and made whole in the presence of God. Finally, we know that Annette had a great faith that she lived out daily. She knew the grace and love of God in her life. The words of the apostle Paul rang true for Annette, and I pray they might be an encouragement to you in this time:

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:38-39

Grace and Peace be with you all, Rev. David Stuart

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Online Service

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Zoom Fellowship

## PRAYERS

Pray for Nigel, Nathaniel, Andrew & Chelsea, Sam, Tim, Heather and family in the loss of Annette. Hold them in your loving hands and comfort them with the hope of reuniting in eternal life.

Praise God for COVID vaccines, pray for those suffering from the disease, the medical teams caring for them and those impacted through loss of their jobs or downturn in business.

Pray for all those in our community struggling in lockdown; for those who are lonely, those who are struggling with remote education, those who are anxious, and those suffering from hardship.





### Vale Annette Hawken

Annette passed away on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at home with her family around her. Our sadness sits alongside our thankfulness for the privilege of knowing Annette and knowing that she is no longer in pain and that she will be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Well done, good and faithful servant!*

It is finished! Death has come for my darling wife Annette and the commencement of her eternal journey with her saviour Jesus has begun. Thanks for everyone's love, prayers, thoughts and blessings, the stories are overwhelmingly affirming of Annette - who she was, how she impacted people's lives with her energy, smiles, hugs, heart, passion, enthusiasm, faith, hope and love (& I could go on and will at her funeral).

*Nigel Hawken*

**Celebration of Life** Annette Hawken's celebration of life service will be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm** at Keiraview UC. Due to COVID restrictions only a limited number of family members will be in attendance. The service will be livestreamed through the Keiraview Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlhxx1y4ING> or scan this QR code for the URL shortcut.



**WWPS Food Hampers** are being distributed by Wollongong West Public School to families in need. Keiraview UC members are helping to donate food items to put into the hampers. So far we have helped to fill over 40 hampers each week. Items needed:

- UHT milk, pasta, rice, tomato-based sauces, breakfast cereals
- Non-perishable foods
- Tissues, soap, toothpaste
- Preferably not sweet treats or high sugar food items

Jenny Almond and Pauline Doyle are collecting donations on Sunday afternoons. If you have items to pick up then please let them know before Sunday. Fae & Kevin are the collection point for Farmborough Grove Retirement Village (COVID safe drop off on the verandah please).



During COVID lockdown the Keiraview Mailing list will be used to broadcast the latest messages across the congregations. Keep an eye out in your emails. If you are not already receiving the group emails and would like to subscribe to this mailing list please send an email to: [keiraview+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:keiraview+subscribe@groups.io)

If you know of others who are not able to access email, please call them. The Pastoral Care Team will also be ringing round. To keep abreast of the latest COVID-19 rules please check the NSW Government website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules>

### YouLEAD+ Deep Dive Leading Worship

Are you 18-35 and interested in learning more about how to lead worship? Meeting from 23/08 – 20/09 in 5 consecutive Monday 7-9pm zoom meetings. The seminars are free of charge. Register at this link <https://bit.ly/3ACQwAD>



### Hats for the Homeless (HFH) 2021 Winter Postage Fundraiser

Sydney lockdown is imposing large postage costs in getting our beanies out to those in need and wool to our knitters and loomers.

Over 500 beanies have been posted to our delivery partners in Sydney, Canberra and South Coast since lockdown commenced. Are your church or individuals able to support this project by donating towards postage costs?

Mustard Seed Uniting Church will accept direct debit donations on behalf of HFH.

Mustard Seed UCA BSB 062 020 Account 10048150

Description: HFH Donation (your church or name)

Enquiries: Pastor Susan Russell 0439 320 347

## A Letter from Agape Children's Home

Dear beloved sponsors of Pasin,

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry to Thai children. With a strong sponsorship base we can continue to give the kind of love and care these children's need. You, as a vital part of that support base, are greatly appreciated and valued. Please know that your contribution is making a difference in children's lives.



We also want to let you know that Pasin has moved back to his hometown to live with his biological mother in Chiangmai after he finished Grade 9 at school. Thank you for playing an important role in his life and development during his time at Agape. As his sponsor, your support has been crucial in helping us provide the nurture and care he needed. Also, we are so very grateful for your love and support of Pasin and want you to know that through your faithful support you have been a blessing in his life as well as Agape Home.

Our ministry to these young and otherwise neglected victims of HIV/AIDS depend largely on compassionate people like you and we are certain your continued sponsorship will also have a positive impact on another child who is in need of sponsors. Hence, we are happy to attach the list of children who need sponsorship for you along with this letter for your consideration. We're looking very much forward to hearing back from you.

Wishing you God's best,

Roy & Avis Rideout

Directors Agape Home, Chiang Mai, Thailand

[www.nikkisplace.org](http://www.nikkisplace.org)



### Greetings to Suchat!

Pasin the boy Keiraview have been sponsoring at Agape for a number of years has moved back to live with his mother. We have been allocated Suchat in his place.

Suchat is aged 9 and came to live at Agape last year while I was there and he is a respectful boy and enjoyed joining in with all the activities.

He was born near the Myanmar border. He lost his parents to the HIV virus and he also has the virus. He was living with some Buddhist monks but they were not able to care for him properly. A doctor at the hospital when he was in for treatment suggested he go to live at Agape as they would be able to care for him better.

His health has improved in the last year with the love and care he receives at Agape. At the moment all the children at Agape are being home-schooled because of the COVID-19 virus which has flared up again in Thailand.

We ask you to pray for Suchat and Juli, the girl we also sponsor at Agape as well as all the Agape children and staff.

Thanks, Robyn Johnson

## 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