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9th Week After Pentecost

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Keiraview Uniting News



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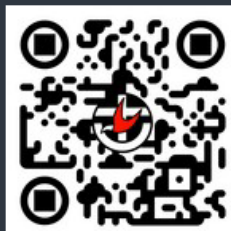
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Romans 8:28

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Led by David Stuart

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

The Kingdom of Heaven

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful sunny weather of late. One of things I like to do on cool winter's day is sit in the sun and allow the warmth to surround me. This morning as I arrived at the church, I took a few moments to sit in the car as the sun streamed through the window. As I sat there I thought to myself *"the kingdom of heaven is like the warm sun on a cool morning as it reminds me of God's love being poured out on the whole earth."* I am always amazed at how just a little warm sun can make a huge difference to the coolness of the air.

This is the theme for our services this Sunday, not warm sun, but images of the kingdom of heaven, or it can also be understood as the kingdom of God. The reading from Matthew 13:31 – 33, 44 – 52 offers different images, or metaphors, of what the kingdom of heaven is like. The images Jesus uses give us an idea of what to look for when trying to understand the kingdom of Heaven/God. It is up to us to hold them and see that the kingdom is actually much more than what we fit into our own little box.

Here is a question for you to consider...How would you describe the kingdom of Heaven/God in your own words?

Rev. David Stuart

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.

Pray for those involved in the Wollongong Mission and its associated ministries, and for all those who worship at Wollongong Church on the Mall.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues Aug 1st	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues Aug 1st	1:00pm - 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Thurs Aug 3rd	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Keiraview Community Bible Study
Thurs Aug 3rd	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri Aug 4th	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Regeneration Youth Group

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.

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.

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

Contact Vi Richardson if you would like to attend Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au

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

Get Ready for... SENT-TEMBER

Have you ever asked yourself, "how can I share my faith?"?

On the 3rd of September we will be starting a 5-week sermon series called "Sent-tember" which will encourage us to engage with and share our faith in meaningful ways.

More details to come – watch this space!

Updating Keiraview's Directory

The Church Council has been asked to update the Keiraview church contact 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.

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 6th 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 3rd 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.

Safe Church Training

A Safe Church training awareness workshop will be held at Albion Park Uniting Church (cnr of Terry and Russell Streets, Albion Park) on Saturday August 5th. Please arrive at 9am for a 9:30am start. The session will conclude at 4pm.

The close date for registrations is 2nd August.

All volunteers at Keiraview Uniting are strongly urged to complete this training every three years. If you are not sure when your current Safe Church certification ends, please contact Naomi at the office at office@keiraview.org

Uniting Youth Camp

We are excited to announce that Uniting Youth Camp (UYC) is back for 2023!

UYC23 is a high-energy camp for year 7 to year 11 students, and is big on community, fun, food and Jesus. Campers can expect worship, big activities, small groups, beach fun and more!

This year's theme is 'That's my team!' exploring all the places that we belong, and how we ultimately belong to Christ.

Dates: Tuesday 3rd- Friday 6th October 2023

Location: The Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave Collaroy.

COST:

Early bird*		\$310
Full price		\$360
Additional sibling		\$310
Leaders		\$200

*Early bird tickets end on Monday 14th August 2023

Additional scholarships are also available.

Op Shop Fashion Parade

Northern Illawarra Uniting Church will be holding an Op Shop fashion parade on behalf of Dapto Uniting Church:

When: Saturday 19th August 2023, 1:30pm

Where: Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, cnr Point Street and Princes Highway Bulli

Cost: \$10, which includes afternoon tea. EFTPOS will be available.

Clothes can be purchased on the day, or come along to cheer the models.

Wesley Community Centre Needs Our Help!

The Wesley Community Centre is appealing to you to help as you can by donating non-perishable food items either suitable for food parcels or items regularly used to provide morning tea and lunches.

Some examples are:

Food parcel items

- cup of soup
- cup of noodles
- cereal
- tinned food
- long life milk
- pasta packets e.g. carbonara

Regular use items

- large tins of tuna
- coffee/tea
- sugar powdered milk
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- stock (chicken, beef or vegetable)

Alternatively you can donate money to the Wesley Community Centre Meals Program. Wollongong Mission Benevolent Service BSB: 634 634 Account number: 100 031 140

Walking Together: Tickets On Sale

Walking Together: A Voice to Parliament will be held on Saturday 12 August at Newtown Mission from 9:30am-12:30pm, or via online access.

The conference will discuss the Voice to Parliament and upcoming referendum.

Please email mission@nswact.uca.org.au if you would like to book, have any questions, or for more details.

ROSTER

6th August 2023

Flowers

Annette Arthur

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Rod Doyle

Welcomers

Colin Gold

Pat Robinson

Announcements

Pauline Doyle

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Don Townsend

Prayer

Norma Coudrey

Communion Preparation

Alayne Guerin

Communion Elders

Alayne Guerin

Pauline Doyle

Prayer

Norma Coudrey

Offering Counting

Lyn Jones

Ross Johnson

Morning Tea

Ian Almond

Jenny Almond

Annette Arthur

Sandy Brisbane

READINGS

JULY 30 2023

Gn 29:15-28

Ps 128

Ro 8:26-39

Mt 13:31-33, 44-52

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



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