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5th Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ps. 13:5

But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

## Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Led by David Stuart

## Hospitality

There are so many seemingly disparate themes that emerge from this week's Lectionary – the role and test of a prophet (and the reward for receiving a prophet), the sacrifice of Isaac, Paul's call for believers to turn from evil and embrace righteousness, and the Psalmist's celebration of God's unfailing love.

What seems to emerge as a common thread, however, is God's care, presence and protection that is always available to God's people. In Genesis, Isaac is saved from sacrifice by God's provision of another sacrifice. In Jeremiah, a simple test of the prophet is given – whether his words reflect God's (gracious, saving) activity or not, as seen by whether what is prophesied actually happens. In Paul's letter followers of Christ are called to embrace the life that is found in righteousness, and this is further clarified by Jesus' teaching that receiving, welcoming, and providing hospitality for even the least is how 'righteousness' is lived and expressed. In resonance with this, both Psalms – one of celebration and one of lament – reflect a trust in God's goodness, and the life and goodness that God brings to those who trust and follow God.

Ultimately, then, the word 'hospitality' may be a simple summary of this week's theme – God's hospitality for us, and ours for one another in God's name, which is the 'definition' of righteousness.

## 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 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 ongoing growth in Christ of our members as we begin new prayer gatherings, fellowship groups and education courses

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.

## July School Holiday Break

Due to the winter school holidays, a number of Keiraview's usual programs and gatherings are on hiatus for two weeks.

We pray that those involved in organising and running these programs will have a relaxing, rejuvenating break!

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues July 4th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime volunteer morning tea</b>
Thurs July 6th	7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>

## 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 - 3:00pm. 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](mailto:office@keiraview.org) to register interest.

## Living Our Values – Expressions of Interest

**Living Our Values** is an orientation to the history, polity and ethos of the Uniting Church.

You'll learn how the Uniting Church came to be, its journey so far, how we make decisions together, how we communicate and nurture one another in our shared Christian fellowship and nurture leadership as a 'Pilgrim People on the Way'.

This course is for anyone who attends a Uniting church, especially those in current or future leadership and anyone who is a current or will be a future member of our church council.

Contact Vi Richardson if you would like to attend [Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au)

Dates and times will be negotiated with those interested in attending.

## 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.

## Uniting Faith Formation

Northern Illawarra Uniting Church is hosting a series on what makes the Uniting Church of Australia distinctive and why.

**When:** Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 9:30-11:00am

**Address:** Northern Illawarra Uniting  
Princes Hwy x Point Street Bulli

All are welcome! Morning tea will be provided. Full flyers with more information are available in the church foyer.

## Keiraview's Koorong Convoy

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study will make a car trip to Koorong Christian bookstore at West Ryde on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, leaving the church at **10:30am**. We will have lunch up there and there will be plenty of time to browse. As there are no Koorong stores in the Illawarra, this is a great opportunity for you to buy in person a new Bible, Christian books, gifts, music, DVDs or Bible studies. If you are able to come and would like to join or drive a car pool, please let Khairul or Naomi know.

If you are unable to make it but would like someone to buy something for you, likewise see Khairul or Naomi for details on Koorong's catalogue.

## Eden Playtime Morning Tea

The Eden playtime volunteers are having a morning tea meeting at the church next Tuesday, 4th July, at 10am. We invite anyone from church to join us in a time of planning and prayer as we seek God's guidance for Eden Playtime's ministry.

## 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 Collect Things?

Sandy Brisbane is curating a list of Keiraview people who collect things (e.g. postage stamps) so that fellow church members and their families can help them with their collections.

If you collect things and would like to be part of the list, please see Sandy or email her at [sandybris@iprimus.com.au](mailto:sandybris@iprimus.com.au).

## ROSTER

9th July 2023

### Flowers

Leonie Erskine

### AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Clive Arthur

### Welcomers

Colin Gold

Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Annette Arthur

### Elder

Pauline Doyle

### Music

Lurline Butler

### Bible Reader

Annette Arthur

### Prayer

Geoff Lattimore

### Offering Counting

Ian Almond

Ross Johnson

### Morning Tea

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

Robyn Johnson

Glenys Johnston

## READINGS

### JULY 2, 2023

Gn 22:1-14

Ps 13

Ro 6:12-23

Mt 11:16-19; 25-30



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[speakout.uca.org.au](http://speakout.uca.org.au)



## ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you would prefer to send an electronic bank deposit as offertory, the details are:

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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