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Keiraview Uniting News



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Ps. 72:18-19

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth."

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Thought for the Week

John's Essential Message The figure of John the Baptist is unmissable – wild, eccentric to say the least, and certainly not welcome at the average family tea table. If he was a toddler someone might suggest his emotions were dis-regulated by his diet and he needed to calm down and get a good night's sleep.

Yet his prophetic voice is one we cannot ignore. He reminds us that there is always a place for righteous anger and that sometimes the new and better requires actions of clearing and letting go that can be painful and disturbing to some. His voice acts as corrective to tendencies in some Christian circles to associate the gospel with niceness or respectability.

John was not respectable. But his message was essential. To whose voices of anger and hope do we then perhaps need to open our eyes and hearts today? Felling and responding to discomfort, if not dis-regulation, is a key part of our Advent journeys.

UCA Reflections Lectionary 4th December 2022

A Prayer (in the spirit of Isaiah 11)

May your spirit—
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and courage,
a spirit of knowledge and reverence—
light upon us and interrupt us.
Show us the difference
between what is right and what is wrong
because our eyes are often dim
and our ears are sometimes untrustworthy.

- Danna Nolan Fewell, *The Children of Israel: Reading the Bible for the Sake of Our Children*, 2003

PRAYERS

Pray for the Keiraview Advent and Christmas events continuing this week.

Pray for the church council AGM this week.

Pray for teachers and students as they come to the end of the year.

Pray for the planning of Bible Studies and Outreach programs to meet the needs of our community for 2022.

Pray for those in our congregation and in the greater community who experience especial hardship in the Christmas season.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 4th	10:45	Advent Bible Study
Mon 5th	19:30- 21:00	Advent Bible Study
Tues 6th	19:30- 21:15	Eden Playtime and Gardening
Thurs 8th	16:00- 20:30	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs 8th	19:30- 21:30	Church Council AGM
Fri 9th	17:00- 18:30	Kids Club
Fri 9th	18:30	Youth & Community Dinner
Fri 9th	17:30- 19:00	ReGeneration Worship
Fri 9th	19:00- 20:30	Three:SixTeens Youth Group for kids Yrs 5-8

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.

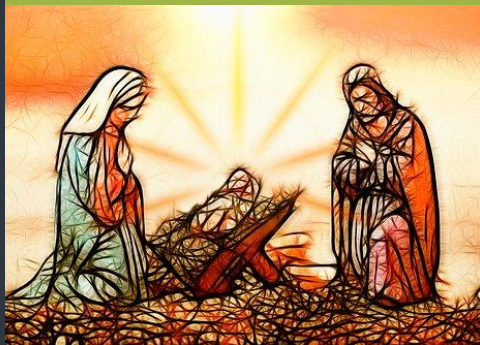
- Be aware of the symptoms of COVID. If you do have symptoms, do a RAT or get a PCR test. Avoid gatherings and services when you are unwell.

- You are encouraged to wear good quality masks when gathering indoors, 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 **4th 11th & 18th December** following the morning service. The Sunday evening services will also use the Advent Study material and there will also be a Monday evening study group at 7:30pm. Please keep these groups in mind and consider joining one of them.

Colin Buchanan's Christmas Concert

Christian artist Colin Buchanan is BACK, LIVE ON STAGE!

Thurs 15 December 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Wollongong Salvos Church
13 Burelli St, Wollongong NSW 2500

To book a ticket, please visit:
<https://colinbuchanan.com.au/blogs/shows>

If you know someone who would like to go but who is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Michelle Campanella on 0408 251 962

SAVE THE DATE for our Volunteer Information and Induction sessions to be held on either **Thursday 9th February 2023** (7-9pm) or **Saturday 11th February 2023** (9:30-11:00am).

All volunteers within Keiraview are required to attend one of these sessions. Look out for further info in the coming weeks.

Eden Playtime and Gardening On behalf of all who visited, thank you to Jenny Almond and all helpers for our special morning tea last week to celebrate the Season of Advent. Everyone had such a wonderful time together eating delicious treats and making Advent calendars.

Church Council AGM to be held Thursday 8th December from 7:30-9:30pm at the Fisher Street centre. It will elect church councillors in various positions, so please pray for the meeting and for everyone involved.

Afterwards the regular church council meeting will be held. Anybody can attend these meetings, so if you are interested, please contact Scott Morrison for more details.

 **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



ReGeneration Worship
CONTINUES THIS FRIDAY

Environmental



Quick Tips

Tips for Travelling More Responsibly. As we head towards the Summer Holidays and we start planning day trips and road trips, we can also prepare by considering responsible car travel.

- Don't bag it. Plastic bags take 500 years to break down, so take reusable cloth or string bags when visiting local markets.
- Pack lightly, particularly on plane trips. The more the plane weighs, the more carbon emissions it produces.
- Travel overland. Cutting out one five-hour flight and your carbon footprint will be a ton lighter. And you'll get to see more of the countryside, too!

For more tips, visit www.worldnomads.com

Various Positions are available at these UCA South Coast Ministries.

- **Uniting Church Chaplain – South Coast** Full time. Uniting South Coast is seeking to call a pastoral, prophetic and organized Leader with a background in chaplaincy and/or suitable training in Clinical Pastoral Education. The role involves two key aspects: providing pastoral and spiritual care for Uniting residents, families and staff in Uniting Berry Aged Care and providing oversight and coordination of the South Coast Pastoral Team, which includes Pastoral Practitioners at Gerringong, Nowra and Berry. To enquire further about this role, please contact Rev. Nigel Hawken, Chaplaincy Convenor South, via mobile 0437 899 252 or by email at nhawken@uniting.org. Applications close **10th December**
- **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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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
1800 951145

For more information go to:
speakout.uca.org.au

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

11th DEC 2022

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane
Pat Waller

Announcements

Annette Arthur

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

Prayer

Norma Coudrey

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson
Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Ian Almond
Jenny Almond
Pauline Doyle
Rod Doyle

READINGS

ADVENT 3

Is 35:1-10
Ps 146:5-10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

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