

9th July 2023

6th Week After Pentecost

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Keiraview Uniting News



Mt. 11:28-29

“Come to me, all you who are wearied and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Welcome

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

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

Will We Accept Christ's Way?

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.

The invitation of God, through Christ, to find intimacy, rest and liberation speaks through all of this week's readings.

In the continuous readings of the Old Testament, there is the theme of bride and groom finding love and comfort with each other, and the picture this offers of God's love and welcome for God's people. In the related readings, the prophet's message of the King who comes to bring peace and justice is proclaimed, along with the Psalmist's celebration of God's mercy and faithfulness. In the New Testament, Paul, while recognising the human problem of slavery to sin, recognises that Jesus is the one who brings relief and liberation. Finally, Jesus, while lamenting that some people will not or cannot receive him and his message, nevertheless invites any who are burdened to come to him.

God longs for connection with us, and God is always available and accessible to those who need and want God. In this world where the effects of sin are widespread and bring devastation to so many, Christ comes as the one who seeks to bring relief – liberation, justice, peace and mercy. Will we accept Christ's invitation and come to him to find life, or will we go our own way? Will we live in faith and communion with God? It's an important choice that every follower of Christ must make daily.

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
Thurs July 14th	10:30am	Trip to Koorong Christian Books
Sun July 16th	10:45am	Congregational Meeting (after Sunday service)

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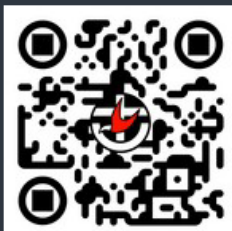
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

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 - 3:00pm. 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 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

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 22nd

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 June 22nd 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 16th (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 12th 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.

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.

ROSTER

16th July 2023

Flowers

Robyn Johnson

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan

Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Robinson

Announcements

Clive Arthur

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Geoff Lattimore

Prayer

David Stuart

Offering Counting

Lyn Jones

Ross Johnson

Morning Tea

Annette Arthur

Pat Waller

Pauline Doyle

Rod Doyle

READINGS

JULY 9 2023

Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Ps 45:10-17

Ro 7:15-25a

Mt 11:16-19; 25-30

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton
by 5pm Wednesday.

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INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

1800 951145

For more information go to:
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