

16th July 2023

7th Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ro. 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

## Welcome

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

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

## God's Word and God's Life

Two ideas that come together in this week's readings are God's Word and God's Life – both of which are experienced through God's Spirit.

In Isaiah, God's Word is proclaimed as reliable and able to accomplish its purpose, which is also celebrated in Psalm 119. In Genesis, God's word about the wrestling twins is seen to be true as their relationship works itself out as the two boys grow into men.

In Psalm 65, although the word is not specifically mentioned as such, the effectiveness of God's word is seen in similar ways to Isaiah's prophesy – the abundance that the earth brings forth. In Romans, God's life is experienced through God's Spirit who is available to us through Christ – the Word of God.

Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the word of God as seed that is scattered and that fails to produce in various soils that are not optimal, but that, in good soil, provides abundance.

At its heart, the Lectionary seeks to invite us this week to open our hearts to God's Spirit, to receive God's word and to embrace the abundant life that God seeks to give us.

### PRAYERS

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

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.

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues July 18th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues July 18th	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs July 20th	2:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Refugee Mentoring Meeting</b>
Thurs July 20th	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Bible Study</b>
Thurs July 20th	5:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Fri July 21st	7:00pm - 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</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 6<sup>th</sup> August 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 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.

## Northern Zone Gathering

The youth, children and families of the northern zone of the Illawarra Presbytery (Northern Illawarra, Corrimal, Wollongong Mission, Keiraview and Dapto) have started meeting together for joint events. The next event will be on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Corrimal Uniting Church, running from 5 – 7:00pm. It will be a night for a shared meal, singing, games, community-building, fellowship, faith-sharing and fun. Please let Khairul or David know if you are interested in attending.

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting at 10:45am on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> (directly after the morning service). The budget and financial report will be presented, as well as several updates from the church council.

If you have any matter that you would like to raise at the meeting, please let Bev Ratcliffe know by the 12<sup>th</sup> of July.

See Bev Ratcliffe for any more information.

## 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.

## Would You Like to Learn Auslan?

If you are interested in learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) please let Khairul know. If we can get a group of ten together we are going to run a course in it for a reduced rate. At present we have seven.

If you are interested in this course but feel the cost will be an issue, please speak to Khairul or David about it.

## ROSTER

23rd July 2023

### Flowers

Robyn Johnson

### AV/Streaming

Colin Gold

Rod Doyle

### Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

### Announcements

Pat Waller

### Elder

Alayne Geurin

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Sue Lattimore

### Prayer

Darren Kirwood

### Offering Counting

Ian Almond

Alan Bradley

### Morning Tea

Robyn Johnson

Glenys Johnston

Sue Lattimore

Geoff Lattimore

## READINGS

### JULY 16 2023

Gn 25:19-24

Ps 119:105-112

Ro 8:1-11

Mt 13:1-9; 18-23

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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