

16th April 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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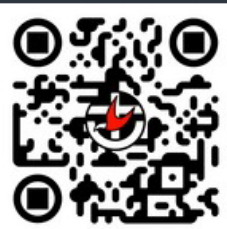
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Jn. 20:21-24

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**  
Led by Khairul Hamdan

Evening Worship **6:30pm**  
Led by Laurie and Phil

## Easter is Not Over!

Easter is not over! While we celebrated Easter Sunday last week, the Easter period extends until Pentecost Sunday. During this time, the lectionary prompts us to look more deeply into the meaning of Jesus's death and resurrection. May the power of that resurrection fill our souls as we worship this week, and throughout the Easter season.

The resurrection may be an interesting historical fact, but if that's all it is, it has little value for us today. This week's Lectionary readings make it clear, however, that the resurrection of Jesus is way more than just an event of the past. Every reading offers the assurance that God's life is available to us now in Christ. In both Peter's preaching and his letter he affirms that Christ's resurrection is real and is a promise that God's life is available to all. The Psalm, which Peter quotes in his Pentecost sermon, expresses the Psalmist's assurance of God's care and life, and is taken by Peter as a prophecy of Christ's resurrection. Finally, in the Gospel reading, John demonstrates how Christ's resurrection inspires and empowers his disciples, and how Thomas is dramatically drawn into faith. Put together, these readings give us a basis for confidence as we face the challenges – the 'little deaths' – of each day, and they invite us to experience Christ's resurrection life now, not just after we have died. So, resurrection is not just an amazing thing that happened long ago. It can be our lived experience every moment.

## PRAYERS

Pray for the Agape Children's Home in Thailand, for the safety of those from Keiraview who have travelled 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 those who are experiencing loneliness, grief or isolation during this Easter. Pray also for the vulnerable and those at increased risk of interpersonal and domestic violence over the holiday period

Pray for Doo Ah and her ministry with UOW students on and off campus

Pray for our church youth and our youth leaders, that they may be strong in the Lord and emboldened to share the joy and blessing of Christ in fellowship with one another and others

Pray for Khairul, Phil, Laurie, Liana and Nicola as they take over service duties and preaching in David's absence. Pray that God will fill their mouths with words of truth and holiness and be with them as they faithfully proclaim his gospel to us.

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues April 18th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime Working Bee</b>
Thurs April 27th	7:30pm- 9:30pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</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)



### Bible Studies at Keiraview

**KYB Study** : Starting again from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 1pm. All women are welcome to attend.

**Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** Starting again from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. All over-18s welcome.

If you or your teen would like to help start or attend a new small group for study, prayer and fellowship, please contact Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) to register interest.

### Agape Mission Trip



Pictured above are just some of the lovely Keiraview people who have left our shores to travel to the Agape children's home in Thailand for the next fortnight 😊 As the travellers include David, Scott, Ross, Kerryn and Clive, if you have any urgent pastoral, clerical or property queries please see Gavin, Pauline or email Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) and she'll find someone to assist with your enquiry 😊 Today's services and next week's will be led by Khairul, Laurie, Phil, Liana, and Nicola Goncalves. Please continue to pray for our travellers as they seek to glorify God in their trip and mission.

### Bible Study/Discussion Group

A new Bible discussion group will be held in the hall at 4pm on Thursday afternoons. 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.

### Eden Playtime Working Bee

Eden playtime is on hiatus for the Easter holidays, however, we are planning a working bee on Tuesday 18 April 10 til 12 ish, and some playtime families will be there.

We are moving a raised garden bed from carpark to playground, so any help shovelling dirt would be greatly appreciated! Please call Jenny Almond for details on: 0401245669

### KYB Bible Study

The Know Your Bible study group is on hiatus for the Easter holidays and will recommence on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be studying 1 and 2 Thessalonians 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.

## 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 contact the church office.

## 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

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

### Flowers

Colleen Claydon

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan

Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Pat Waller

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Alan Bradley

### Prayer

Robyn Bradley

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Geoff Lattimore

### Morning Tea

Ian Almond

Jenny Almond

Sue Townsend

Don Townsend

## READINGS

### APRIL 16, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Ps 16

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31



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IN CONFIDENCE

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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE  
**1800 951145**

For more information go to:  
[speakout.uca.org.au](http://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

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**by 5pm Wednesday.**  
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[notices@keiraview.org](mailto:notices@keiraview.org)