

20th November 2022

CHRIST THE KING

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Keiraview Uniting News



Luke 23:38-43

“Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**
Led by John Kennedy

Evening Worship **6:30pm**
Led by Kerryn Morrison

Thought for the Week

All Things Made New The gospel opens up for us two responses. Prompted by the inscription above his head on the cross, Jesus was taunted by some: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself! In other words, ‘Real kings take care of themselves first.’ The response is that of one who responds to these taunts by taking care of someone else. It shows us leadership from a different perspective where the emphasis is on relationship characterised by service, not domination; where the focus is on those who have no power, those who are on the margins of society, those whom others prefer to ignore. For some saving themselves might be expressed in how we close the doors of our hearts and homes to the poor and hungry and homeless; close our borders to people seeking asylum; shut our eyes to the consequences of relying on the military-industrial complex and the fossil fuel industry which ravish poor nations. For others saving themselves reflects the change of heart that focuses on ‘the other’, who sees and responds with humanity and real care. This is the position that the second man on the cross came to and who holds out hope to us. He shows us how God’s reign can be known and experienced if our gaze is on Christ and not on one-self. For the early Christians, and for us, following Jesus is a ‘game-changer’. The image of Jesus on the cross images for us the expansiveness of God’s love. Though we may feel overwhelmed with the seemingly insolvable problems before us: war, hunger, poverty, and damage to the environment, as well as the ‘small,’ personal disasters of our lives (never small to us), we find here the roots of our hope: God in Christ is at work in the world, in the whole universe, and not just in our churches or our individual lives.

PRAYERS

Pray for Indigenous Issues in our country and community; for respect and care, for authentic perspectives and voice, and for justice and fairness.

Pray for the planning of Keiraview Advent and Christmas events. Pray for the new ReGeneration Services starting this week.

Pray for all those affected by the recent flooding disasters, and for those supporting them.

A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places. May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. Amen.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 22 nd	10:00- 12:00	Eden Playtime & Community Gardening
Tues 22 nd	19:30- 21:00	SJE MAT
Thurs 24 th	17:00- 18:30	Keiraview Community Night Ballroom Dancing
Fri 25 th	17:30- 19:00	ReGeneration Worship
Fri 25 th	19:00- 20:30	Three:SixTeens Youth Group for kids Yrs 5-8
Sat 26 th	07:30- 09:00	Pastoral Care End of Year Breakfast

contact us

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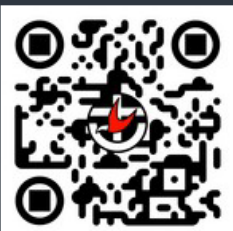
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

From erc.org.au Reflection 20/11/22
(abridged)



From the Safe Church Team

As at 27th 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.

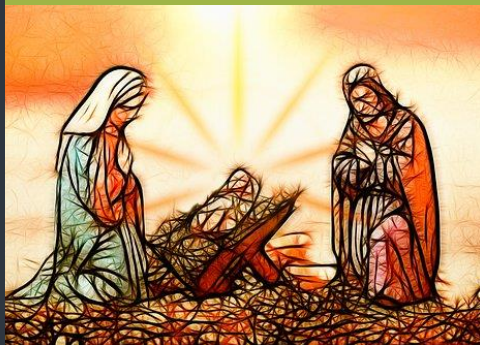
● Be aware of the symptoms of COVID. If you do have symptoms, do a RAT or get a PCR test. Avoid gatherings and services when you are unwell.

● 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



Keiraview Christmas Services

Save the dates for our Christmas services:

Christmas Without Them, Thurs. 15th Dec 7pm

Community Carols, Sun. 18th Dec. 5:30pm

Christmas Eve, Sat. 24th Dec. 6pm

Christmas Day, Sun. 25th Dec. 9:30am

Advent Bible Study A series of 4 Advent Bible studies will be held leading up to Christmas. There will be groups held on Sundays **27th November, 4th 11th & 18th December** following the morning service. The Sunday evening services will also use the Advent Study material and there will be a Thursday evening study group. Please keep these groups in mind and consider joining one of them.

KYB is now finished and we will re commence **31 st January 2023**. We will be studying Revelations. Any ladies interested in joining us are very welcome. Please contact Bev Paton.

Movember Matthew Hewitt is again participating in growing a moustache for "Movember" (which raises funds for men's health). Donations can be made through Les and Lynette and Tax Deduction **MOVEMBER®** receipts will be issued.

You can also find his fundraising page here:

<https://movember.com/m/matthewhewitt2>

ReGeneration Worship
STARTS THIS FRIDAY

Handel's Messiah performed by the Illawarra Choral Society at St Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral, 36 Harbour St, Wollongong from 2:00-4:00 p.m on **Sat. 26th November**. Tickets: \$40 each, Concession: \$35, Child: \$15, available online here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/handel-s-messiah>

SJE MAT Meeting meets on **Tuesday 22nd November** from 19:30-21:00 over zoom. Contact Scott Morrison.

Pastoral Care End of Year Breakfast will be held on **Saturday 26th November** from 07:30-09:00am. Contact Robyn Johnson

Eden Playtime and Gardening invite you to join us on **Tuesday 29 November** from 10am til 12 noon to celebrate the Season of Advent.

Our families have enjoyed in the past meeting people from Keiraview church and would love to meet more of you.

We hope you will join us for a special pre-Christmas morning tea. Sit and talk while we make advent calendars. Please let Jenny Almond, Pat Robinson or Sue Lattimore know if you are coming.

 **ReGeneration**
Worship

FRIDAYS | 5:30PM TO 7:00PM
KEIRAVIEW UNITING CHURCH

25 NOVEMBER, 2 DECEMBER, 9 DECEMBER, 16 DECEMBER.

DINNER INCLUDED
ACTIVITIES, GAMES, &
FUN TIME OF WORSHIP



Environmental



Quick Tips



Tips for Travelling More Responsibly. As we head towards the Summer Holidays and we start planning vacations and trips away, we can also prepare by considering responsible travel. The World Wildlife Fund has many useful tips:

- Going overseas? Look into reducing your carbon footprint by picking airlines with more energy efficient aircraft and pick direct flights if possible.
- Lodgings? Pick sustainable accommodations by checking whether its certified by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council.
- Buying souvenirs? Support local economies where local people are empowered to manage their land and resources.

More tips here: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/10-tips-for-traveling-more-responsibly>

Church Elections News The following people were elected last Sunday at the Keiraview Congregational AGM.

Church Council: *Geoff Lattimore, Scott Morrison, Gavin Whitten*, Congregation Chair: *Bev Ratcliffe*, Congregation Secretary: *Adell Smith*, Presbytery Rep: *Gavin Whitten*



Gifts for Peace Looking for a meaningful gift to help create a world where everyone belongs? Through Gifts for Peace, you're helping to create a just and peaceful society and a world where everyone has a safe place to belong. When you choose your gift, your loved one will receive a beautiful card telling the story behind the program their gift is supporting. A thoughtful and kind gift for friends and family. You can see the gift catalogue and order here <https://gifts.actforpeace.org.au/>

Various Positions are available at these UCA South Coast Ministries.

- **Retail Manager MUUC Outreach Centre.** Part-time 30 hours/week. Milton-Ulladulla Uniting Church is seeking a manager of their Outreach Centre, an onsite second-hand goods retail store (op shop) that plays a key role in serving our local community. Applications close **5th December**.
- **Husky OpShop.** Part-time 19 hours/week. Bay & Basin Uniting Church is seeking a Development Officer of the Husky OpShop, a busy retail store that plays a key role in serving our local community. Applications close **9th December**.

For more information and position descriptions contact email: illawarrauca20@gmail.com

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IN CONFIDENCE

Raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out'

INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
1800 951145

For more information go to:
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

27th NOV 2022

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan

Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Judd

Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

Elder

Pauline Doyle

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Pat Waller

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Ian Almond

Jenny Almond

Colin Gold

Robyn Johnson

READINGS

ADVENT 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton

by noon Wednesday.

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