

20th August 2023

12th Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



Ps 133:1

## Welcome

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

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

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!

## Being Right and Being Kind

There is a quote from the book *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio (also made into a movie) which says, "**When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.**" It is introduced by a school teacher in a lesson about precepts, which are general rules intended to regulate behaviour or thought, and the teacher encourages the students to use this precept in their classroom and wider school experience.

I am often drawn back to this quote in times of heated discussions on particular issues, and I have found it to be helpful in building relationships. There may be times when we are certain we are right, but if we push it too much it may be detrimental to someone else. We are faced with the choice to be kind by showing restraint, love, and grace.

When I read the passage from Matthew 15:21 – 28, I am again reminded of this precept. It is here that Jesus is met by a Canaanite woman who kneels directly in front of him saying "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon...Lord help me." Jesus does not answer her immediately, and the disciples urge him to send her away. Jesus then responds with "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel...It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

Commentators cannot agree whether Jesus is being rude and offensive, trying to engage in serious conversation, or attempting to have a playful little joke.

### 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 new Eden Café taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, that it will be a time for fellowship and an opportunity to connect with Eden Playtime

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues Aug 22nd	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues Aug 22nd	10:30am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Cafe</b>
Tues Aug 22nd	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Tues Aug 22nd	5:30pm - 7:00pm	<b>Tuesday Night Bible Study</b>
Thurs Aug 24th	5:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Fri Aug 25th	7:00pm - 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</b>

## Contact Us

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## 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.

**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](mailto: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.

There is a shoebox on the table in the foyer if you would like to donate items for a Christmas box. If you would like to make up your own shoebox or would like to donate financially toward postage, please let Robyn Johnson know.

### UOW Lunches

Keiraview has been asked to support the Mission at UOW by providing lunches on the following Tuesdays: **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.

## Being Right and Being Kind (cont.)

Whatever the meaning, the woman responds with “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table” making it clear she is ready to engage, stand up and ensure her daughter is healed.


The question we are faced with is ‘*who is right?*’ Technically Jesus is right as up until this point, it is clear Jesus has been in ministry with the people of Israel. The woman is also right, because as far as she is concerned, she is entitled to ask for mercy and healing for her daughter.

Jesus realises that even if he is right, it is better to be kind and show love and mercy. I think Jesus also learns about his own ministry and mission. This is a chance for Jesus to put into practice the things he has spoken about in his teaching about love, grace, acceptance, and mercy. It seems Jesus was given a choice to be right or kind...and he chose kindness.

Questions to consider:


- How do you understand Jesus’ response to the Canaanite woman? Was he being rude and offensive, or playful and joking? How does it affect your perception of him?
- When have you had the choice of being right or being kind? How did you respond?
- What changes might we need to make to ensure we are kind to people whom we might disagree with on certain issues?

Rev. David Stuart



### Eden Cafe

Come along for a time of fellowship and morning tea together. All are welcome so invite any of your friends that might also enjoy a morning of fellowship together.



10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
4th Tuesday of the month  
(22 August, 26 September, 24 October, and 28 November)  
34 Fisher Street, West Wollongong  
For more info call Fae McGregor on (02) 4271 3762



### 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](mailto:admin@corrimaluniting.org.au), (02) 4284 3605.

Applications close: Thursday, September 7, 2023.



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## 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

## ROSTER

27th August 2023

### Flowers

Robyn Johnson

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan  
Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Colin Gold  
Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Pat Waller

### Elder

Geoff Lattimore

### Music

Kerryn Morrison

### Bible Reader

Neville Jolly

### Prayer

Geoff Lattimore

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley  
Lyn Jones

### Morning Tea

Ian Almond  
Jenny Almond  
Annette Arthur  
Sandy Brisbane

## READINGS

### AUGUST 20 2023

Gn 45:1-15

Ps 133

Ro 11:1-2a, 29-32

Mt 15:10-20, 21-28

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton  
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