

7th May 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

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Keiraview Uniting News



1 Pt. 2:9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Welcome

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

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

Persecution, Accusation and Suffering

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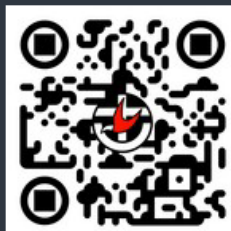
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

If following Christ is seen as a way to avoid suffering and struggle, we will be deeply disappointed by the message of this week's Lectionary readings.

Beneath all of them lies the reality that Jesus, and those who followed Jesus, faced persecution, accusation and suffering. They were not exempt from life's troubles, and sometimes their faith even brought suffering on them. And so we witness Stephen, who is stoned for his witness to Christ, but who entrusts himself to God. We read the words of the Psalmist who, facing persecution and attack, commits himself to God's care and protection. Peter tells of how Christ was rejected, but God honoured him and has built a community of light with Christ as the foundation. And Jesus, reassuring his disciples, reminds them that they can find peace in trusting him, and connecting with God through him.

The gift of this week is the assurance that, even as we face suffering, our lives are in God's hands, and, if we will entrust ourselves to God's care, we will find peace and will be partners in God's work in our world.

This is not the message of ease and of guarantees of the "good life" that we might hope for: it is something much better. It is an assurance that as we live in this world and experience its pain, along with all people, we are partners with God, and we have the confidence that our lives and their ultimate destiny are in God's hands.

PRAYERS

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

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 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
Tues May 9th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues May 9th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs May 11th	4:00pm- 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Group
Thurs May 11th	5:00pm 7:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs May 11th	7:30pm- 9:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sun May 14th	4:00- 5:30pm	Brooke Prentis Workshop

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.

Introducing Teddy!

Pauline and Rod Doyle are proud to announce the arrival of their grandson, Theodore (Teddy) Campbell, born 27th April 2023, weighing 4.7kg (10.4lb)! Amy & Henry, Archie, Jack and Tom are thrilled to welcome their little son and brother.



If you have good news that you would like to share with your church family via the newsletter, don't hesitate to email the details to notices@keiraview.org so that we can rejoice with you 😊

Keiraview Working Bee

We will be holding a working bee at the Keiraview church property on May 27th, 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 in next week's newsletter.

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 14th 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

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

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

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.

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 20th.

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

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

ROSTER

14th May 2023

Flowers

Leonie Erskin

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Colin Gold

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Waller

Announcements

Pauline Doyle

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Clive Arthur

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson

Geoff Lattimore

Morning Tea

Rod Doyle

Glenys Johnston

Sue Lattimore

Robyn Johnson

READINGS

MAY 7, 2023

Acts 7:55-60

Ps 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Pt 2:2-10

Jn 14:1-14



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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



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

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by 5pm Wednesday.
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notices@keiraview.org