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A Fairtrade Faith Community

James 5:13-15

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

YouTube Service

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Zoom Fellowship

Thought for the Week

When Peace is Not Peace

A political leader tosses a leaden phrase into the sea of white noise which our media has become, calling two others like him "Friends of Freedom", and barely a ripple is seen, or a splash heard. Ninety billion dollars is spent in one sentence, while billions more are discounted in fewer words, with one commentator observing that it's not that much in the scheme of things.

At that moment, small businesses, unemployed people and hungry families across our nation dream of the capacity to access such largesse, to gather the crumbs under the table of such excess. Peace is not when we change from Four Corners to Gogglebox; it is when we act to build peace with our neighbour, when we reject the subtle temptation to despair, when we challenge our friend in that conversation when they blame another race, or culture, or faith for whatever problem has surfaced.

The prophets of our Hebrew Scriptures speak of peace in such a way that it is not the absence of violence but, rather, the creation of something essential for human life and flourishing. God's shalom is not constrained to a lack of gunfire, or screaming, but about deep prosperity, where we can live safely, eat food we have grown and drink wine from the grapes in our vineyard. Peace is not when we change from Four Corners to Gogglebox; it is when we act to build peace with our neighbour, when we reject the subtle temptation to despair, when we challenge our friend in that conversation when they blame another race, or culture, or faith for whatever problem has surfaced.

The One I worship calls me to faithful service. The One I follow blesses the broken, attends to the least, places a small child in the midst of us and proclaims her worth, welcomes the outcast and the stranger. The One who calls me, challenges me to bring the greeting of peace to each home I visit, to each table to which I am invited.

Peace be with you always.

Abridged from Rev. Simon Hansford *International DOP 2021*

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 the Uniting Church in Australia and that leaders will be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus and the practical needs of all people

Pray for the Pastoral Care team and for all members of both congregations that we will be a caring group for each other and our neighbourhood.

Praise for all who support prayerfully and financially Operation Christmas Child.

A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources

Raise us up, O Lord, for it is you alone who restores life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth.

By your grace, may we offer powerful and effective prayers for one another and the world, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



COVID-19 Check-In Card

If you are unable to use a smartphone or Service NSW webform to do COVID Safe QR code check-ins, a new way of checking in has started recently. You can order a physical card or print one out that you can then use at various COVID Safe venues such as your local supermarket. A staff member at the business will scan your card.



Apply online here <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card>



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.

Season of Creation Café – Final Week

The final café (brought to you by Saltbush and Uniting Advocacy) is on this Tues. 28th Sept at 7pm.

The Café theme is 'Mountain – Psalm 121'



Email to receive the zoom link saltbush@nswact.uca.org.au

SJE MAT is zoom meeting on Tuesday 28th Sept. to further discuss how Keiraview UC might respond regarding climate change. Contact Scott smozaa@gmail.com

Uniting Earth Webinar on 'Why the Uniting Church is supporting the **School Strike 4 Climate** movement?' is being held on Wednesday, 6th October. Well-known broadcaster and journalist Julie McCrossing will explore the UC's position and interview key players across the diversity of the church. Whatever your views on the questions involved, don't miss this stimulating, informative and engaging evening. Contact Jon O'Brien on 0477 725 528 or jjobrien@uniting.org.



Registration essential here <https://bit.ly/3EKVCgS>

Living Our Faith – Exploring the New Testament A new 8 week course will be running from 5th October to 23rd November 2021. This course is part of the Living Our Faith series for Lay Preachers, but is also an ideal opportunity for a small group, faith community, bible study group, or congregation to spend time studying the New Testament. The course will take place online via zoom on Tuesday evenings (6:00-8:30 pm). More details, costs and registration information click here <https://bit.ly/3tUf59L>

Worship Innovators Conference goes online on 4th October 2021 and brings together worship leaders & innovators to help you become an expert at using technology in worship. Become better at: preparing for worship services; using tracks and click in worship; reaching people in new ways with technology; planning for the unexpected.

Keiraview also has a CCLI discount for 50% off registration fees (please ask Kerryn if you would like this code). More details at <https://worshipinnovators.com/>

Keiraview's Day of Prayer for Climate Change

Keiraview UC recently hosted a 'Day of Prayer for Climate Change' on Saturday the 19th of September. I was a part of a group of 11 that organised the event. The ages of the group organisers ranged between 11 and 'somewhere above 70'.



In the lead up to the event we engaged with the wider community through Facebook and Instagram, sharing photos, bible readings and reflections related to Climate Change. On the day, we had 30 people involved in different ways, either through private prayer times during the day, or through three x 1 hour group prayer times run through Zoom.

Our reflections centred around Bible Passages including Genesis 1 v 28, Psalm 19:1-4, Matthew 25: v 35 to 36, Jeremiah 12:4 and Leviticus 25: v 18 to 19.

In the Zoom sessions we got the chance to talk, study, pray and share thoughts on Zoom whiteboards.

The leaders from the Zoom sessions met afterwards and shared their stories and whiteboards. We found that Listening was a common theme in all sessions (along with many other common thoughts). Considering that this was a Day of Prayer and God was present, I don't think that was a coincidence - Praise be to God! :-)

Part of the day was to encourage further discussion on other bible passages and we would still love to hear from others that had passages that related to Creation.

I was truly humbled to be part of the day and really did feel that God was present. Thankyou to everyone who contributed through prayer, participation and leadership. For me it was a truly memorable experience.

I think it is fair to say that this is step one of a journey that we are on at Keiraview regarding Creation and Climate Change, and we are looking forward to sharing the journey and hearing your thoughts. If you are interested in hearing more, this Sunday is a Creation Service where some parts of last Saturday will be interleaved into the Service. Also you can contact anyone on the SJE MAT for more information too.

Thanks, Scott (on behalf of the Social Justice and Evangelism MAT)

Thank You from WWPS The lovely staff and children at Wollongong West Public School have written and recorded a thank you video for all the Keiraview mentors and volunteers who have been involved in this community outreach with our neighbours.

Watch the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zHJvXMdCCE>

A graphic for the Lifeline 'Hello Neighbour!' campaign. It features a dark blue background with a grid of windows. Each window shows a different person engaged in various activities: a person in a wheelchair, a person waving, a person on a phone, a person at a computer, a person waving, a person holding a plate, a person in a red coat, and a person with a basket. The text 'Hello Neighbour!' is written in white across the middle. To the right, the text 'Through COVID-19, we're here for you.' is written in white, followed by the Lifeline logo and the number '13 11 14'.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Banking Details If you prefer to do an electronic bank deposit as offering, the details are:

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