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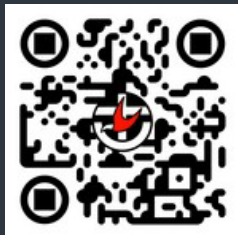
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Mark 8:34-35

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Thought for the Week

Maintaining Integrity in Christ

The call for integrity may seem naïve in a world in which corruption, expediency and power games appear to be the order of the day. It is not uncommon to hear political, business, community and religious leaders say one thing and then discover that their actions are completely different. It can be painful to watch as self-protection, self-aggrandisement and power-grabbing become the norm, especially among those who are leaders. Unfortunately, when integrity gets lost, so too does justice. It becomes very hard to get aid to those who need it, when leaders siphon off money and resources for themselves. It can be tough to get laws changed when corporate lobbies invest millions in maintaining an unjust legal advantage. It can be disheartening to work on behalf of the marginalised and vulnerable, when legal and financial systems are biased against them. It can become very tempting to sacrifice our integrity just to get things done. But, to do this is to lose faith in the Gospel, and to violate the justice and integrity of God's Reign. As hard as it can sometimes be to hold on to our end, it's the only thing that can bring about authentic transformation in our world. When the integrity of Christ is manifest in our lives, it will rub off on others, and slowly systems and people will change. Certainly the signs that integrity is becoming increasingly important to the people of the world are all there – in the exposés of corrupt and immoral behaviour among leaders, in the call for more just systems through various protest movements, and in the growing power in online and other forms of citizen activism.

As followers of Christ, let's celebrate integrity wherever we find it, and let's seek to maintain integrity as one of our highest values.

From Proper 19B Reflections - sacredise.com

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

YouTube Service

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Zoom Fellowship

PRAYERS

Pray for all those in our country struggling in lockdown; for those who are lonely, those who are anxious, and those suffering from hardship.

Pray for wisdom & guidance for Alayne, Annette, Gavin, Ian, Jenny, Lyn, Pauline, Ross, Scott on Church Council

Pray for planning for all activities & outreach. Pray for all MATs, in particular Keiraview SJE MAT members and the upcoming Day of Prayer for Climate Change events.

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

[A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources](#)
Wisdom of God, from the street corners and at the entrances to the city you proclaim the way of life and of death.

Grant us the wisdom to recognize your Messiah, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the way of life and glory. Amen.



Sunday Evening Zoom Fellowship - WWPS Mentoring

This Sunday night (12th September 2021 at 6:00 pm) we are having a service of celebration and discernment for the mentoring mission at Wollongong West Public School. It will be led by Rev. David Stuart, Laurie Aldridge and the mentors.

Zoom link here: <https://bit.ly/3tx6auM>

Contact Laurie on laurie.aldrige@gmail.com or 0412 356495 for further details.



Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are still happening this year. If you have started a box or wish to do one we will be collecting them in November when church is back.

There is a new way you can do a box this year, it is called "Pack A Box online" and for \$30 we will pack a box for you.

You go to the Operation Christmas Child website, then to [Pack A Box Online](#). You chose if it is for a Boy or Girl and the age. You can also leave a message for the child and pay on line and we will pack the box and send it for you.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Thanks, Robyn Johnson.

Uniting World Christmas Cards

Send love and fight poverty! UnitingWorld's Christmas Cards are ready for pre-order from everythingincommon.com.au at <https://bit.ly/3E8Dzkm> (\$15 per set of 8). These cards bring hope and joy to our friends and family, but also to people working hard to free themselves from poverty overseas.

Church Council Meeting is coming up on Thurs. 16th September. Online meeting details TBC

Day of Prayer for Climate Change is on this Saturday, 18th Sept. See back page for more details.

If you feel moved to pray in a timeslot, please let David know what times you will pray.

We are also inviting anyone from Keiraview to share content about climate change for our social media (e.g. photos, bible verses, prayers or reflections).

Please send items to climate@keiraview.org.au with cc to

clare@stephenson.id.au and
dannyivanovski197@gmail.com.

International Day of Peace is on Tues. 21st Sept. There will be an Interfaith Prayer Service held online at 14:00. For further information contact Rev. Dr Manas Ghosh on 0429 892 548 or email: revmanasghosh@gmail.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Pastoral Practitioner - Elanora Shellharbour

Uniting is seeking a Pastoral Practitioner at Uniting Elanora Shellharbour. Full position description here <https://bit.ly/3licHGc>.

The application closes Friday 17 September. Enquiries can be made to Pastor Nicola Goncalves at ngoncalves@uniting.org

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

with Keiraview Uniting

TAKE CLIMATE ACTION

A Virtual Event on

Saturday, 18th September 2021

Keiraview Uniting Church's Day of Prayer for Climate Change is coming on the 18th of September. On this day we are looking to intentionally and prayerfully consider Climate Change. We are looking forward to how the Holy Spirit might lead us, through prayer, regarding how Keiraview might respond regarding Climate Change.

Act on Climate!

Leave No-one Behind



GET INVOLVED

Join us in 3 ways:

1 Zoom Prayer Rooms

Join a small group prayer session at:

9:00 - 10:00 am

1:00 - 2:00 pm


7:30 - 8:30 pm

2 Prayer Slots

15-30 minute flexible prayer slots during the day. Email David with the times you will commit to minister@keiraview.org

3 Church Facebook/Instagram

Watch out for posts during the day.

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