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Keiraview Uniting News



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Ps 80:17-19

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Thought for the Week

Are You the One Who is to Come?

'Are you the one who is to come, or should we wait for another?'

Somehow it is consoling to realise that even John, whom we acknowledge as the one who points to Jesus as the Messiah, had doubts. For even when we are sure about something as we possibly can be – we've done our research, we spent time with someone, we've weighed up all the evidence – we can tend to be risk averse. Maybe we should wait. Maybe the jury is still out. Maybe there is some vital piece of information we are missing. Sometimes indeed it is important to wait.

But sometimes we can wait too long, and we miss the transformative opportunity being presented to us. 'Look' Jesus says – take in the evidence of your own eyes and have the courage to act.

UCA Reflections Lectionary 11th December 2022

A Prayer

Almighty God,

Who wonderfully created us in your own image
And yet more wonderfully restored us through
your son, Jesus Christ:

Grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity,

So we may share the life of his divinity

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS

Pray for the Keiraview Advent and Christmas events continuing 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 2023.

Pray for the Scripture Union Family Missions taking place in the Illawarra this summer, that those involved will be safe and focused.

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 11th	10:45	Advent Bible Study
Mon 12th	19:30- 21:00	Advent Bible Study
Tues 13 th	19:30- 21:15	Eden Playtime and Gardening
Thurs 15th	16:00- 20:30	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs 15th	19:00- 20:00	Christmas Without Them
Fri 16th	17:00- 18:30	Kids Club
Fri 16th	17:30- 19:00	ReGeneration Worship
Fri 16th	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 Advent Bible studies will be held leading up to Christmas. There will be groups held on Sundays **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.

Christmas Bowl Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas Bowl appeal you can do so in one of the following ways:

- Use the printed envelopes available at the back of the church, near the collection plate. Fill the details in and put the envelope back into the collection plate;

- Put cash in the collection plate on Christmas Day. All cash offerings on Christmas Day will go to the Christmas Bowl appeal;

- Make an EFT payment to the Keiraview bank account and put **Christmas Bowl** in the subject line;

- Go online and make a donation directly to www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

 **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



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Christmas Without Them service - Thursday 15th of December 2022 at 7pm

The service is for all who find the Christmas season difficult because of grief and sadness, especially those who have lost loved ones in 2022 and for whom this will be the first Christmas without them.

Community Christmas Carols - Sunday 18th of December 2022, 5:30pm

This is a community event to help people get into the spirit of Christmas, with the theme being "A recipe for Christmas". There will be fun activities like craft and games, a BBQ, and plenty of singing.

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th of December 2022, 6pm

Come and celebrate Christmas in a fun way as we explore the sometimes-rocky road of life, but a journey on which we always find hope, peace, joy and love in the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th of December 2022, 9:30am

Come and celebrate as we gather as a community of faith to find hope, peace, joy and love in the birth of Jesus.



Tips for Travelling More Responsibly. As we head towards the Summer Holidays and we start planning holidays and tours, we can also prepare by considering responsible travel businesses. Remember:

- Many responsible travel businesses may be affiliated with international organisations such as the World Wildlife Fund, the Rainforest Alliance, etc. They may also have certification from organisations such as the Global Sustainable Tourism Council or the Centre for Responsible Travel, which prove they have met certain recognized standards for sustainability.
- Truly responsible travel businesses pride themselves on transparency. Most will have details on their sustainability and corporate social responsibility initiatives clearly placed on their website. And any 'green' company should be more than happy to answer your questions about these initiatives.

For more tips, visit www.greenglobaltravel.com

Scripture Union Family Missions - Volunteers Wanted

Scripture Union Family Missions (SUFM) will be held in the Illawarra this summer. See below for details. If you want to volunteer to help out, contact the Missions administrator at Scripture Union NSW (SUNSW), on 9638 9000 or by emailing missions@sunsw.org.au.

Location	Address	Dates
Albion Park	Albion Park Anglican Church Terry Street & Russell St, Albion Park	26th Dec, 2022 - 7th Jan, 2023
Bulli	Bulli Beach Tourist Park 1 Farrell Rd, Bulli	26 Dec 2022 – 6 Jan 2023
Corrimal	Corrimal Beach Tourist Park Lake Pde, Corrimal	26 Dec 2022 – 7 Jan 2023
Gerroa	Seven Mile Beach Holiday Park & Discovery Holiday Park 200 & 107 Crooked River Rd, Gerroa	26 Dec 2022 – 5 Jan 2023
Kiama Summerlife	74 Manning St, Kiama	27 Dec 2022 – 6 Jan 2023
Wollongong	Wollongong Surf Leisure Centre 201 Pioneer Road, Fairy Meadow	27 Dec 2022 – 6 Jan 2023

Speak Out
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

18th DEC 2022

Flowers

Robyn Johnson

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Rod Doyle

Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Clive Arthur

Elder

Pauline Doyle

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Alayne Guerin

Prayer

David Stuart

Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Geoff Lattimore

Morning Tea

Colin Gold

Robyn Johnson

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

READINGS

ADVENT 4

Is 7:10-16

Ps 80:1-7, 17-19

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:2-11

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by noon Wednesday.

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