

12th February 2023

6th Sunday of Epiphany

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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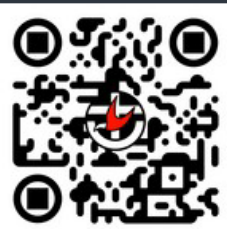
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Ps 119:5-7

Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!  
Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.  
I will praise you with an upright heart  
as I learn your righteous laws.

## Welcome

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

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

## The 'Hard Sayings' of Jesus

### Anger, Adultery, Divorce, Oaths

These verses are among the 'hard sayings' of Jesus which might lead us to despair if we did not hold them together in the grace of God and the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit. For how, we might wonder, is it possible for even exceptional holy people, never mind ordinary folk, to keep such demanding standards? How can this sit with the same Jesus who says that 'my yoke is easy' and embodies mercy and transformative forgiveness? How is this righteousness less burdensome than that of the Pharisees and others?

Part of the answer to the seeming harshness is to remember that this is characteristic of Jesus' Semitic style of teaching in which he uses various dramatic means to wake up, challenge and provoke the response of his hearers. Here the standards of righteousness are indeed set high for they relate to God and divine perfection. It is thus crucial to hold them together with the centrality of God's grace. Jesus is saying that no one can reach God's standards by their own efforts and that outward achievements of restraint are not enough. What is required is a full turning of hearts and lives to God so that divine grace can help transform thought as well as deed, and lead to a greater righteousness we alone cannot attain.

*Lectionary Insights, Feb 12 2023*

### A Prayer

Lord, we thank you for giving us the chance to come closer to you through your grace and forgiveness. Though we have not always appreciated your light, we know you watch over us. Thank you for opening our hearts to your love and showing us a new life through your guidance.  
*Amen*

### PRAYERS

Pray for the Bible Studies and Outreach programs we have planned for 2023, that they may glorify God and meet the needs of our community.

Pray for those affected by the Türkiye/Syria earthquake: the victims, the grieving, those without shelter, food or clean water, & aid workers

Pray for the students who are now back at school, especially those at WWPS

Pray for the upcoming Presbytery Celebration Service, and for those who are organising or leading this event.

Pray for upcoming Lent services, events and outreach at KUC

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun Feb 12	5:00pm- 6:30pm	<b>Evening worship MAT meeting</b>
Tues Feb 14	10:00pm- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime + Gardening</b>
Tues Feb 14	1:00- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs Feb 16	7:30pm- 9:30pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
Tues Feb 21st	5:30pm- 7:30pm	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening</b>
Wed Feb 22nd	7:30- 9:00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday worship service</b>

## From the Safe Church Team

As at 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:safe-church@keiraview.org)



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening

**5:30 - 7:30pm Tuesday 21 February 2023**

Enjoy a pancake or two, fellowship, and help raise funds for Uniting World's Lent Event. Donations may be made on the night.

Please RSVP to Robyn Bradley, Sandy Brisbane or Pauline Doyle – or on Facebook – by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### Breakfast Club at WWPS

Breakfast Club at WWPS will recommence on Tuesday February 14 and Thursday February 16. Volunteers are required to be at the school from about 8:15 to 9:30. We cut up fruit, cook toast and serve cereal and Milo. Many hands make light work, so if you would like to volunteer in this missional activity, please see Pauline Doyle or Jenny Almond.

### KYB Bible Study

The Know Your Bible study group is held in the Meeting Room at Fisher St 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 with us in a Lent Bible study group. 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 26<sup>th</sup>

Group 2: Monday evenings at 7:30pm at the Stuart's residence, starting Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

Group 3: Thursdays at 10am at Farmborough Grove, starting Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

### Eden Playtime: Calling Volunteers

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

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

We are looking for 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 (12:00-12:30) 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.



## UOW Wellbeing Club

Keiraview has been asked to assist with lunches for the UOW Well-being Club again this year. This involves making some packed lunches consisting of a sandwich, a cake/cookie and a piece of fruit for each lunch.

We have some funds available if someone would like to help and needs assistance with expenses.

The first three dates we have been asked to assist on are 23 Feb, 21 March & 18 April. If you're able and willing to help on one of those dates, either by making the packed lunches at home or joining with others to make the lunches together, please let Pauline Doyle know by emailing her at [rpdoyle@inet.net.au](mailto:rpdoyle@inet.net.au) or calling her on 0427 654 535.

## SongFest at Dapto Uniting Church

This event will be a fun time of singing for those in attendance, as well as listening to performances by the Wollongong Gospel Choir.

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](mailto:exercisecare@gmail.com), or let Naomi know by emailing her at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org).



## 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](mailto:office@keiraview.org) if you have not yet received a copy via email and would like one.



## Let's Talk About Dementia!

Anglicare's Dementia Advisory Service is facilitating a free information session:

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Time:** 9:00am-12:30pm

**Location:** Figtree Sports Club: 120 The Avenue, Figtree.

Join us in exploring a basic introduction to dementia, strategies to reduce the risk of dementia, and ways to create dementia-inclusive communities and environments.

Morning tea will be provided by the Figtree Sports Club.

Registration is essential, so please call Alice Summons on 0438 790 526 to RSVP.



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Illawarra  
Presbytery

**Mission Worker at University of Wollongong – PT 10 hours per week**

Support the Uniting Church UOW Chaplain to enhance the wellbeing and social outcomes of the students attending the university.

#### About the Job

- Build supportive, nurturing relationships with students, aware of differing social & cultural needs.
- Participate in various groups for bible studies, meditation, young adult discipleship days.
- Accompany the Chaplain in attending UOW Orientation week and other UOW events to promote Club/groups and extracurricular activities.
- Attend lunch time drop-in sessions two days per week.
- Assist to organise, promote and help facilitate on campus and off campus activities.
- Assist the Chaplain in building links between students and Uniting Church congregations.

#### About You

- Be a Christian and read and understand the Basis of Union and have a preparedness to work within the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia as described in the Basis of Union.
- Possess strong cultural awareness & a willingness to be inclusive of differences in race & gender.
- Willing to be active in the UOW community.
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule when required.
- Good oral/written/social media communication and interpersonal skills
- Able to be self-motivated with minimum supervision
- High level of self-confidence and personal integrity
- Ability to demonstrate care and empathy
- A current NSW Working With Children Check

#### Desirable

- Musical ability
- Current NSW Driver's License

Mentoring and training included.

Applications Close: Friday, 17 February 2023.

For information and a position description contact email [illawarrauca20@gmail.com](mailto:illawarrauca20@gmail.com)

If you are interested in applying for this position, please provide your resume and a letter of application that showcases your suitability for the role based on the position description.

Uniting Church – Illawarra Presbytery values workplace diversity and is committed to providing a supportive, inclusive and respectful work environment. We welcome applications from people of all abilities, backgrounds and life experiences and encourage applications from Indigenous Australians, people with a disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you prefer to do an electronic bank deposit as offertory, the details are:

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

## ROSTER

19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan

Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

### Announcements

Pauline Doyle

### Elder

Geoff Lattimore

### Music

Kerryn Morrison

### Bible Reader

Clive Arthur

### Prayer

Rev. David Stuart

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Ross Johnson

### Morning Tea

Annette Arthur

Sandy Brisbane

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

## READINGS

### FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Ex 24:12-18

Ps 2

2 Pt. 1:16-21

Mt 17:1-9

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton  
by 5pm Wednesday.

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