

11th June 2023

2nd Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



Ps 33:19:4-5

For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

## Welcome

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

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

## Mercy, Not Sacrifice

We live in a world where mercy is often scarce and the religious institutions that claim Christ's name often teach a faith that is judgemental, legalistic, and lacking in mercy. Faith is often rooted in grand commitments and sacrifices (especially financial) in the hope that God will reward the one making the sacrifices with blessings, God's favour, and the promise of eternal bliss.

But in the meantime, the poor, marginalised, oppressed, and different are left without compassion, care, or the resources needed to live peacefully and freely. Into this world, the Psalmists, Hosea, and Jesus proclaim that God desires mercy rather than sacrifice.

Faith, for Jesus, is expressed in trusting in the way of God and acting in alignment with Gods' reign as Abraham did. If we who claim to follow Christ would take these words to heart, the world would be a place of greater justice, compassion, equality, and sufficiency. But to do this, we need to break free of a religion defined by legalistic and moralistic conformity and embrace the inclusive, loving, merciful, and justice-seeking way of Jesus.

As we pray for our world to become better, we can contribute by using our voice, our energy and our resources to help bring about compassion and justice. empowering Spirit to all others.

### PRAYERS

Pray for those in Christian leadership: here at Keiraview and in all Christian communities

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 from the virus, their carers, those who are recovering and the bereaved

Pray for Doo Ah and her ministry with UOW students on and off campus

Pray for the elderly living in residential care, especially the isolated and lonely, and for the workers and volunteers who serve them.

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues June 13th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues June 13th	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs June 15th	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Keiraview Bible Group</b>
Thurs June 15th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Thurs June 15th	7:30pm 9:30pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
Fri June 16th	7:00pm 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth</b>

## Contact Us

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## From the Safe Church Team

As at 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### COVID is Still Around

- Be aware of the symptoms of Covid. If you do have symptoms, please stay home. Avoid gatherings and services if you are unwell.
- Good ventilation is still very important. If you are the first one to a meeting or gathering, please open the windows.
- When gathering indoors, it is still important to maintain a safe distance from others.

### Are You a Volunteer at Keiraview?

- Have you filled in your volunteer forms for this year?
- If not, please speak to Pauline or Naomi about what is required.



## Bible Studies at Keiraview

**KYB Study** : Tuesday afternoons 1:00 - 3:30pm. All women are welcome to attend.

**Thursday Afternoon Bible Study**: Thursday afternoons 4:00 - 5:00pm. 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.

## Church Council Meeting

Keiraview's church council meet a number of times a year to prayerfully decide on church administration issues and implement initiatives and projects.

The next council meeting will be held this coming Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, in the meeting room of the Keiraview centre. A Zoom link can also be set up for those unable to attend in person.

With rare exceptions, these meetings are public and anyone may attend them. It can be a great opportunity to bring issues to council attention or speak on a particular matter.

If you would like to find out more about how our church council operates and what being on the CC involves, you are encouraged to join Thursday's meeting. See Scott or David for a Zoom link or just show up in person.

## Updating Keiraview's Directory

The Church Council has been asked to update the Keiraview directory as the current directory is now a few years old. To ensure this is done correctly and abide by our Privacy Policy we need to get everyone's written agreement to have their contact details included in the directory. The directory will then only be made available to regular members of our congregation.

In the next week or two you will receive a printed letter, or an email, and you will be asked to check your contact details and then sign the letter to confirm your agreement for your details to be included in the Keiraview Directory.

If you have any questions please speak to Pauline or Naomi.

## 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](mailto: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.

## UOW Compass Lunches

Keiraview is down to make lunches for the UOW 'Compass' group on Tuesday 27th June.

You could help by making some lunches at home or at a "production line" at Fae McGregor's please.

If you can help, please speak to Fae or Pauline.



## Upcoming Special Worship Services at Keiraview

### New Prayer Gatherings

Some new and exciting things happening within our congregation, beginning with two monthly prayer times.

One will be held on a Sunday morning before the service from **8:45am to 9:15am on the 1st Sunday of the month, beginning 2 July 2023**. This will be a time of pastoral prayer held in the meeting room and is open to anyone who would like to pray intentionally for others and the congregation, especially those with a passion for pastoral care and the gift of prayer and intercession.

The other will be on a Thursday morning from **9:30am to 10:30am on the first Thursday each month, beginning on 6 July 2023**. This will be a time of prayer for who we are as a church, focussing on God's mission, and how we can live that out as Keiraview. This is open to all who would like to pray for the growth of Keiraview, especially those with a passion for sharing in God's mission through our ministry to our community and those with the gift of prayer and evangelism.

### New Fellowship Group

The Nurture & Fellowship MAT would like to invite people to mark the following dates in their diary for a new fellowship group (name TBA) at Keiraview on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to noon. The new group will be held on the following Tuesdays - 22 August, 26 September, 24 October and 28 November.

More information will follow.

### Wesley Community Centre Needs Our Help!

Winter can be a difficult time of year for many due to homelessness, the rising cost of living, loneliness or other factors. It is our Mission to help those in the local community who are struggling and in need of a helping hand.

The Wesley Community Centre receives no government funding and relies solely on the generosity of congregations within the Illawarra Presbytery.

Last year they served a total of 17,358 take away lunches during the year, an increase of 13% compared to the previous year.

They also partner with Health NSW to provide immunisation clinics and a safe needle exchange program. The Orange Sky Laundry (providing laundry services to those without them) visit on Thursday mornings and they offer a small range of second-hand clothing at no cost to their guests.

All money donations are tax deductible and should be payable to UCA Wollongong Mission Benevolent Service. Direct deposits may be made into their account: UCA Mission Benevolent Service, BSB 634 634, Account Number 100 031 140, or by cheque posted to PO Box 244, Wollongong 2520

Any donations may be delivered to their centre Monday-Friday between 9am-1pm or by arrangement. Every donation makes a difference, no matter regardless of size.

*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, 'Follow me'. And he got up and followed him.*

*And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.*

*When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'*

*But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but only those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice". For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'*

*Mat 9: 9-13*



## 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.

## Presbytery Position Vacant

Rev. Geoff Flynn faithfully served the Illawarra Presbytery as Deputy Chairperson from 1 January 2016 to 30 March 2023..

The Presbytery is now calling for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson. This involves attending Presbytery Standing Committee monthly meetings.

Nominations close 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Contact [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) or Vi Richardson at [admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au) for more details.

## Naomi's Updated Hours

Naomi's new work hours in the foyer office at the Keiraview centre will be:

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00am-1pm  
Thursday: 1:00-4:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Feel free to send an email at any time if you have any queries or concerns. The office landline can be temperamental.

## 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](mailto:revdooah@gmail.com)

## ROSTER

18th June 2023

### Flowers

Leonie Erskine

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan  
Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane  
Colin Gold

### Announcements

Pat Waller

### Elder

Pauline Doyle

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Neville Jolly

### Prayer

David Stuart

### Offering Counting

Clive Arthur  
Alan Bradley

### Morning Tea

Pauline Doyle  
Rod Doyle  
Sue Lattimore  
Geoff Lattimore

## READINGS

### JUNE 11, 2023

Gn 12:1-9  
Ps 33:1-12  
Ps 50: 7-15  
Ro 4:13-25  
Mt 9:9-13; 18-26



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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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