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Psalm 146

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Picnic @ Church

Thought for the Week

What's at the Centre of Your Life? The final chapter of Philippians, is a great way to end a letter. There are many memorable verses like verse 13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (v. 13). There is also verse 18 which states our life should be "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." Then of course there is verse 4 where Paul appeals for all to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice".

While these verse are amazing and showcase Paul's gift in expressing such theology and understanding, I would like to draw attention to verses 6 and 7: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." These words are perhaps the most profound in Philippians. Paul picks up on Jesus' teaching that we should not worry about anything (Matthew 6:25-34 & Luke 12:24-34).

The Philippians experienced great persecution, depression, a split in the church, and misunderstandings all leading to great worry and anxiety. Paul implores them "Do not worry or be anxious about anything because God is bigger than anything you are experiencing. Do not fear but have faith." The question for us is, how do we have faith? Paul says faith is gained through prayer, so we should then bring our anxiety, fears and concerns to God in prayer.

The Message translation offers another way of understanding this passage:

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life." (Philippians 4:6-7) By Rev. David Stuart

PRAYERS

Praise for Eden Playtime for continued contact and outreach and pray for Jenny and her team of leaders.

Pray for ongoing responsibility of all people to follow government guidelines.

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.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 31 st	18:30- 20:30	Evening Picnic @ Keiraview UC
Tues 2 nd	10:00- 12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Fri 5 th	19:00- 20:30	Three:SixTeens @ Byarong Park for Yr 5-9

Our regular activities are restarting face to face, keep an eye out here for what's coming up each week.



From the Safe Church Team

In preparation for the return to on-site services 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:

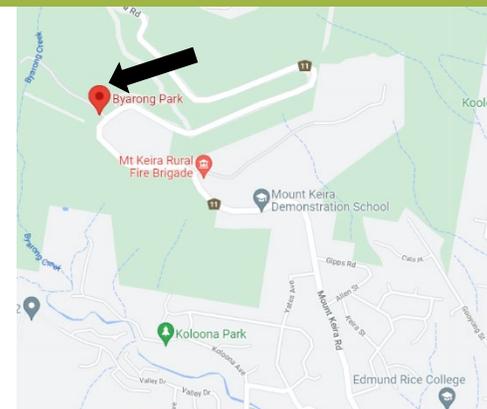
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THREE:SIXTEENS Youth Group

**Fridays 7 - 8:30pm for Youth in Years 5-9
Games nights and Devotions**

Keiraview UC's youth group for those in Years 5 -9 is emerging from the virtual zoom world this week and meeting up face-to-face at Byarong Park, off Mount Keira Rd. Drop off 7pm and pick up 8:30pm.

Any questions talk to Scott smozaa@gmail.com



Safe Church Team Tips

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 will resume from 1st December (dependent on the COVID Safe requirements).

Joining Online: If you are unable to join in person, services will continue to be livestreamed via our YouTube channel.

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:

2nd – 24th December 2021 in the Mall.

Register here:

www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/gift-wrapping

Christmas Puddings

Pat Waller is seeking expressions of interest in ordering Christmas Puddings from Adamstown Uniting Kitchens Fundraiser.

Please contact Pat

ASAP on 02 4229 1096 if you are interested.



Sunday Evening Worship will be back in person (31st October). We'll be gathering at 18:30 outside the church on the lawn for a **BYO picnic**.

Please bring your own food, picnic blanket, and if you require, folding chairs. It may be a bit chilly, so remember to wear warm clothing. Khairul

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

When: Wednesday 3rd November at 19:30-20:30 over zoom.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3w0nvxK>

RSVP admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au

Coffee & Chat returns on Tuesday 16th November from 9:30-11am at Keiraview. Khairul will bring us a Christmas message and we will enjoy fellowship after such a long break. Sadly, no refreshments allowed. This will be the last Coffee & Chat meeting for 2021. Contact Norma Coudrey

Annual Church Elections will be held on Sunday 28th November at 10:35am (after morning worship). More details on back page.

Megaroster It's time to consider your availability for our December - February roster. Would you let me know of any dates you will be unavailable for the next roster by Sunday 7th November.

Thanks, Don



Keiraview Congregational AGM

The **AGM of the Keiraview Congregation** will be held on Sunday 28th November 2021 immediately following the Morning Service. This is the meeting where the election of Church Council and Church Officers takes place. Please consider and pray for this important issue.

Church Council

Jenny Almond, Annette Arthur & Lyn Jones will not be standing

Alayne Guerin is prepared to serve another term if nominated

Pauline Doyle, Ross Johnson, Ian Litchfield, Scott Morrison, Gavin Whitten are continuing members.

Church Officers

We will also need to elect Congregation Chair & Secretary and Presbytery Rep. (presently Bev Ratcliffe, Adell Smith, John Kennedy respectively)

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the vacant positions. Forms are available online [here](#) or printouts are in the foyer, with nominations to be given/sent to Bev Ratcliffe **by 9 am Sunday 7th November**.

If you have any items for the agenda for the General Meeting please contact Bev by 21st November. Email bevr@virtualcity.com.au .



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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

7th NOV 2021

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Colin Gold
John Kennedy

Welcomers

Kevin Smyth
Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pat Waller

Elder

Pauline Doyle

Music

Robyn Bradley

Bible Reader

Ross Bryceson

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Communion Prep

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Communion Elders

Jenny Almond
Annette Arthur

Offering Counting

Ian Almond
Clive Arthur

Morning Tea

Annette Arthur
Pauline Doyle
Rod Doyle
Robyn Johnson

READINGS

PENTECOST 24

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

by noon Wednesday.

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