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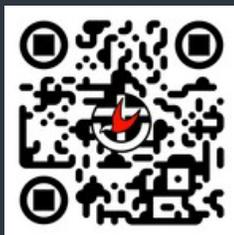
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Philippians 1:8-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

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Thought for the Week

Christmas Without Them

We understand the season of Christmas, whilst a time of joyful celebration, can be a difficult time of sadness. There are times when the focus on happiness, family, and togetherness, does not resonate with our personal feelings of loss, loneliness, and grief.

On Thursday 16th of December 2021, Keiraview Uniting Church will be holding a service called "Christmas Without Them". This service will offer a time of prayer, scripture, and music, providing a space to honour and acknowledge loss and pain, but to also offer hope and healing.

The service is for all who have lost loved ones and find the Christmas season difficult because of grief and sadness, especially those who have lost loved ones this year and this is the first Christmas without them.

You & your family are invited to attend and would be most welcome. Following the service, please join us for some light refreshments.

Keiraview Congregation Secretary

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:3-5

PRAYERS

Praise for freedom to worship and promote the Bible.

Pray for us as citizens that we will be good stewards of the environment.

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.

Prayer from UCA Lectionary

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 7 th	10:00- 12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Thurs 9 th	19:30- 21:30	Church Council Meeting
Fri 10 th	12:00- 1:30	Couples & Friends Corrimal RSL Lunch
Fri 10 th	19:00- 20:30	Three:SixTeens for kids in Yr 5-9



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021



Thursday 16th December – 7.00pm
"Christmas Without Them"
Prayer Service

Sunday 19th December – 6.30pm
Christmas Songs & Community Picnic

Saturday 25th December – 9.00am
Christmas Day Service

Sunday 26th December
9.30am Morning Worship
no Evening Worship

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 8/11/21)



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 2 square metres. This makes the capacity in Keiraview 274 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

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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. The NSW Government date for further easing of restrictions is now 15th December.

Singing: The Safe Church Team has recommended that communal singing does not recommence until we are all able to sing together.

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

Illawarra Presbytery Celebrations

5th December: Commiseration Service
Pastor Gedion &
Pastor Ju & **Steve Bugegeri**.
1pm Gerringong Uniting Church

POSTPONED TO 2022

11th December: Induction Service
Rev. Steve Everist, Minister of the Word.
2pm at Gerringong Uniting Church.

Church Council Meeting is on Thurs 9th December at 19:30-21:30 at Keiraview.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes collections will close 11th December 2021. Last chance to bring them in. Contact Robyn Johnson 0414 307910

Christmas Songs & Community Picnic will be held on Sunday 19th December from 6:30pm. A time of singing and sharing as a community outdoors on the lawn. BYO picnic or BBQ.

Couples and Friends turns 60 in 2022. With the aging of the group members and uncertainty going forwards, Couples & Friends will close at the 60th Anniversary. There will be a special worship service and celebration afterwards. Details available soon.

Reflections on the Basis of Union Did you know it's been 50 years since the Basis of Union was created to found the Uniting Church of Australia? The Act2 project looks to the future and reflects on our foundations. A series of 5 studies is available that look at different section of the Basis of Union. These can be downloaded here: <https://uniting.church/act2/>

Please note that the church photocopier is currently out of order. Property Committee are considering the best options for the church needs going forwards. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Environmental



Quick Tips

If you have found a good way of reusing some household waste, or other quick tip, share it with others in this "Environmental Quick Tips" section of our newsletter (email tips to notices@keiraview.org).

Acting personally and collectively to reduce our carbon footprint is a significant coping strategy. Our actions to reduce our carbon footprint not only make a difference but they also help us to feel we are part of the solution.

Small things like reusing envelopes or flyers for your shopping list, to do list or homework list; find an egg timer to time your shower so you use less water; re-use yoghurt containers to strike some plants or germinate some seeds.



RETREAT YOURSELF

4-6 FEB 2022

CHITTICK LODGE / GERRINGONG / NSW SOUTH COAST

Calling all Young Adults aged 18-30(ish) in NSW/ACT Synod. Pulse's Retreat Yourself #RY22 event will be held at Chittick Lodge, 21 Bridge Road, Gerringong. Early bird registrations close end of December. Register here <https://retreatyourself.uca.org.au> (\$150 early bird; \$180 full price).

Second Sunday of Advent

Bringing Peace to children in Gaza



The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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

12th DEC 2021

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Colin Gold

Kath Hamdan

Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pat Waller

Elder

Alayne Guerin

Music

Robyn Bradley

Bible Reader

Alan Bradley

Prayer

Geoff Lattimore

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

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READINGS

ADVENT 3

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

by noon Wednesday.

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