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Third Sunday of Lent

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Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ps 19:6-7

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Led by Rev David Stuart

Living Water

In every community, in every church, are those who are on the edges – if not completely excluded, certainly unsure of their acceptance and right to belong. In every community there are those who are ‘thirsty’, who struggle to make ends meet, who have little access to fullness of life. And in every community there are those whose lives are dry and desolate, whether from their own destructive choices, or from the effects of what others have done.

In all of these cases, what people long for is a community that will embrace and include them, bringing them into a safe place of love and belonging. What they long for is a place that they can be supported and enabled to create a vibrant and meaningful life for themselves and their families. What they long for is a place where they can be healed, restored and discover fullness of life in freedom and connectedness.

This ‘living water’ which we have access to as followers of Christ can easily and freely be given to the ‘Samaritan outcasts’ in our midst, and can make all the difference for them. We cannot afford to keep our life to ourselves, nor can we allow ourselves to become grumblers and complainers when the world doesn’t fit our ideas. Rather, we need to be those who lead others to the water, who soften our hearts and trust that God can and will give life to us and to those we seek to serve, and who learn to freely embrace those who need friendship with God and people, and who long for the life that can be found in such friendship. As we share this living water, so we will find, slowly but surely, that we have less need for grumbling, and that the world begins to be infused with signs of God’s reign.

PRAYERS

Pray for Robyn and Lurline as they leave for Thailand on Thursday to visit the Agape Children’s Home, that they may have a safe journey and an edifying visit.

Pray for the youth of KUC and the Uniting Church in general

Pray for those in our community and especially in our church family who are marginalized, that we may embrace and include them

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

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 13th	7:30pm- 9:00pm	Lent Bible Study at the Stuarts’
Tues Mar 14th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime + Gardening
Tues Mar 14th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs March 16th	10:00am- 11:30pm	Lent Bible Study Farmborough
Thurs March 16th	4:00- 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Study
Thurs March 16th	5:00- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri March 17th	7:00- 9:00pm	Three:Sixteens Youth Group

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



Upper Illawarra Family Night

Join us for an evening of fun, friends, family and food on Saturday March 18th here at Keiraview Uniting Church! This is a great opportunity to mingle and worship with our wider Church family, particularly youth, young adults, and young families. The event will run from 5:30-8:00pm. Flyers are available on the desk in the foyer – please feel free to take a few to give to friends and family as invitations



Honouring our Volunteers

Robyn Bradley



Robyn Bradley has announced that she is stepping down from regular music ministry. She has been serving and honouring God in music ministry for sixty years, playing for services in churches such as Shellharbour, the Yirrkala Mission, Darwin, Casuarina (NT), Cardiff, and here at St Columba/Keiraview.

From 1998 she spent many years playing the piano for singalongs at Marco Polo Nursing Home and Cordeaux Lodge Hostel, and played for the church services at both places as well as over the road at Unanderra Nursing Home.

Reliable sources tell us that her playing is so beautiful that in many places she has lived, her neighbours have heard her practicing and commented that they always knew when they “knew she was playing tomorrow” and that they enjoyed the impromptu piano concerts very much.

Lyn Waldock

Lyn Waldock has been awarded the 2022 With Heart Excellence Award in Volunteering, for volunteering with the Pastoral Care Team at Farmborough. She was nominated for the award by Chaplain Nicola Goncalves.

This has involved visiting the residents—many of whom she knows well from having lived in the area her whole life—and assisting with church services at Farmborough. More, though, the award honours generally Lyn’s commitment to pastoral care over more than thirty years, which has involved being involved with the Farmborough Village Board, the Local Aged Care Council, and kiosks.

The area covered by the awards is from Farmborough Heights to Eden, out to Canberra, Tumut and Cooma, so to be awarded the best in such a large area is an honour indeed.

Thank you, Lyn, for making the world a better place!



We give great thanks to God for his gifts to Robyn and Lyn. We are so grateful that he has given them not only an abundance of talent, but a spirit of generosity in sharing their gifts with us and with others in the wider community. We pray to the holy Father that we all share to bless them and walk with them in all of their future pursuits. Amen!

Pastoral Care Team Breakfast

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care team is breakfast at 7:30am on Saturday 18th 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



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

19th March 2023

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Pauline Doyle

Rod Doyle

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 12, 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.

☎ 0401 791 483

notices@keiraview.org

A banner for the 'Speak Out' service. It features a stylized blue and white graphic of a person's head and hand. The text reads: 'Speak Out IN CONFIDENCE. Raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out''. To the right, it says 'INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE 1800 951145'. Below that, it says 'For more information go to: speakout.uca.org.au'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Uniting Church' and 'core INTEGRITY'.

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

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