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3rd Sunday of Easter

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Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

1 Pt. 1:22-23

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Nicola Goncalves

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Led by Liana Whitten

Resurrection at Work

In every church community we speak easily about God's life and God's resurrection and how it is available for us. It's easy, though, for this to become either academic or individualistic. One of the great privileges of the faith is that we get to participate with Jesus in what God is doing in the world.

This is far more than just praying a personal prayer to receive God's life or preaching 'evangelistic' sermons to 'get people saved'. It's when we watch to see what God is already doing and respond by co-creating, co-caring and co-welcoming people, that we, and those God touches, really connect with and experience God's life.

The big question this week, then, is to discover where in your church resurrection is beginning to break out (or is continuing to break out), and where in your community or neighbourhood is resurrection at work? How does God want us to participate, to notice, communicate and spread the life of God? So often we feel that we have to make things happen.

The resurrection helps us to recognise that the initiative is always God's. Our task is not to make anything happen, but to get on board with what God is already doing. This is liberating, empowering, but also challenging. We can choose to do our own thing, or nothing, but if we really want to encounter God and be involved in Gospel work, we better recognise and respond to God's thing! How can you do this more or better in your community this week?

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. 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 Nicola and Liana 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
Thurs April 27th	4:00pm- 5:00pm	Bible Group (in church hall)
Thurs April 27th	5:00pm- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs April 27th	7:30pm- 9:30pm	Church Council Meeting

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



Bible Studies at Keiraview

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

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: Starting again from Thursday 27th April 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 to register interest.

Agape Mission Trip



Our intrepid group of Keiraview travellers have been having a wonderful and productive time in Thailand – here they are pictured in front of a fence they painted at the Agape Children's Home in Chiang Mai.

Most of the group are now on their way back to Australia, with some already back and others arriving back on our shores tomorrow. David will be back in the pulpit next Sunday, and today's services will be led by Nicola Goncalves in the morning and Liana Whitten in the evening.

Please continue to pray for the group as they seek to glorify God in their trip and mission and have fun and fellowship together. Pray also for those in Thailand involved in the daily running of Agape Children's Home and the children who live there.



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. 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.

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 for fellowship and fun as we examine God's word, and all are welcome to attend. After, we will be playing board games and then giving ballroom dancing a go. No experience necessary!

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

KYB Bible Study

The Know Your Bible study group is on hiatus for the Easter holidays and will recommence on May 2nd. 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 Presbytery'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

30th April 2023

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Clive Arthur

Welcomers

Colin Gold

Pat Waller

Announcements

Annette Arthur

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

Prayer

Darren Kirwood

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane

Glenys Johnston

Sue Lattimore

Geoff Lattimore

READINGS

APRIL 23, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116 1-4, 12-19

1 Pt 1:17-23

Lk 24:13-35



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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
1800 951145

For more information go to:
speakout.uca.org.au

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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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