

5th March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

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# Keiraview Uniting News

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## Welcome

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

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



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'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

## Shall We Fall in Love with Jesus this Lent?

Throughout history, people have gone the extra mile to seek higher teaching, ultimate truth, or enlightenment.

Here in the gospel of John, we meet another seeker, Nicodemus, a learned man, the Pharisees, and a respectable member of his community.

Nicodemus came to Jesus, a young wandering preacher who also performed miracles. We wonder what Nicodemus seeks from Jesus. And this question is also essential for us to ask ourselves. *When do we come to see Jesus? What do we seek from Jesus?*

Although Nicodemus addressed Jesus as a teacher acknowledging him as someone who has come from God, he considers Jesus no more than a distinguished rabbi who has done miracles like many rabbis attributed in Jewish writings.

So Jesus transposes the topic to the kingdom of God, and asserts that a condition of entry to the kingdom is the experience of being born from above: (John 3:3)

The following conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus was like a tug of war in different codes: Jesus talks about spirit matter while Nicodemus talks about the worldly matter. So Jesus summarised: "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit." And Jesus went on to reveal the truth about the mystery of God's love in his whole being; as the son of God who will be lifted on the cross like Moses lifted the snake in the desert to bring healing to Israel, God will bring salvation in Jesus, the Son of God. During this Lenten season, we meet Jesus, not as a distinguished rabbi who performs miracles but as the one lifted on a cross so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Are we ready to fall in love with Jesus, the mystery of God's love?

### PRAYERS

Pray for all those who have lost their homes to bushfire, flooding, cyclone or earthquake, that they will be able to rebuild

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

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

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 Mar 6th	7:30pm- 9:00pm	<b>Lent Bible Study at the Stuarts'</b>
Tues Mar 7th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime + Gardening</b>
Tues Mar 7th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs March 9th	10:00am- 11:30pm	<b>Lent Bible Study Farmborough</b>
Thurs March 9th	4:00- 5:00pm	<b>Keiraview Bible Study</b>
Thurs March 9th	5:00- 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Fri March 10th	7:00- 9:00pm	<b>Three:Sixteens Youth Group</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)



### 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 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### 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](mailto:office@keiraview.org) 😊

### SongFest at Dapto Uniting Church

Dapto Uniting Church are holding a SongFest on 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 about the day, contact Janet Hyam 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).





## Pastoral Care Team Breakfast

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care team is breakfast at 7:30am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Our Keiraview KYB leader, Lesley Platford, will be our guest speaker and will talk about her work with palliative care patients at Port Kembla hospital. All interested are invited to join us – just let Annette know so that there is enough breakfast for you!



## 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 call Naomi at the office on 4229 2303 or 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. The meeting would be held at Keiraview on Monday afternoons around 1:00pm. It would be a time for sharing and praying for the Uniting Church and young adults.

Doo Ah sees this as a good way to grow the connection between Keiraview and the students at the UOW. 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)



## 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. 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.

## ROSTER

12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Flowers

Robyn Johnson

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan  
Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Pat Robinson  
Pat Waller

### Announcements

Annette Arthur

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Lurline Butler

### Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

### Prayer

Robyn Bradley

### Offering Counting

Clive Arthur  
Alan Bradley

### Morning Tea

Pauline Doyle  
Rod Doyle  
Colin Gold  
Glenys Johnston

## READINGS

MARCH 5, 2023

Gn 12:1-4a  
Ps 121  
Rom. 4:1-5. 13-17  
Jn 3:1-17

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