

14th May 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

1 Pt. 3:15-16

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

## Welcome

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

Evening Worship **6:00pm**  
Led by David Stuart

## God's Nearness

Following from last week's word of assurance, the Lectionary continues in an attitude of comfort, emphasising God's nearness and God's strengthening of those who struggle.

In Athens, Paul speaks to the people of the city about a God who can be known and "in whom we live, move and have our being." He invites them to recognise that God is very near to all people, whether they are aware of God or not. The Psalmist reflects on God's presence even during times of 'testing' and gives thanks for God's rescue and forgiveness, and celebrates that God does indeed hear the prayers of God's people. In Peter's letter, the apostle continues to offer comfort to a persecuted church, assuring them that they are following in Christ's nail-scarred footsteps, and that in Christ they are saved. And, in John's Gospel, Jesus offers the promise of the Spirit, assuring his disciples that by the Spirit they will always know that God is with them and in them, and they will enjoy the love relationship that Jesus has given them.

The wonderful, challenging and comforting message of this week is that God is intimately available to us, and that God's presence and resources are accessible to us as we face the challenges and struggles of following Christ and living fully. The inevitable question this raises is whether we are willing to embrace God's presence, and rest in God's strength even as we wrestle with injustice and the big crises facing our world.

## PRAYERS

Pray for the children and staff at the Agape Children's Home in Thailand

Pray for the children, parents and staff of Wollongong West Primary School, and the Breakfast Club ministry there

Pray for those who have been or are being affected by Covid: those currently suffering, those caring for sick family members and friends, those who have been bereaved

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

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun May 14th	4:00am- 6:00pm	<b>Brooke Prentis Workshop</b>
Tues May 16th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues May 16th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs May 18th	4:00pm- 5:00pm	<b>Keiraview Bible Group</b>
Thurs May 18th	5:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Thurs May 19th	7:00pm 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth</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 27<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm. All over-18s welcome.

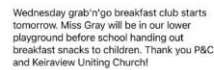
If you or your teen would like to help start or attend a new small group for study, prayer and fellowship, please contact Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) to register interest.

## UOW Lunches

Keiraview is down to make lunches for Doo Ah's 'Compass' group at UOW on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

If you could help by making some lunches at home or if you would like to join a 'production line' at Pauline's place, please let her know. If you are making them at home, the lunches would be picked up between 11:00 and 11:30am. If you would like to make them with Pauline at her place, it would be between 10:00am and 11:00am. Any help on either month would be greatly appreciated.

## Breakfast Club



Our first Wednesday "Grab'n'Go" Breakfast Club was quite the success, and we are so glad to see WWPS advertising both Breakfast Clubs on Facebook. If you would like to join this important ministry, please see Pauline or Scott.

## Keiraview Working Bee

We will be holding a working bee at the Keiraview church property on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, running between 8am and 12pm.

Any time you can spare that morning to help with outdoor maintenance and gardening would be very much appreciated.

More details to follow soon.

## Brooke Prentis Workshop

CEO of Common Grace Brooke Prentis is holding a workshop at Keiraview. Brooke is not a member of any particular party and aims to provide information to congregations about the Uluru Statement from the Heart, as well as the Referendum. Her vision is to work toward healing so that we can together build an Australia on Truth, Justice, Love and Hope.

This workshop will be held 4:00-5:30pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May (Mother's Day), going straight onto a 6:00pm evening service with pizza.

Suggested contribution for the workshop is \$15, to help support Brooke in the important work she does. A contribution toward the pizza service would also be greatly appreciated.

## Regeneration Youth

KUC's Youth Group, formerly known as Three:Sixteens, has been rebranded as Regeneration Youth. The group meets Fridays during term 7:00-9:00pm, usually in the church hall.

Please see Gillian, Khairul, Danny or Makayla for more details, or email Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org)

## Anyone Lost Some Children's Knits?

Discovered in one of our storage cupboards: a bag of hand-knitted children's jumpers and beanies.

If you are the creator or know anything about these lovely knits, please contact Bev Ratcliffe ASAP on 42049397 or [bevr3738@gmail.com](mailto:bevr3738@gmail.com)

## 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 David or the church office.

## Volunteer Forms

Are you currently a volunteer at Keiraview?

Have you completed your 2023 Volunteer Forms and handed them to Pauline or Naomi?

Do you need help with these forms?

Do you need copies of these forms?

Please speak to Pauline or call Naomi if you need any help.

## Dapto Op Shop Fashion Parade

Dapto Uniting Church will be holding their Op Shop fashion parade at the church (122 Princes Hwy, Dapto) at 2pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our suggested entry donation is \$10. There will be an afternoon tea served and you will be able to purchase clothes on the day – EFTPOS is available.

For more details or to book a place, please contact Janet at [exercisecare@gmail.com](mailto:exercisecare@gmail.com)

## 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 phone Doo Ah on 0416 491 531 or by email her at [revdooah@gmail.com](mailto:revdooah@gmail.com)

## ROSTER

21st May 2023

### Flowers

Leonie Erskine

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan

Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Colin Gold

Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

### Elder

Pauline Doyle

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Geoff Lattimore

### Prayer

David Stuart

### Offering Counting

Ross Johnson

Alan Bradley

### Morning Tea

Pauline Doyle

Pat Waller

Sue Lattimore

Geoff Lattimore

## READINGS

### MAY 14, 2023

Acts 17:22-31

Ps 66:8-20

1 Pt 3:13-22

Jn 14:15-21



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IN CONFIDENCE

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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

**1800 951145**

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[speakout.uca.org.au](http://speakout.uca.org.au)



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

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton  
by **5pm Wednesday**.

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