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# Keiraview Uniting News



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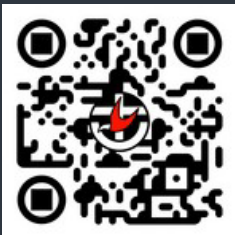
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Job 42:2-5

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

YouTube Service

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Zoom Fellowship

## Thought for the Week

**An Under-Appreciated & Complex Miracle** When Jesus and the disciples are departing Jericho they came across a Blind man named Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road. Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus for help, to be healed, and even though the crowd tries to silence the man, Jesus goes to him. What happens is that Jesus completely disregards what the crowd thinks and heals the person they considered completely unworthy.

Unpacking the text and looking at what's really happening is a complicated thing. How much do we understand the culture, the law of the day, and the way in which people with disabilities were treated when these things were taking place? If we look solely at the performing of a miracle, in this case making a blind man see, then we ignore the act of civil disobedience and liberation taking place quietly underneath it. If we look at this purely as an act of mercy, we risk reinforcing the notion that there is an impossible to cross divide that separates humanity from Christ, and this betrays the demonstration of how not-so-impossible that divide is to cross in Peter's walking out to Jesus on the water.

There is a lot here that should make us want to reflect on ourselves and our relationships, but also how we give a pass to not just churches, but organisations and politicians who need to do better toward the marginalised and those on the fringes. Being a Christian isn't just about being "saved" or redemption because you yourself made the choice to become a Christian; it's about living out the mission of Christ; it's what you actually do with the knowledge and examples given. What's the point in being a Christian if we're only going to use it as a license to say we're better than someone else, or to continue the cycle of liberation and oppression we see carried out through not just the Bible as a whole, but history that repeats afterward? Hopefully in the midst of the upheaval resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the beginning of the effects of climate change becoming more apparent we rediscover our capacity for selflessness and grace. These are times when we should be looking to not just claim to be followers of Christ, but actually reach out and live that mission.

By Sarah Alice Allcroft (abridged from 'Insights' October Reflection)

## PRAYERS

Praise for the Covid vaccinations we have been able to receive.  
Pray for our leaders making difficult decisions, and pray for all at this uncertain time.

Pray for our Keiraview groups (Eden Playtime, KYB, Kids/Youth Groups, Coffee & Friends) as they plan for on-site activities.

**A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources** Eternal One, whose thoughts and ways are not ours, you alone are God, awesome, holy, and most high. School us in the ways of faith and wisdom, that we, like Job, may learn to truly see and hear, and in humility find blessing. Amen

This Sunday is the final week of online-only services.

From next week, 31st Oct, Sunday worship returns on-site (with online streaming).



## From the Safe Church Team

In preparation for the return to on-site services next Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> Oct) please read the latest Conditions of Entry.

Conditions of Entry  
(as at 21/10/21)



This building is open for worship under the rules of the Public Health Order. By entering the building, you agree to the following conditions:  
Not to enter if you are unwell or have any signs of COVID 19.

- To wear a face mask (if you are over 12 years of age).
- To provide your name, contact details and time of arrival – preferably using the QR code.
- To practice good hygiene.
- To practice physical distancing (ie 1.5m between each other).
- To not create bottlenecks in the foyer.

Based on the latest NSW Guidelines the capacity at all indoor venues in is one person per 4 square metres. This makes the capacity in Keiraview 137 people across the church, foyer and hall.

If you are uncertain about any of these requirements please speak to the Safe Church Team (Gavin Whitten, Vi Richardson, Phil Crawford or Pauline Doyle) or email:

[safe-church@keiraview.org](mailto:safe-church@keiraview.org)

## Daily Devotionals App

You may already be familiar with the quarterly daily devotionals series “With Love to the World”, but did you know in addition to the printed devotions, there is also an app to download the daily devotions guide?

More details at:  
<http://www.withlovetotheworld.org.au/> or search on your phone/tablet for “With love to the world” to download the app.



## Safe Church Team Tips

**Do you have trouble checking in with a QR code on your phone?** Did you know you can get your own QR Code card? If you have an email address this is really easy to get. You can also opt to get the card posted to you. See the Service NSW website [here](#). If you would like help to do this please contact one of our Safe Church team Vi Richardson, Gavin Whitten, Phil Crawford or Pauline Doyle

**Ventilation:** Due to ventilation requirements in the NSW Government COVID Safety Plan doors and windows will need to be open during services, meeting activities and groups. If you feel the cold please bring a cardigan, jacket or rug for extra warmth.

**Morning Tea:** There will be no morning tea for the first few weeks of onsite services. Morning tea arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting of the Safe Church team which meets on Monday 25th October.

## National Church Life Surveys

NCLS are usually completed in November however, due to the many challenges to logistics this year, Synod has recommended that NCLS Sunday will be on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

## 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.

Any questions? Contact Robyn Johnson.

**Safe Church Team Meeting** is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Contact: [safe-church@keiraview.org](mailto:safe-church@keiraview.org)

## UnitingWorld “Share the Love”

**Event** Meet Junior Vutoyi, Methodist Church of Zimbabwe on Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 7pm over zoom.



Junior works to coordinate start up projects, sharing health and gender equality messages. Hear about the impact of [Everything in Common \(EiC\) Gifts](#), and easy ways to share the gifts with friends and family that support others in the fight for against poverty. Email Niko for the zoom link: [nicolasd@unitingworld.org.au](mailto:nicolasd@unitingworld.org.au)



## Everything in Common Gifts

Send love and fight poverty! UnitingWorld’s Christmas Cards and Gifts are ready to order from [everythingincommon.com.au](http://everythingincommon.com.au) at <https://bit.ly/3BRr7E2>.

These gifts bring hope and joy to our friends and family, but also to provide health, education, leadership and income opportunities for people to live with dignity and peace.



# CONGREGATION GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT

THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO PROTECT YOUR  
PEOPLE, AND PLAN RISK, ADMINISTRATION AND  
COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

## Is your church council looking to spend less time on governance?

Bel Ritchie (Synod Risk Manager) will introduce the Governance Toolkit to Illawarra Church Councils.

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 19:30-20:30 over zoom. Open to anyone in the congregation who is involved in governance or who might find the Toolkit helpful including:

Church Council, Safe Church teams, all property committee members, Privacy Officers, & all finance people (treasurers etc.)

Zoom Link:

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95345841936?pwd=em1oeUthQUZlVG51eHRlQVVFYk1JjZz09>

RSVP to Vi Richardson [admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au)

## Can You Help Wrap Presents?

Lifeline South Coast is looking for volunteers to help them wrap presents in Wollongong Mall this December. Following one of the toughest years we've faced, Lifeline's services have never been in greater demand. Calls are up 25%.

With one call every 30 seconds. By volunteering your time, you will be supporting Lifeline South Coast's services in the Illawarra.

The gift wrapping service will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December in the Mall.

For more information or to register as a volunteer: [www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/gift-wrapping](http://www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/gift-wrapping)



Hello Neighbour!

Through COVID-19,  
we're here for you.

 Lifeline 13 11 14

## 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

31<sup>st</sup> OCT 2021

### Flowers

Robyn Johnson

### AV/Streaming

Clive Arthur  
Kath Hamdan

### Welcomers

Colin Gold  
Pat Waller

### Announcements

Annette Arthur

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Lurline Butler

### Bible Reader

Norma Coudrey

### Prayer

Darren Kirwood

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley  
Ross Johnson

### Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane  
Allan Kew  
Don Townsend  
Sue Townsend

## READINGS

### PENTECOST 23

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

by noon Wednesday.

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