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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**

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Thought for the Week

An Angel Appears to Joseph

At the beginning and heart of Christian marriage and family life is this extraordinary story of the creation of a very atypical family unit. Here indeed is the supreme example of a 'family of choice' – the family God apparently chooses, with much heralding by angels, for their child. This is not a 'natural' family, or a family formed according to traditional 'religious values'. It is an extraordinary family, and as such should give courage to all other families that do not fit neatly into customary categories.

For those who live within typical expectations it may also give strength to acknowledge hidden differences and to support those who face other hurts and condemnations. Without the courage of both Joseph and Mary in choosing to step outside conventional boundaries, exercising compassion and common sense, the Christian story could not have begun.

UCA Reflections Lectionary 18th December 2022

A Prayer

Dear Lord,

Don't let us miss you this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on your birth.

Thank you for being the Prince of Peace, and we ask you for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank you for the simple but life-changing message of your love for us.

In Jesus' Name, 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 our volunteers, thanking God for giving them a heart and gifts to serve.

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

Pray for those in our congregation and community who are especially vulnerable during the Christmas season: the bereaved, the sick, the lonely, those experiencing homelessness and those at risk of family violence.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 18th	17:30	Community Carols
Sun 18th	10:45	Advent Bible Study
Mon 19th	19:30- 21:00	Advent Bible Study
Thurs 22nd	16:00- 20:30	Keiraview Community Night
Sat 24th	18:00- 19:30	Christmas Eve Worship Service
Sun 25th	9:30- 10:30	Christmas Worship Service
Jan 13th	Evening	Community Movie Night

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.

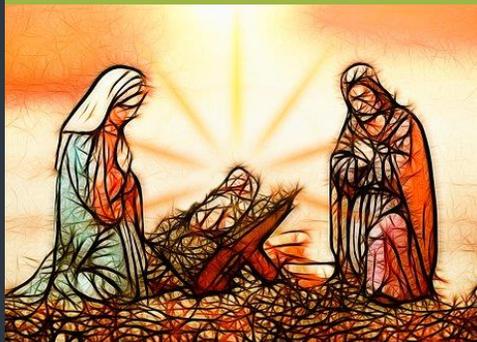
- Be aware of the symptoms of COVID. If you do have symptoms, do a RAT or get a PCR test. Avoid gatherings and services when you are unwell.

- 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:

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 Sunday **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.

Mentoring and Breakfast Club at WWPS

Mentoring and Breakfast Club at Wollongong West Public School (which is next door to the church) is now finished for the year. It has been a joy to see the children each week and help both the children and staff in these very practical ways.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the mentors involved: Laurie & Diane Aldridge, Ian Almond, Clive Arthur and Phil Crawford, who have so generously given of their time and talents during the past year. Laurie recently had a short meeting with the principal of the school and was blown away by her compliments. The work of the mentors has been appreciated by the principal, the staff, and the students.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped with Breakfast Club each Tuesday and Thursday morning: Annette & Clive Arthur, Ian & Jenny Almond, Lyn Jones, Lurline Butler, Phil Crawford, Kerryn Morrison & Pauline Doyle. It has also been wonderful to work alongside the school volunteers: Maria Szalla, Laura Morris and Vince Carolan.

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

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

Christmas Eve, Sat. 24th Dec. 6pm

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

Community Christmas Carols - Sunday 18th 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 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 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.

Eden Playtime: Calling Volunteers

Eden Playtime finished the year on Tuesday 13 with a lovely Christmas party. We will resume in 2023 on January 31.

We meet weekly during school terms, Tuesdays 10am til 12 noon.

All are welcome. Call in for a cappuccino or to pull a few weeds in our veggie garden.

We are looking for some help in 2023. If you have a spare half hour, you may enjoy:

- reading stories
- supervising feeding our worms
- welcoming and marking off names
- providing and/or helping with a simple craft activity

Talk with Jenny Almond.

If you have a bit more time, consider helping:

- in the kitchen
- making espresso coffees
- chatting with our families or playing
- managing or helping with the raised garden beds
- packing away (12 - 13:30) or setting up (8:30 - 9:30)

Talk to Pat Robinson, Bronwyn Wilson, Sue Lattimore, David Stuart or Ian Almond to find out what volunteering at Eden playtime is really like.



11 Ways to Fight Food Wastage This Christmas: Whilst Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate and eat delicious food with family and friends, it is important to make sure excess food does not go to waste. Here are 11 easy ways to do this, thanks to Ozharvest:

1. Plan your meals & check your fridge before shopping.
2. Write a shopping list & stick to it - avoid the Christmas specials.
3. Use up food from your freezer the week before to make room for leftovers (make sure you have enough storage containers, too!)
4. Store fruit and veg properly so they will last.
5. Let guests serve themselves for perfect portions with no waste.
6. Get leftovers in airtight containers and in the fridge as soon as you can. If you have ham, keep it wrapped in a clean damp cloth in the fridge.
7. Move food that needs eating to the front of the fridge and freeze any other leftovers
8. Make delicious sandwiches and salads with leftovers instead of binning them
9. Ferment, preserve and pickle your left-overs (there are lots of great recipes online). All you need is a mason jar and a recipe. These can make cute handmade gifts!
10. Use your senses rather than being guided by use-by labels to save good food.
11. Donate to a local food hamper or donation program (e.g. [Salvos](#), [Food Bank](#), [SecondBite](#), [OzHarvest](#)).

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



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IN CONFIDENCE

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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

25th 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

CHRISTMAS DAY

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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