

9th April 2023

Easter Sunday

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# Keiraview Uniting News



Col. 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Welcome

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

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

## Living the Resurrection

It is crucial that Easter Sunday is not allowed to become just an interesting academic exercise. In every community, and in every life, we struggle with both life and death. The beauty of resurrection is that death is not so much opposed or destroyed as transformed and absorbed into life. And so, as we celebrate resurrection this Sunday, we are also called to live resurrection in our own lives. This means that God is challenging us to face the death within us – the self-centredness, apathy, destructiveness and cynicism that keep us and others from life – and allow it to be transformed into life. It also means that we be prepared to bring life to others wherever we can through our compassion, hospitality, listening, giving, friendship, involvement and advocacy. When we become aware of how our actions bring life or death to others, we find ourselves making different choices. If our use of energy robs the planet of life, we will seek to be more responsible and careful. If our choice of products or our tendency to consume more than we need leaves others in poverty, or leads to people not receiving fair pay for their work or products, we will shop more compassionately. And if simple acts like voting, signing petitions or engaging our local government officials can help to make our communities more just and peaceful, we have brought life to others. Then, flowing from these works, we can speak – with actions having backed up our words – of the eternal life that can be experienced through Christ.

### 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 all those who are travelling over Easter, that they remain safe as they go, particularly on the roads.

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

Praise God for the miracle that is Easter, the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus, and his redemptive power. He is Risen!

## Contact Us

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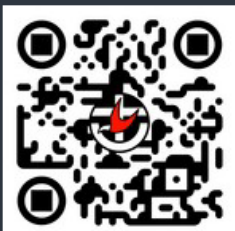
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### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Thurs April 11th	9:00am- 1:00pm	<b>Kids Holiday Club</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 Night 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 Bible study, please contact Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) to register interest.

## An Easter Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death and that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you.

We confess our need for you. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us. Help us to keep focused on what is pure and right. Give us the power to be obedient to your word. Lord, be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Bring us, we pray, onto your level ground.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed, so that we may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Amen.

## Bible 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.

## Kids Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club for kids aged Pre-K – Year 2 (and their parents) will be held at Keiraview on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 1pm. It promises to be a day of fun, games and (of course) food 😊 Please RSVP to Khairul at [khairul@keiraview.org](mailto:khairul@keiraview.org) or by calling or texting him on 0423 856 473

## 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 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

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Flowers

Annette Arthur

### AV/Streaming

Rod Doyle

Colin Gold

### Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

### Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

### Elder

Geoff Lattimore

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Pat Waller

### Prayer

Khairul Hamdan

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Lyn Jones

### Morning Tea

Glenys Johnston

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

Pat Waller

## READINGS

APRIL 9, 2023

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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

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton  
**by 5pm Wednesday.**  
☎ 0401 791 483  
[notices@keiraview.org](mailto:notices@keiraview.org)