

13th August 2023

11th Week After Pentecost

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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Ro 10:9-10

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Led by David Stuart

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

"Get Back in the Boat!"

"Get back in the boat!" I wonder if any of the disciples called this out to Peter as he jumped over the side of the boat into the water to head towards Jesus?

I found myself asking this question when I read Matthew 14:22 -33 earlier this week. You know the story. The disciples find themselves on a boat on the Sea of Galilee in the midst of strong winds and big waves battering the boat. They look out and see a figure walking towards them and think it is a ghost...but it is Jesus, and he calls out to them "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus (Matthew 14:22-33).

As I reflected on the passage, I came to realise the statement "Get back in the boat" fits well with the whole passage and so it is a good theme for our service this week. No doubt it was a huge step of faith (or zealous enthusiasm...or even senselessness) by Peter to jump overboard into the water in the first place, it was also a huge step of faith to reach out his hand to Jesus when he was sinking. The more I thought about it, I also realised it took great courage and faith to walk on the water back to the boat, with the wind and waves still in full force. The difference this time was of course Peter had Jesus right beside him. So, in that moment, in the midst of the turmoil and chaos of the wind and the waves, Peter was able to find the strength and courage to get back in the boat because he was not alone, Jesus was right there with him.

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 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 15th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues Aug 15th	1:00- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Tues Aug 15th	5:30pm - 7:00pm	Tuesday Night Bible Study
Thurs Aug 17th	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs Aug 17th	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Fri Aug 11th	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Regeneration Youth Group

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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.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Tuesday evenings, 5:30 - 7:00pm. 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.

SENT-TEMBER

"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. The series is based on a book by Michael Frost called *"Surprise the World"*, and encourages us to be missional people through living out five habits. What are these habits, you might ask? You will find out soon...but here is a hint: BELLS.

DisneyWonders Cards

If you shop at Woolworths and get any Disneywonders cards that you don't want or need, Robyn Johnson would like to take them to Agape Children's Home next year. Please give them to her in person or leave them on the table outside the church.

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.

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse is a non-profit Christian organization providing emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse collects the boxes and distributes them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

Robyn Johnson is coordinating Keiraview's contribution toward Operation Christmas Child this year. If you would like to make up your own shoebox or would like to donate financially toward postage, please see her or let Naomi in the office know.

UOW Lunches

Keiraview has been asked to support the Mission at UOW by providing lunches on the following Tuesdays: **15th of August, 19th of September** and **17th of October**. Each lunch consists of a sandwich, fruit & a piece of cake or slice.

If you can help make a few sandwiches at home or join a "production line" please let Pauline Doyle know. If joining the production line it would be around 9:30 am to 10:30 or 11 and if you are making the lunches at home they could be dropped off at Keiraview or can be picked up around 11:30am.

“Get Back in the Boat!” (cont.)

It is not until they are all in the boat that the waves and wind die down. What is interesting is that Jesus did not speak any words to calm things down, but it does calm down when they are all together.

What we can learn from this is that it takes faith to walk towards Jesus, and if we stumble or sink in the midst of the chaos, he is there to pull us up. It also takes faith to walk with Jesus back to the safety of the boat, even when the wind and the waves are still overpowering. When we reach the boat (the place of safety, comfort) we connect again with a community who knows us, cares for us, accepts us, and loves us. It is then the chaos, storms of life, turmoil, can calm.

- What does this passage say to us about faith, walking with Jesus and connecting with a community?
- What are the parts of life which are like the wind and waves battering you at the moment?
- Where / Who is your “boat”, your community?
- What would happen if you walked with Jesus back to the boat, to the community who knows you and cares for you?

Rev. David Stuart



ZEFIRO 50th YRS
WOLL CON
Saturday 19th August 3-5pm
Featuring Cecilia Bersee, David Vance and Suzanne Cowan as well as the WollCon Flute Ensemble

Tickets:
\$25 Adult
\$15 Student/Concession
FREE for Under 12 years

Location:
Wollongong Uniting Church
(Church On The Mall)
116 Crown Street, Wollongong

Scan for Tickets



Family and Community Worker (20hrs/week)

We are seeking a community-minded person to help lead our children's, youth, young adult and family ministry, and assist in our community-based activities. This would be done in accordance with our Mission Plan and Strategic Framework.

An ability to work in teams and lead using relational and community building principles is required. The ability to relate to, and be inclusive of people from both the church and wider community is vital.

For a Position Description, more information, or to apply for this role, please contact admin@corrimaluniting.org.au, (02) 4284 3605.

Applications close: Thursday, September 7, 2023.

ROSTER

20th August 2023

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Rod Doyle
Colin Gold

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane
Pat Robinson

Announcements

Annette Arthur

Elder

Pauline Doyle

Music

Lurline Butler

Bible Reader

Lyn Jones

Prayer

David Stuart

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson
Geoff Lattimore

Morning Tea

Robyn Johnson
Don Townsend
Sue Townsend
Pat Waller

READINGS

AUGUST 13 2023

Gn 37:1-4, 12-28
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Ro 10:5-15
Mt 14:22-33



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

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