

4th June 2023

Trinity Sunday

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Keiraview Uniting News

Mt 20:19-20a

Welcome

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

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



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

A Church of Connection

One of the challenges of “doing church” in our networked age is to discern what the place of the church is, and to imagine what it can be. For some, this connectedness is threatening, and the Church strives to become a place of escape in which connections can be carefully monitored and controlled. For others, connectedness is a threat to identity, leaving a small, closed community feeling the need to defend itself against the wider communities that beckon. If, however, we embrace what can be learned and rediscovered through global connections, we can find inspiration and motivation for ministry, community and for worship. What it might mean to view the local church as just one in a radically interconnected universe? What might ministry become if we were motivated and guided by our connection to those we are trying to reach, rather than focusing on how ‘they’ are different from ‘us’? When we recognise that we share in the community within the Trinity, we find a home, and are also led into a radical openness to others. When we begin to experience the grace of Christ, love of God and presence of the Spirit working in us and through us, we start asking new questions, praying new prayers, singing new songs and initiating new actions. How might you be able to make this Sunday a celebration of this creative connectedness, and a time of dreaming up new ways that your community can share in it right where you are?

PRAYERS

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

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 6th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues June 6th	1:00pm - 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs June 8th	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Keiraview Bible Group
Thurs June 8th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs June 8th	4:00pm 5:00pm	Pastoral Carer’s Meeting
Fri June 9th	7:00pm 9:00pm	Regeneration Youth

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A Fairtrade Faith Community

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 - 3:30pm. 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 to register interest.

Update : Adell, Brett and Ivana Smith

Over the last few months we have been blessed with the prayers, love and support from our Church, family and friends as Brett struggled to recover from a traumatic health incident.

There is still a long road to recover, but each day there is a gradual improvement and without your loving concern and support for us, the journey would have been overwhelming.

To know that you placed our anxieties, hopes, doubts and fears before the Lord encouraged and reassured us that God has indeed been with us throughout this ordeal. This has given us the strength and courage to endure and to hope for continued improvement. Our deepest and warmest thanks to everyone for your prayers, and may God bless you all.

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 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

4th June, 6:00pm: Commissioning service for UCA
University of Wollongong mission workers

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.

Lost Property

Anyone lost a child's pink cap with sparkles and "Mandeville Canyon, Los Angeles" written on it in sparkles? See Naomi or just pick it up from her desk.

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.

*When I look at your
heavens, the work of your
fingers,*

*The moon and the stars,
and all that you have
established;*

*What are humans that
you are mindful of them,
Mortals that you care for
them?*

*Yet you have made them a
little lower than God*

*And crowned them with
glory and honour.*

*You have given them
dominion over the works
of your hands;*

*You have put all things
under their feet,*

*All sheep and oxen, and
also the beasts of the
field,*

*The birds of the air, and
the fish of the sea,*

*Whatever passes along
the paths of the seas.*

*O Lord, our Sovereign,
How majestic is your
name in all the earth!*

- Psalm 8: 3-9

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 16th June 2023. Contact office@keiraview.org or Vi Richardson at admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au for more details.

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

Dementia Information Session

Anglicare's Dementia Advisory Service is facilitating a free information session::

Day: 5th June 2023

Time: 9am-12:30pm

Venue: Figtree Sports Club – 120 The Avenue, Figtree

For further details, please see Lyn Jones.

ROSTER

11th June 2023

Flowers

Annette Arthur

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Clive Arthur

Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Annette Arthur

Elder

Alayne Guerin

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Geoff Lattimore

Offering Counting

Pauline Doyle

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Colin Gold

Glenys Johnston

Sue Townsend

Don Townsend

READINGS

JUNE 4, 2023

Gn 1:1 – 2:4

Ps 8

2 Co 13:11-13

Mt 28:16-20



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IN CONFIDENCE

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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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