

31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

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# Keiraview Uniting News

Colossians 3:1-4

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**  
Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:00pm**  
Led by Rev. David Stuart



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You have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Thought for the Week

### Attending to the "Now" Luke 12:13-32

The parable we're presented with comes from in the midst of a longer teaching from Jesus where someone in the crowd listening decides to try and get some free legal advice! This is part of a wider section of teaching that has generally been referred to as some of Jesus' most difficult teaching in the Gospel of Luke.

This is a difficult parable that challenges our cultural understandings on greed and wealth. The man in the parable was mostly concerned with himself and setting himself up for his later life. God, in the parable, calls him a fool as he never knows when his life would be demanded from him. Perhaps there is some reflection here on a focus on "future proofing" and planning for things to come, without giving any attention to the 'now'?

Is this a warning against being "self-centred" and "self-obsessed"? The wealthy landowner's thoughts (the dialogue he has with himself) are for Jesus an example of wrong thinking—the rich fool focuses entirely on himself. In just three verses he uses "I" six times and "my" five times.



The problem presented in this parable is not so much the possession of riches as such. It is that the desire to acquire and enhance them, fed by insecurity, prevents people from attending to relationship with God and each other that brings the only security that counts. Such desire erodes our concern for the 'other' that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth, therefore, is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating the hospitality of God.

From James Ellis

(UCA Lectionary Resources – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2022)

## PRAYERS

Pray for Rev. David Stuart. Gillian, Phoebe, Harry and Hannah.

Pray for all those in our congregation affected by and recovering from COVID. Praise God for the vaccinations we have been able to receive.

Pray for governments at all levels and how they handle the issue of Climate change.

Pray for the Tertiary Minister and Wellbeing Club at UOW. Pray for the faithful group at Keiraview who support this mission.

### A Prayer from UCA Lectionary

God of justice,  
your word is light and truth.  
Let your face shine on us to restore us,  
that we may walk in your way,  
seeking justice and doing good. Amen.

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00- 12:00	<b>Eden Playtime &amp; Community Gardening</b>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	13:15- 14:45	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	19:30- 21:00	<b>Property Committee Meeting</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	18:30- 19:00	<b>Youth &amp; Community Dinner</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	19:00- 20:30	<b>Three:SixTeens Youth Group for kids in Yr 6-9</b>

**It's Megaroster Time** Please let Don know any dates you will be unavailable for the Sept-Nov period by **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. Don Townsend [donsue@optusnet.com.au](mailto:donsue@optusnet.com.au)



## From the Safe Church Team

As at 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

- The Safe Church Team has approved morning tea and congregational singing during services.
- The government encourages people to still wear masks in indoor settings particularly when safe distances from others cannot be maintained. Please be mindful that we have vulnerable people within our congregation.
- Group leaders/facilitators are to ensure the appropriate space is used for activities and that ventilation is appropriate for the number of people in the space.
- Checking in at Places of Worship is no longer required.
- If you attend church, or any other activity in our premises, and then test positive in the next couple of days please let the Safe Church Team know.

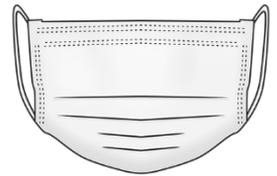


Any questions? Talk to the Safe Church Team (Gavin Whitten, Vi Richardson, Phil Crawford or Pauline Doyle) or email:  
safe-church@keiraview.org

**A Note from the Safe Church Team** NSW generally, and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District in particular, are currently experiencing a significant increase in Covid-19 infections, which the NSW Health Minister expects to peak in late July or early August. Recently, there have been a few alerts about members of our family testing positive for Covid after attending church gatherings and services. In spite of vaccination we are not immune to this virus. The Safe Church team would like to encourage all to be aware of the symptoms of COVID. The following link will take you to a government website that provides a “**COVID 19 symptoms checker**” <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/symptom-checker/tool>. It describes the symptoms in an emergency situation, moderate symptoms and mild symptoms. Please check this link to learn more about the symptoms of COVID. If you do have symptoms do a RAT or get a PCR test. Avoid gatherings and services when you are unwell, and immediately seek medical help if you test positive for COVID. There are now antiviral treatments available which can help reduce the severity of an infection if commenced early in the course of the illness. We are still required to isolate for 7 days if we do test positive, which is not easy.

In addition, and following the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer Dr Chant, all Keiraview members are encouraged to wear good quality masks when gathering indoors as it's not always easy to maintain a safe distance from others, especially those we know well. This is particularly important when attending services and indoor meetings but we encourage everyone to also consider this for other indoor activities.

If you forget your mask, which we have all done at times, there are masks available as you enter the church. Please don't hesitate to take one and use it.



### Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

Learn how to provide mental health first aid to friends, family members, co-workers and other adults in your community. UME are offering an MHFA course, from Mental Health First Aid Australia on **Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug** and **Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept**. The course teaches participants how to assist people who are developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or are in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

COST \$150/person.

The course is made up of:

- A self-paced eLearning component (takes 5-7 hours to complete), and
- Two Zoom Sessions with UME's Joanna Drayton (2.5 hours each session).

NOTE: This course is not a therapy or a support group, nor is it a professional counselling qualification, merely a First Aid Tool.

Register: [admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au)

### Church Commencement Service

is being held today (**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July**) for the newly amalgated Shoalhaven Central UC (Bay & Basin, Bomaderry and Nowra congregations). 09:30am at the Wesley Centre, cnr. Berry and Junction St, Nowra. RSVP [nowrauca@virtualcity.com.au](mailto:nowrauca@virtualcity.com.au) or 02 4426 6187

**Property Committee Meeting** will be on **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** from 19:30-21:00.

**Safe Church Training** at Shoalhaven Central UC, Nowra from 09:30-16:00 on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August**. Register here: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/safe-church-unit/safe-church-awareness-training/>

**Keiraview Book Club** returns on **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Aug** from 8-9:30pm. We will be discussing Sarah Bessey's 'Out of Sorts'. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Chrissy Howe [chrissyhowe7@gmail.com](mailto:chrissyhowe7@gmail.com).

**Illawarra Presbytery Meeting** is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**. 09:30 for a 10am start. At Shellharbour Village Uniting Church.

## Environmental



### Quick Tips

## 5 Simple Ways to Tackle Climate Change from the Climate Council

Walk, cycle or use public transport. Australia's transport sector accounts for a whopping 16% of the nation's total greenhouse gas emissions. Choosing active transport like walking and cycling can not only dramatically reduce your carbon footprint

Eat less red meat. Red meat in particular produces the highest amount of greenhouse gas emissions of any meat type, almost five times higher than chicken.

Move your moolah! Moving your funds into an alternative bank can help encourage the big players to put their money where their mouths are, and invest more in Australia's growing renewables sector.

Love your leftovers. When food rots in landfill, it produces methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide

Energy use and efficiency. The average Australian home is responsible for 7 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/5-ways-you-can-tackle-climate-change-on-the-daily/>

## Mission Worker at University of Wollongong

A Part-time role (10hrs per week) is being advertised for a mission worker at UOW working with Tertiary Minister, Rev. Doo Ah Leeming. Support the Uniting Church UOW Chaplain to enhance the wellbeing and social outcomes of the students attending the university.

### About the Job

- Build supportive and nurturing relationships with students, being aware of differing social and cultural needs.
- Participate in various groups for bible studies, meditation, young adult discipleship development days.
- Accompany the Chaplain in attending UOW Orientation week and other UOW events to promote Club/groups and extracurricular activities.
- Attend lunch time drop-in sessions two days per week.
- Assist to organise, promote and help facilitate on campus and off campus activities.
- Assist the Chaplain in building links between students and Uniting Church congregations.

Closing date **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. For information and a position description contact email [illawarrauca20@gmail.com](mailto:illawarrauca20@gmail.com). If you are interested in applying for this position, please provide your resume and a letter of application that showcases your suitability for the role based on the position description.

**SOUL CARE 2022 CONFERENCE**  
**Rediscover and Reimagine**  
31 Aug - 02 Sep 2022, Wesley Conference Centre  
Bookings [soulcare.uca.org.au](http://soulcare.uca.org.au)  
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## 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

7<sup>th</sup> AUG 2022

### Flowers

Annette Arthur

### AV/Streaming

Ian Almod

Kath Hamdan

### Welcomers

Colin Gold

Pat Waller

### Announcements

Clive Arthur

### Elder

Pauline Doyle

### Music

Robyn Bradley

### Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

### Communion Prep

Pauline Doyle

### Communion Elders

Pauline Doyle, TBA

### Prayer

Geoff Lattimore

### Offering Counting

Ross Johnson

Lyn Jones

### Morning Tea

Jenny Almond

Sandy Brisbane

Rod Doyle

Robyn Johnson

## READINGS

### PENTECOST 9

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-3

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

by **noon Wednesday**.

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