

2nd April 2023

Passion Sunday

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Is. 50:7-8a

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,  
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,  
and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

## Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

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## Standing With Those Who Suffer

It is easy to get so overwhelmed by global suffering that the pain on our doorstep gets forgotten. This Sunday it may be good to remember that there are people sitting in our churches who are grieving, who have been abused or rejected, who are living with life-threatening diseases and who have lost homes or financial independence. It is deeply comforting to proclaim again that Jesus stands with all of these people in their pain, and that Jesus opposes any system that uses injustice, exploitation, control and coercion to achieve its ends.

It can also be a gift to gently call people into service and compassion in the midst of their own grief, because it is often in serving others that we find comfort and healing for ourselves. In this way, the global suffering and the personal suffering can be brought together, with the cross as the place where they and Christ meet.

Finally, it may also be helpful to spend some time in confession acknowledging the ways we contribute – both globally and locally – to the suffering of others, through our thoughtless consumption, our lack of awareness of companies and industries in which fair trade practices are ignored, our apathy and our self-absorption.

All of this can be a bit heavy, but it's important that our worship does not fall into a shallow "happy" mode all the time. While there are times for celebration, there are times for grief, and this is one of them. Yet, within the darkness, even as in the passion of Christ, there is always the glimmer of hope – seen here in the fear of the religious leaders that resurrection will actually happen.

### PRAYERS

Pray for the Agape Children's Home in Thailand, for the upcoming mission trip, the safety of those who are travelling there, and for the fundraising 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 students and their families, especially those at WWPS, as the Easter holidays approach

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 April 3rd	7:30pm- 9:00pm	<b>Lent Bible Study at the Stuarts'</b>
Tues April 4th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime Easter Celebration</b>
Tues April 4th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs April 6th	10:00- 11:30am	<b>Lent Bible Study Farmborough</b>
Thurs April 6th	7:00- 8:30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service</b>
Fri April 7th	9:00- 10:30am	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
Sun April 9th	6:00- 7:30am	<b>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (at North Beach)</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)



## Easter Services at Keiraview

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service** : 7pm 6<sup>th</sup> April

**Good Friday Service**: 9:00am 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday Dawn Service**: 6:00am 9<sup>th</sup> April (at North Beach, Wollongong)

**Easter Sunday Service**: 9:30am 9<sup>th</sup> April

### 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.

### David Stuart – Upcoming Leave

David and Gillian Stuart and family, Scott and Kerry Morrison and family, Clive and Annette Arthur, and Makayla Simpson will be joining Lurline Butler and Robyn Johnson in visiting the Agape Children's Home in Thailand from 10<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Monday) to 24<sup>th</sup> April. We pray that they will all have a safe and exciting mission trip to see the staff and children we support, and that they are given great opportunities to serve God there.

If you have any pastoral or church council inquiries at that time, please contact Gavin, Pauline, or the church office by emailing Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org).

### Bible Discussion Group

A new Bible discussion group will be held in the hall at 4pm on Thursday afternoons (before Community Night board games). We'll 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](mailto:office@keiraview.org)

### Property Update

Our Keiraview facilities have gained some new regular bookings of our hall and meeting room. It's great to have our space being used by the community 😊

In light of this, it is requested that if you do need to use our space for a meeting or event, please make sure you book the time and date you need by emailing Naomi at [bookings@keiraview.org](mailto:bookings@keiraview.org). Also, if you need to attend the site on a day other than Sunday to do a quick 'job', it's best to check the calendar on the website or check with Naomi whether there is a group onsite.



## 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**
- **Exploring the New Testament**
- **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](mailto:revdooah@gmail.com)

## ROSTER

9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Flowers

Annette Arthur

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan  
Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Colin Gold  
Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Clive Arthur

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Annette Arthur

### Prayer

Norma Coudrey

### Offering Counting

Lyn Jones  
Geoff Lattimore

### Morning Tea

Ian Almond  
Jenny Almond  
Sandy Brisbane  
Rod Doyle

## READINGS

APRIL 2, 2023

Is 50:4-9a  
Ps 31:9-16  
Phil 2:5-11  
Mt 27:11-54

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notices@keiraview.org



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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE  
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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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