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# Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Luke 17:5-6

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

## welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Movies & NRL Grand Final Social

## Thought for the Week



### Everyday Justice

Perhaps the best focus, on the local level, this week, is the power of small, ordinary, "everyday" acts of justice. When we refuse to live according to the expedient, self-centred, materialist values of the society around us, it may appear to have no impact, and we may feel like we become nothing more than a laughing stock – a people in exile, suffering for what may sometimes feel like foolish and ineffectual convictions, while those around us "live it up" and succeed.

The promise of the Scriptures, though, is that such alternative living does have an impact – a significant one – and also has lasting value – becoming the heritage of faith and goodness that is passed down through generations and across communities. The reassurance this gives is that our suffering is not in vain, and that our faithfulness is useful to God. In our "instant gratification" society, such perseverance and endurance is hard and counter-cultural, but is a powerful witness to the Gospel.

Where has your church's commitment to "everyday justice" grown tired or weak? In what ways do you need to renew your commitment to persevere? What alternate living choices do you need to make or renew together? To whom can your faith heritage be passed on? What can you do to inspire and sustain small, long term, commitments in your community this week?

From [sacredise.com](https://sacredise.com) Lectionary Reflections - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

<https://sacredise.com/proper-22c/>

## PRAYERS

Pray for the people of the Ukraine, for hope and peace in the instability of war in their region.

Pray for all those affected by and supporting those impacted by Hurricane Ian in the USA and Cuba.

Praise for all who support prayerfully and financially Operation Christmas Child.

Pray for all the children who will receive the shoebox gifts and that the children take up the opportunity to hear about Jesus through The Greatest Journey

### A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources:

God of all the ages, you have revealed your grace in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we wait patiently on your mercies, strengthen us to live in your justice, that with open hearts we may hear and accomplish your will, through Christ, who lights the way to life everlasting. Amen.

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> Shoebox Packing
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-13:30	<b>Holiday Club</b> for Kids in Kindy to Year 6
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00-13:30	<b>Keiraview Community BBQ</b>

Term time activities will be on recess until 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.



## From the Safe Church Team

As at 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022

- SPEAK OUT allows you to anonymously raise any concerns you have about our congregation, or any Uniting services or entities. If anything does not feel right to you SPEAK OUT.

Independent and confidential hotline:  
1800 951 145

### COVID is Still Around

- It is very important that we have good ventilation. If you are the first one at a meeting or gathering, please OPEN the windows.

- Be aware of 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.

- You are encouraged to wear good quality masks when gathering indoor, particularly when it is difficult to maintain safe distance from others.



Any questions? Talk 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)



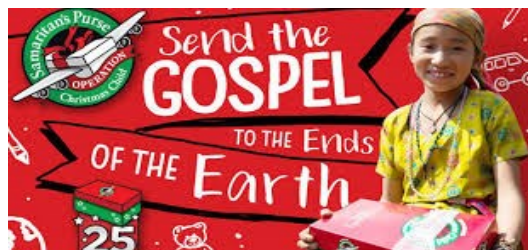
**Daylight Savings Begins Today** Don't forget to 'Spring' forward one hour **today** as Daylight Savings begins. Morning Service will be celebrating UN **International Day of Older Persons**.

Evening Service also moves back to its 18:30 slot for the summer, with a social event watching a family friendly movie and the NRL Grand Final. BYO dinner, refreshments, and blankets/comfy pillows.

**Walking Together Conference** will be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> October** at Wesley Mission, Sydney and online. Hear the voices and perspectives of First Peoples on issues relating to the Uniting Church and Reconciliation.

Book here: [walkingtogether.uca.org.au](http://walkingtogether.uca.org.au)

**Save the Date** for the **Op Shop Ball** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to help raise funds for the two children that Keiraview UC sponsors at Agape Children's Home, Thailand. There is the possibility of a group going over to Agape next April in the school holidays. If you are interested in coming or want more information please contact: Robyn Johnson 0414307910 or speak to David Stuart.



**Operation Christmas Child** Thank you to everyone who has given items to go into this year's shoeboxes. We will be packing them on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** and dedicating them next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> Oct).

If you have taken a box to fill yourself could you bring in that day if possible. These shoebox gifts will go to children in Cambodia or Fiji or Solomon Islands or Phillipines or Papua New Guinea.

This could be the very first gift the child receiving it has ever had and will also give them a chance to hear about Jesus. We still need the \$10 donation to go with each box. If you are happy to help towards this it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again from the children who will receive these shoebox gifts, Robyn Johnson 0414 307910.

**Wesley Donations** There will be a retiring offering **this Sunday** after the monthly Communion towards Wesley Community Centre's food kitchen.

**Inaugural Rev Harry Herbert Oration** will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** at 6pm, for 6:30pm start hosted by St Stephen's Uniting Church, 197 Macquarie St, Sydney. Keynote Speaker: The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG + Panellists. Rev Harry Herbert championed and improved the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians.

**Keiraview's Holiday Club** is returning on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

We are happy to announce that we will be holding a Holiday Club for children in Kindergarten to Year 6. There will be a mix of creative and fun activities for the kids to enjoy on the day including craft, games, and videos. We will be concluding the day with a community BBQ for parents to come along to free of charge. Please let us know on drop off if your child has any dietary requirements. We look forward to seeing you there! For further details contact Khairul.

If you can help out with some baking for the club leaders, please let Annette know.

**Church Elections** will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 10:45 am. Nominations are being called for positions on Church Council and for Chair and Secretary of the Congregation.

Please prayerfully consider if you, or someone in your thoughts, is being called to serve in this way. You may wish to speak to David on this matter.

Nominations to Bev Ratcliffe  
by Sunday 23rd October





## When Keiraview's SJE MAT Met Alison Byrnes MP

8 members of Keiraview met with Alison Byrnes, our local member of Federal Parliament. We met to discuss and share our concerns regarding environmental and climate change issues, including some discussion on Indigenous issues. She heard from our Danny Ivanovski, Ingid Stephenson, Anna Stephenson

and Keegan Whitten regarding these issues, all of whom are fantastic young Christians striving to care for Gods creation. The following is a very brief overview of what was discussed. We covered a lot of things. Alison was generous with her time giving over an hour to us to listen to what matters to us. She had only returned from Canberra today (29 September).

We heard from her about her experience as a new government member, her thoughts on certain issues and included her experience working with Chris Bowen and Tanya Plibersek. There were some issues that she could not answer or gave an indirect response, which we will keep an eye on. We felt it was clear that she did have a keen interest in the issues we brought up. Certainly the environment is important to her and he opinion is that renewable energy must be our energy future. She is also aware that a pathway to existing fossil fuel industry workers should be made for those workers that will experience a change in employment with retraining etc. We agreed we will follow up with another meeting at some stage in the future, likely to discuss refugee issues with her.

Danny presented her with an original Artwork he created, which was a painting of the Aussie bush recovering from the bushfires of 2019 to 2020. The paint used was from charcoal from burnt wood from the fires during that summer.

A big thanks to Geoff for organising things with Alison and for everyone giving their time. If you want to find out more any of us would be happy to elaborate further. Scott (SJE MAT)

**Office Administrator** We are seeking an enthusiastic and passionate Office Administrator to assist with the smooth running of the operations of Keiraview and the church facilities at Fisher Street, West Wollongong.

The Office Administrator's key responsibilities will be to provide administrative support for the ministry and mission of the church with a focus on bookings of the church facility, communications across Keiraview's programs and maintaining databases and registers. The position is part-time, 15 hours per week and will predominantly be undertaken onsite at Keiraview Uniting Church, Fisher Street, West Wollongong.

Full Position Description is available [https://keiraview.org/?page\\_id=2318](https://keiraview.org/?page_id=2318)

To apply for the role please email your resume and a cover letter to:

[secretary@keiraview.org](mailto:secretary@keiraview.org)

Applications close this week: **5:00 pm, Friday 7 October 2022**



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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE  
**1800 951145**

For more information go to:  
[speakout.uca.org.au](https://speakout.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

09<sup>th</sup> OCT 2022

### Flowers

Annette Arthur

### AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Rod Doyle

### Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Waller

### Announcements

Clive Arthur

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Geoff Lattimore

### Prayer

Darren Kirwood

### Offering Counting

Clive Arthur

Ross Johnson

### Morning Tea

Jenny Almond

Annette Arthur

Colin Gold

Glenys Johnston

## READINGS

### PENTECOST 18

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

by noon **Wednesday**.

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