

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Keiraview Uniting News



Eph. 19:6-7

Welcome

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

Evening Worship **6:30pm**
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For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

What Do We See?

In our daily lives we all make choices (consciously or subconsciously) about what we will see and what we won't.

It's tempting to choose not to see the suffering and injustice in our world – to switch off the news, and to ignore reports of grief, war and trauma. It's tempting to avoid seeing certain people and to allow them to just blend in with the landscape, removing their need and struggle from our vision. It's tempting to avoid seeing God's truth and grace in those with whom we disagree, and whom we would rather see as "all bad". It's tempting to avoid seeing the brokenness in those we support and with whom we agree and to see them as "all good". It's tempting to avoid seeing the resources, the opportunities and the capacity we have for making a difference, and to rather believe we can do nothing.

But, if we have really seen Jesus, and if we have truly seen God's reign proclaimed and manifest in Christ, then we have to confront how we see things, and allow God's grace and mercy, God's truth and justice to change our seeing and shed light on our world, our relationships and our neighbourhoods. And, once again, our seeing must be informed by God's different perspective where the greatest are the least, and where everyone – even a young shepherd boy, or a carpenter from the countryside – can make significant differences in the world.

PRAYERS

Pray for the Agape Children's Home in Thailand, for the upcoming mission trip there and the safety of those who are travelling there, and for the fundraising effort to help them with materials and supplies

Pray for those who are grieving, that God may comfort them and help those around them know best how to comfort them

Pray for those who care for others: for children, the elderly, the disabled, the sick and the vulnerable

Pray for 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 Mar 20th	7:30pm- 9:00pm	Lent Bible Study at the Stuarts'
Tues Mar 21st	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime + Gardening
Tues Mar 21st	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs March 23rd	10:00am- 11:30pm	Lent Bible Study Farmborough
Thurs March 23rd	4:00- 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Study
Thurs March 23rd	5:00- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri March 24th	7:00- 9:00pm	Three:Sixteens Youth Group

Contact Us

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CHURCH/HALL BOOKINGS

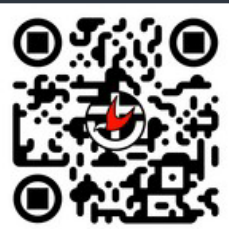
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

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 (during 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.

Community Bible Study

A new Bible study will be held in the hall at 4pm on Thursday afternoons (before Community Night board games). We will be looking at the Gospel of John. All are welcome to attend.

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

Office Equipment Free to Good Home

The church has a four-drawer filing cabinet (second hand) and a computer monitor arm (brand new with some packaging and instruction manual) that we no longer have any use for. They are free to a good home, though we would appreciate a small donation for them.

If interested, please email Naomi at office@keiraview.org



Living Our Faith Series

Living Our Faith is a seven-module course for those who want to deepen their understanding of Christian faith and theology. The series is designed for laypeople and no prior study is required – just sign up and join us for one or more of the available courses.

Each Living Our Faith course can be done for personal interest or taken for credit toward Lay Preacher accreditation. Best of all, though, it is for anyone who wants to broaden and deepen their relationship with God.

For those wishing to become a Lay Preacher in the Uniting Church, you will be required to complete the Living Our Faith series before accreditation. Courses done for credit involve several light assignments.

There are seven courses in the Living Our Faith series:

- **Living Our Values** (an introduction to the history, theology, and polity of the UCA)
- **Leading Worship in the Uniting Church**
- **Exploring Theology**
- **Exploring the Old Testament**
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- **Proclaiming Jesus Christ**
- **Lay Preachers' Code of Ethics Workshop** (2 hours)

Courses are run both face-to-face and online via Zoom.

If you would like to join – or form! - a group to do one of these courses at the church over Zoom, please talk to David.

April Agape Mission

Donations are being sought from the congregation for materials and supplies to be used during the April Agape Mission Trip to Thailand. Already we have raised \$1221.90 in funds and are working toward our goal of \$1700. If you would like to donate, please put any contributions in the offering plate (marked as 'Agape Mission Trip') or via direct deposit – details on how to do this are below.

Volunteer Forms

Could all Keiraview Volunteers please return the following forms to Naomi or Pauline ASAP:

- 1) Completed Volunteer Details Form
- 2) Signature page from the Code of Conduct and
- 3) for "High Trust Volunteers" the signature page of the Volunteer Manual.

If you have any questions please send an email to Pauline or Naomi.

Combined Prayer Meeting

Doo Ah Leeming, the Illawarra Prebytery's Tertiary Minister, is interested in holding a combined weekly prayer meeting for Keiraview people and students from the UOW at Keiraview on Monday afternoons around 1:00pm. If you are interested in joining such a group please contact Doo Ah by phone on 0416 491 531 or by email at revdooah@gmail.com

ROSTER

26th March 2023

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane
Colin Gold

Announcements

Clive Arthur

Elder

Pauline Doyle

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Alayne Guerin

Prayer

David Stuart

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson
Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Annette Arthur
Don Townsend
Sue Townsend
Pat Waller

READINGS

MARCH 19, 2023

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 95
Rom. 5:1-11
Jn 4:5-42

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton **by 5pm Wednesday.**
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notices@keiraview.org



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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

ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you would prefer to send an electronic bank deposit as offertory, the details are:
Keiraview Uniting Church, BSB: 634 634, Account #: 100017747