

26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ps 32:6-7

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**
Led by Rev David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**
Led by Rev David Stuart

Temptations in the Wilderness

Jesus enters the wilderness only after having received baptism and heard himself named as the beloved of God. This is the pattern many of us recognise from our own journeys of faith – first, the call, and then the doubts.

Traditionally the temptations in their fable-like form have been understood to be about rejecting material comfort, power and idolatry. Yet behind them we can recognise a more fundamental temptation that occurs the moment we perceive, even if only for a moment, that we are the beloved of God.

That perception puts everything else in our lives in the shade. We find ourselves no longer the most important player in our own story. This frightens our ego, and seeking to regain control, we scurry back to familiar things – physical comforts, power plays and indeed anything that may look like God, without being God.

The invitation of Lent is to stay a little longer, just as we are, in the loving gaze of God and know ourselves beloved.

These reflections were prepared by Rev. Dr Jo Inkpin of Pitt Street Uniting Church on the Gospel of Matthew

PRAYERS

Pray for the people of New Zealand as they continue to suffer the effects of cyclone, flooding and earthquake

Pray for all affected by ex-Cyclone Gabrielle, as well as giving thanks for those who were spared

Pray for the upcoming World Day of Prayer services

Pray for Lent Event, that it may be a time of prayer, community, and renewing of our Christian faith and service

Pray for upcoming Lent Bible studies, services, events and outreach at KUC, that they may be edifying for our Keiraview family as well as make Christ known to the community around us

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Mon Feb 27th	7:30pm- 9:00pm	Lent Bible Study at the Stuarts'
Tues Feb 28th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime + Gardening
Tues Feb 28 th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs March 2nd	10:00am- 11:30pm	Lent Bible Study Farmborough
Thurs March 2nd	4:00- 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Study
Thurs March 2nd	5:00- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri March 3rd	7:00- 9:00pm	Three:Sixteens Youth Group

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



KYB Bible Study

The Know Your Bible study group is held in the hall every Tuesday in term time between 1-3pm. All ladies are invited to join this group as we study the Bible and have fellowship together.

For further details, please see Bev Patton.

Lent Bible Studies

You are invited to join a Lent Bible study group in the run-up to Easter this year. There are three groups, meeting at different times and locations:

Group 1: 6:30pm Sundays at the Fisher St church (in lieu of evening services) Starting Feb 26th

Group 2: Monday evenings at 7:30pm at the Stuarts' residence, starting Feb 27th

Group 3: Thursdays at 10am at Farmborough Grove, starting Feb 23rd.

Please let us know which group you would like to join by emailing office@keiraview.org or by putting your name down on the list in the church foyer.

Keiraview Community Bible Study

A new Bible study will be held in the Meeting Room at 4pm on Thursday afternoons. Everyone is invited, no matter your age or stage!

See Khairul or Naomi for more details, or email office@keiraview.org 😊

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night – including those who helped eat the pancakes!

It was a lovely evening of fellowship, fun and delicious food as we paused as a community to consider the upcoming period of Lent and the theme of Lenten sacrifice.



SongFest at Dapto Uniting Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2pm. This event will be a fun time of singing for those in attendance, as well as listening to performances by the Wollongong Congolese Singers.

There will also be other musical and singing performances, light refreshments served, and a stall to purchase goods at during the intermission.

Donations for entry are suggested at \$10 per person or \$25 per family (2 adults with kids), with all funds raised for church mission.

Bookings would be appreciated as this will help for catering and seating preparations.

This will be a great opportunity to get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ at Dapto Uniting, and to worship together and mutually encourage one another in faith.

To book or enquire, contact Janet at 0431 410 189 or email her at exercisecare@gmail.com, or let Naomi know by emailing her at office@keiraview.org.

April Agape Mission

Donations are being sought from the congregation for materials and supplies to be used during the April Agape Mission Trip. Please put any contributions in the offering plate (marked as 'Agape Mission Trip') or via direct deposit – details are on the bottom of the last page of this newsletter.

Staircase Mural

Huge thanks to Danny Ivanovski for his amazing escarpment mural in our stairway. Make sure to go down and take a look!



Safe Church Awareness Workshops

A Safe Church workshop will be held at Gerringong Uniting Church on Saturday March 4th, 2023.

This will be an all-day event running from 9:30am-4:00pm (please arrive at 9:00 for a 9:30 start.)

The maximum number of participants who can be accommodated is 50 and the cost is \$25pp. Participants will need to bring their own lunch, a pen, and a mask.

Workshop topics will include Safe Church Foundations, Duty of Care, Child Protection, Protecting Vulnerable People, Understanding and Responding to Abuse, Safe Leadership, Recruitment and Supervision, Safety in Programs and Environments, and Uniting Church policies and procedures.

Flyers containing full details, as well as the online URL to RSVP, are available in the church foyer, or email office@keiraview.org if you have not yet received a copy via email and would like one.



World Day of Prayer 2023

This year our host country is Taiwan, and our prayer theme is "I have heard about your faith".

Please join us at 10am Friday 3rd March at the Catholic Church on the Princes Highway in Unanderra.

Please RSVP by 26th February by calling Fae McGregor on 42 71 37 62 or Robyn Bradley on 42717342.

Full leaflets about the day can also be found in the church foyer.

UOW Wellbeing Club


Lyn Jones and Pauline Doyle had a successful "production line" preparing the sandwiches for the UOW Wellbeing Club this week. If you would like to assist on Tuesday 21st March, please speak to Lyn or Pauline.



Hop on over
for an Easter celebration
at Eden Playtime
Tuesday 4 April

You're welcome to show up
any time from 10 AM
and stay as long as you like.
We'll have plenty of food and drinks.
Craft til 10:30 and Egg Hunt starts after 11 AM!

Please let us know if you can attend
before April 1st
by calling Jenny on 0401245669.
Looking forward to seeing you there!
From your friends at Eden Playtime
Keiraview Uniting Church
Fisher St
West Wollongong



Greetings
ISLAND

ROSTER

5th March 2023

Flowers

Robyn Johnson

AV/Streaming

Clive Arthur

Rod Doyle

Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pat Waller

Elder

Pauline Doyle

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Don Townsend

Prayer

Norma Coudrey

Communion Preparation

Pauline Doyle

Communion Elders

Alayne Guerin

TBA

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

Robyn Johnson

READINGS

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Gn 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Ps 32

Rom. 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

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by 5pm Wednesday.

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Keiraview Uniting Church, BSB: 634 634, Account #: 100017747