

21st May 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

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Keiraview Uniting News



1 Pt. 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Welcome

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

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

Is Our Church a Home?

If the church is called to be anything, it is called to be a home to the homeless and displaced. This does not just mean those who lack a physical home, but those who find themselves alone without a family, without friends, without a spiritual or emotional home. Unfortunately, though, it is too often the Church that leaves people as refugees, turning them away from the community of faith for no reason other than that they are different – in gender, sexuality, colour, culture, language, theology or appearance.

Every community has people who long for a place to find a home in God's grace and God's Kingdom. These refugees are deeply loved and unconditionally welcomed by Christ, and we are called to manifest this as we open our doors and our hearts to them.

More than this, we are called to seek out those who long to know the promise of God's Spirit. This calling has a huge impact on how we identify ourselves as Church, on how we understand our mission, and on how we worship. As William Temple said, "The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those that are not its members."

The challenge for us is to recognise that we are a refugee community – one that does not find its home in the kingdoms of this world, or by controlling political power structures (as the disciples had to learn), but one that waits for, that longs for, a return to glory, to a home that is eternal and that is both manifest now and yet to be realised fully in the future.

PRAYERS

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

Pray for other churches in the Illawarra Presbytery, especially those who may be experiencing financial strain or have a lack of able volunteers

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 the refugees in our communities, especially those who are struggling with low income or trauma.

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

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues May 23rd	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues May 23rd	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs May 25th	4:00pm- 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Group
Thurs May 25th	5:00pm 7:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri May 26th	7:00pm 9:00pm	Regeneration Youth

Contact Us

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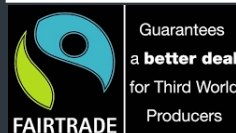
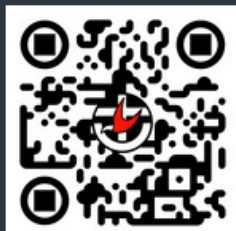
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

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.

UOW Lunches

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

Any help on either month would be greatly appreciated. Please see Pauline for details.

Keiraview Working Bee

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

We will need helpers for both inside and outside the church. Please bring a pair of gardening gloves and a hat if you would like to work in the garden.

One of our tasks for indoors will be cleaning out the fridge. If you have anything you would like to take home or claim, please do so before this date as any unclaimed items will be thrown out.

A Musical Afternoon

A musical afternoon will be held at Albion Park Uniting Church in aid of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:

Date: Sunday 28th May 2023

Time: 2pm

An entry donation of \$10 also covers afternoon tea and a presentation by Samaritan's Purse volunteer Barbara Haslehurst. All proceeds go toward Operation Christmas Child.

For details or to book, please call:
Lyn Brown – 0425 219 233; or
Daphne Chapman – 42 62 2314

Volunteer with Uniting

Uniting Aged Care Facility in Farmborough Heights is one of 75 Uniting Aged Care homes operating within NSW and the ACT.

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, many residents in Uniting's aged care facilities have been struggling with isolation and loneliness.

Uniting are looking for more volunteers to join the important work of offering friendship and pastoral care to their aged care residents, providing help in the logistics of outings, playing musical instruments for residents, and much more.

Uniting is holding a light lunch/information session for prospective volunteers to find out what volunteering with Uniting is like:

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Time: 12pm – 1:30pm

Location: Uniting Farmborough Road Independent Living (Main Hall), 66 Waples Rd Unanderra

If you cannot make the lunch, please email volunteer@uniting.org and someone will make contact and provide step-by-step information on how to volunteer with Uniting in a way that is best for you.

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

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**
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- **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

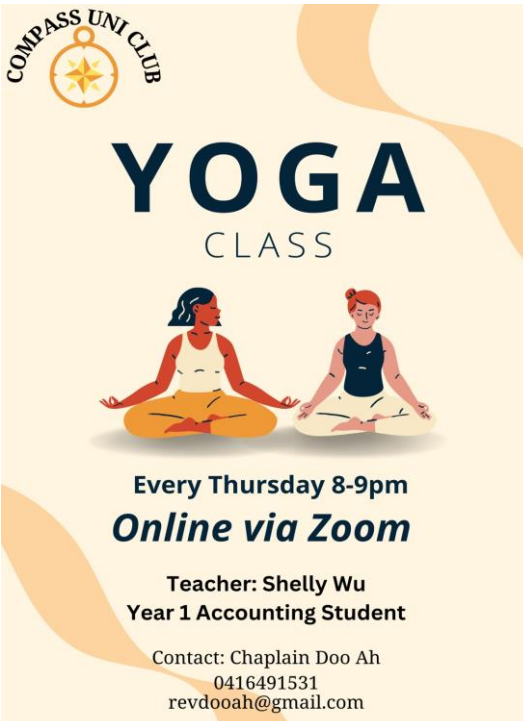
Are you currently a volunteer at Keiraview? Have you completed your 2023 Volunteer Forms and handed them to Pauline or Naomi?

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

Combined Prayer Meeting?

Doo Ah Leeming, the Illawarra Presbytery's Tertiary Minister, is interested in holding a 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



COMPASS UNI CLUB

YOGA CLASS

Every Thursday 8-9pm
Online via Zoom

Teacher: Shelly Wu
Year 1 Accounting Student

Contact: Chaplain Doo Ah
0416491531
revdooah@gmail.com

ROSTER

28th May 2023

Flowers

Colleen Claydon

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond
Rod Doyle

Welcomers

Keith Smyth
Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pat Waller

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Annette Arthur

Prayer

Geoff Lattimore

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur
Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Annette Arthur
Colin Gold
Sue Townsend
Don Townsend

READINGS

MAY 21, 2023

Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10; 32-35
1 Pt 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Jn 17:1-11



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IN CONFIDENCE

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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

1800 951145

For more information go to:
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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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