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4th Week After Pentecost

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Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ps. 86:5-6

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.

Welcome

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

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

The Gospel's Call

The clear challenge this week is to embrace the Gospel call to self-giving.

Jesus' words are some of the toughest to read in the gospels, but they indicate the extent to which we need to be committed to the Gospel if it is to have any impact in our lives and our world. If we are not completely devoted to God's reign, loving it more than all else, we will be incapable of loving others as they need, or as God requires.

If we embrace the way of Jesus in this radical way, we will find ourselves in conflict with the power-that-be, and we will experience persecution. But if we try to avoid this, saving our lives through silence or compliance with human powers, we will ultimately lose the abundant life that God's Reign brings. This is why Paul speaks about us dying to sin and rising with Christ – it is only as we die to the self-protective life of power-games, pleasure seeking, and excessive accumulation of wealth that we can embrace the abundant life of simplicity, service and sacrifice that Jesus offers.

While it seems like the call to sacrifice and self-giving is the opposite of abundant life, the Scriptures are consistent in their call for us to believe in this counter-intuitive truth, and to have the courage and faith to give our lives for the sake of God's Reign, while trusting in God to sustain us through whatever struggles we may face.

PRAYERS

Pray for those who are homeless or living in poverty, who are in especial hardship during the colder months

Pray for the safety of all travellers during the upcoming school holidays, particularly those who are travelling on the roads.

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

Pray for the Uniting Church as we celebrate 46 years since formation, that we may be obedient to God's word and his will for us in the future

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 27th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues June 27th	1:00pm - 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs June 29th	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Group
Thurs June 29th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri June 30th	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.

Preachfest 2023

EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

1-3 November 2023 | Sydney | Melbourne | Online

PreachFest 2023 promises to be a thought-provoking and inspiring event, including keynote speakers Stan Grant and Amy-Jill Levine. See Naomi at office@keiraview.org for details.

New Magazines in Foyer

New editions of both the "Insights" magazine (put out by UCA in NSW) and "the Sower" (put out by the Bible Society) are on the table in the foyer. Please take one of each to read some interesting Christian articles. There are also a number of other magazines, flyers and booklets that are worth having a look at!

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.

Do You Want to Learn AUSLAN?

We have an opportunity for members of our church family to take a course in AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) at a discounted price if we can form a class of ten or more people.

If you are interested, please email Khairul at khairul@keiraview.org or call him on 0423 856 473. Please don't be put off if money is an issue, as we will work something out for you!

ROSTER

2nd July 2023

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan

Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pauline Doyle

Elder

Alayne Guerin

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Clive Arthur

Prayer

Robyn Bradley

Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Geoff Lattimore

Morning Tea

Ian Almond

Jenny Almond

Pat Waller

Sue Lattimore

READINGS

JUNE 25, 2023

Gn 21:8-21

Ps 86:1-10, 1617

Ro 6:1b-11

Mt 10:24-39



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1800 951145

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

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