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3rd Week After Pentecost

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Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ro. 5:1-2a

Welcome

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

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

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Chosen by God to Serve

It is always tempting to seek to find ways in which we are special or chosen. We may begin to think that our church, community or family is particularly chosen by God and has a special place in God's heart and purposes. We may also begin to fall into an arrogant pride that may encourage us to devalue any small works of God, any hidden moments of grace, any unexceptional or everyday experiences of love.

When we allow our faith to be governed by this attitude, we inevitably begin to feel disrespected, even persecuted, whenever society doesn't conform to our standards or desires. We begin to feel that because we are God's chosen, we should be treated differently by everyone, both on an individual level and by the powers-that-be in our society. We might even believe that we should *be* the powers-that-be.

In the meantime, we may end up missing the work of God, which often happens in small, unexpected ways, and missing the way God chooses those in our midst that may be the least likely by our human standards. We may miss God's desire for us that we should seek to serve those around us, not seek to be served. We may miss the vital message that we are chosen and called to sacrifice, service and compassion, not to privilege and status.

If we embrace the call of God as a chance to work with him in serving the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community, we can experience God's presence, power and justice in very ordinary ways, empowering Spirit to all others.

PRAYERS

Pray for the Stuart family as they holiday in Vanuatu, as well as for the safety of all travellers at this time of year.

Pray for other churches in the Illawarra Presbytery, especially those in financial strain or who 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 20th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues June 20th	1:00pm - 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Wed June 21st	7:30pm	Pastoral Carer's Meeting
Thurs June 22nd	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Group
Thurs June 22nd	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri June 23rd	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Regeneration Youth

From the Safe Church Team

As at 4th 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 - 3:00pm. All women are welcome to attend.

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

David Stuart's on Leave

David will be on leave this week and next week, returning on June 26th. Services this week will feature his pre-recorded sermon. Next week's morning service leader and preacher TBA.

If you need help in David's absence, please see Pauline Doyle, Gavin Whitten, or ask Naomi at office@keiraview.org and she will point you to the right person.

Pastoral Care Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 21 June in Church at 7.30pm. The guest speakers will be Sue & Geoff Lattimore on their work and their faith journey to Keiraview

Co-ordinators and carers are encouraged to attend.

For enquiries, please call Fae McGregor on 0418 619 723

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 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.

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.

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.

Wesley Community Centre Needs Our Help!

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.

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

ROSTER

25th June 2023

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Rod Doyle

Colin Gold

Welcomers

Pat Robinson

Pat Waller

Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Alayne Guerin

Prayer

Norma Coudrey

Offering Counting

Pauline Doyle

Geoff Lattimore

Morning Tea

Annette Arthur

Sandy Brisbane

Sue Townsend

Don Townsend

READINGS

JUNE 18, 2023

Gn 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Ps 116:1-2, 12-19

Ro 5:1-8

Mt 9:35-10:8



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

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