

07th August 2022

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Keiraview Uniting News

Isaiah 1:17

welcome

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

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



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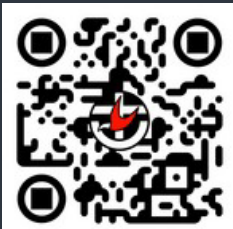
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

Thought for the Week

Communal Blessing

There are so many ways that the idea of God's promises and blessings intersect with the realities of our world. When we embrace a view (as so many do) that God's blessings are given primarily to individuals, and that wealth, power and beauty are signs of God's blessing, we will inevitably begin to strive for these "manifestations of blessing" for ourselves. The result, all too often, is that we grow selfish, self-centred, uncommitted to justice, and may even view poverty or suffering as signs of God's judgement.

When, however, we realise that God's blessings are always given to communities, and that they are to be shared with the least – that the reality is that we have never really known God's blessing unless it brings justice, mercy

and provision to all, especially the poor and weak – our striving becomes sacrificial and generous. We begin to find our



place among the "foreigners", the impoverished and the marginalised, and we discover the richness of God's reign within and among us as we share the blessings that come through us with all.

How does this idea of "communal blessing" speak to the distribution of resources and justice in our world?

From sacredise.com

(Proper 14 - Aug 7th 2022)

PRAYERS

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 the Keiraview Church Council.

Pray for those providing and receiving Refugee Mentoring.

Pray for Eden Playtime and give thanks for its activities and contacts.

A Prayer from Taizé

Eternal God, enable us to welcome your love. May we be able to live as Jesus did, and may your mercy, which has no limits, overflow in our lives, in kindness towards others, particularly towards those who are very poor. Amen.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 9 th	10:00-12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Tues 9 th	13:15-14:15	KYB Bible Study
Thurs 11 th	20:00-21:30	Keiraview Book Club
Fri 12 th	18:30-19:00	Youth & Community Dinner
Fri 12 th	19:00-20:30	Three:SixTeens Youth Group for kids in Yr 6-9



From the Safe Church Team

As at 25th 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

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Making Peace with an Evolving Faith

Out of Sorts Back in 2020, we began a Keiraview Book Club, as an extension of our Beach Bible Breakfast (BBB) gatherings. After a few Zoom meetings due to lockdowns and restrictions, finally we are able to meet in person. The Book Club returns on **Thursday 11th August** from 8:00 - 9:30pm. We will be discussing Sarah Bessey's 'Out of Sorts: Making Peace with an Evolving Faith'.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact: Chrissy Howe chrissyhowe7@gmail.com.

Wollongong Welsh Choir concert that was scheduled for **today** has been cancelled due to illness.

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. 23rd Aug** and **Mon. 12th 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. Course details:

- 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

Wollongong Women's Conference

will be on **Saturday 20th August**, from 09:30-15:30 (doors open 9am) at University Hall, University of Wollongong. Speaker: Ruth Schroeter on "The Will of God". Organised by the Gospel Coalition Australia – Illawarra.

Tickets: \$55 (\$45 concessions; \$35 highschoolers) inc. morning tea and lunch.

Register at the website below:

www.wollongongwomensconference.com/

It's Megaroster Time Please let Don know any dates you will be unavailable for the Sept-Nov period by **today** (7th August).

Don Townsend donsue@optusnet.com.au

Sydney Alliance Convention is being held on **Tuesday 9th August** from 4 - 8:30pm at UTS Great Hall, 15 Broadway, Ultimo.

Sydney Alliance is a civil society movement for the common good. Come along to plan the next initiatives to help shape a more climate resilient, equitable and fairer Greater Sydney. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3P5UdFH>

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

Church Council Meeting will be on **Thursday 18th August** from 19:30 – 21:30.



Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is coming and so it is time to start thinking about boxes that we can make up for Operation Christmas Child to bless underprivileged children and give them a chance to hear about Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

There is a box in the foyer for donated items to go into the shoeboxes we will later make up and also boxes if you want to make up your own box.

<https://occ.samaritanaspurse.org.au/>

If you want to know more please speak to Robyn Johnson.

Community Comes Together to Turn Barren Oval into Oasis

Environmental



Quick Tips

Jerry Bailey Oval in Shoalhaven Heads was once called the “Simpson Desert of the South Coast” until the local Lions Club, with a grant from the NSW Government worked together with their Council to increase natural shading by planting donated native tree saplings that had been naturally sown from nearby neighbourhoods (so-called ‘gutter gums’ as they sprung up in people’s gutters from established trees) and worked on how to sustain the work with Council watering and landscaping strategies.

Today some trees have grown to 2m high and are providing natural shade and windbreaks to the oval. The area has now become an inviting and beautiful oasis for the community with various recreational facilities bringing people to the area including picnic shelters, off-leash dog walking area and a cycle pump track.

<https://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/how-shoalhaven-heads-turned-barren-oval-beautiful-oasis>

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 8th August**. For information and a position description contact email 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.

ROSTER

14th AUG 2022

Flowers

Robyn Johnson

AV/Streaming

Clive Arthur
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Pat Robinson
Pat Judd

Announcements

Pauline Doyle

Elder

Alayne Guerin

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Pat Waller

Prayer

Darren Kirwood

Offering Counting

Alan Bradley
Geoff Lattimore

Morning Tea

Glenys Johnston
Allan Kew
Don Townsend
Sue Townsend

READINGS

PENTECOST 10

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

by noon **Wednesday**.

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SOUL CARE 2022 CONFERENCE

Rediscover and Reimagine

31 Aug - 02 Sep 2022, Wesley Conference Centre

Bookings 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