

26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Keiraview Uniting News



Jn. 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

Welcome

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

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

A Promise and a Challenge

For every follower of Christ, and every Christian community, resurrection is both a promise and a challenge. It is a promise that opens us to God's life, which inspires and empowers us every moment. It is a challenge not to shy away from the sacrifices and struggles that we will inevitably face as we work for life and justice in our world. Daily we are called to lay down our own comfort and embrace simplicity for the sake of those who are poor. We are called to think carefully about what we buy and where, what we eat and how much, and how we do business for the sake of those who face oppressive trade restrictions and unfair exploitation by the wealthy and powerful. In our own relationships, we are called to give up our need to be right, our need to protect ourselves and our fear of those who are different and 'alien' to us, in order to bring life and grace to those who need it. Even our worship calls us to lay down our own preferences in favour of others so that they may encounter God in the way that is most helpful and transforming for them, rather than fighting for our own preferred styles and forms. All of this sacrifice can only be done if we truly believe in and embrace the promise of resurrection – for ourselves, that we will be led to life, and for our world, that our small contribution will make the world a more whole and alive place. In what ways can you embrace a small sacrifice this week in order to bring life to another?

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 the newly elected and continuing representatives appointed in yesterday's election

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 27th	7:30pm- 9:00pm	Lent Bible Study at the Stuarts'
Tues Mar 28th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime + Gardening
Tues Mar 28th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Wed March 29th	11:00am- 1:00pm	Funeral Service for Alan Kew (see next page for details)
Thurs March 30th	10:00- 11:30am	Lent Bible Study Farmborough
Thurs March 30th	4:00- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri March 31st	7:00- 9:00pm	Three:Sixteens Youth Group

Contact Us

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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)

Group 2: Monday evenings at 7:30pm at the Stuarts' residence

Group 3: Thursdays at 10am at Farmborough Grove

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. This is a very casual gathering and all are welcome to attend.

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

In Memoriam: Alan Kew

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Alan Kew at Farmborough Residential Aged Care on 13th March 2023.

Alan was a patient, caring gentleman, and a faithful member of Keiraview. He had a heart for serving, often preferring to give than to receive, evident in his ministry of being part of the morning tea roster. Alan was involved with many ministries and social groups within the life of the church, especially enjoying fellowship with the Couples & Friends group. He loved to sing and was committed to choral work and various church choirs over the years. As a father and grandfather, Alan was very loving and proud of his daughters and grandchildren.

Alan's funeral will be held here at Keiraview at **11am on Wednesday, 29th March**. All are welcome to attend.

Alan's family has requested refreshments for after the service – could those attending please bring a plate of finger food to be shared. If you cannot attend but would like to help by supplying food, please contact Fae McGregor on 42 713762.

We would also appreciate help in setting up the hall, in the kitchen and cleaning up afterwards on the day.

Thank you in advance for honouring Alan's life and friendship in this way.

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

2nd April 2023

Flowers

Annette Arthur

AV/Streaming

Rod Doyle

Colin Gold

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Waller

Announcements

Annette Arthur

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Sue Lattimore

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur

Alan Bradley

Morning Tea

Geoff Lattimore

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

Sue Lattimore

READINGS

MARCH 26, 2023

Ex 37:1-14

Ps 130

Rom. 8:6-11

Jn 11:1-45

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by 5pm Wednesday.

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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