

6th August 2023

10th Week After Pentecost

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Keiraview Uniting News



Psalms 17:15

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your
likeness.

Welcome

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

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

What Is There to Give?

This Sunday, the theme for our 9:30am service comes in the form of a question I thought about when I read the gospel reading from Matthew 14:13 – 21, which records the feeding of the five thousand. This is perhaps the best known of Jesus' miracles, and it is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels.

The question which came to my mind was this "What is there to give?"

This question can be taken in a few different ways. The first is from the point of view of the disciples, who do not know what to do about feeding all the people who are there. In recognising the day is getting on a bit and the people would be hungry, they ask "What is there to give?" There initial response is to insist the people should go to the markets to buy food: in other words, they have nothing to give and the people will need to look after themselves. Whether it is intentional or not, the disciples avoid taking responsibility for meeting the needs of the people. Perhaps they see the problem as too big, not their job, or that they simply don't have the resources to help. Instead of looking at what they could do, their impulse is to see what they cannot do.

Another way to look at this question is from the point of view of Jesus, who poses this question to the disciples. In doing so, he opens up the possibility of looking at what food is within the group. Jesus flips the script by looking at what can be done, not what cannot be done, and so takes responsibility for finding a solution with what the resources they have.

One more way to look at the question of "what is there to give?" is by asking it in terms of what we give emotionally and in our willingness to find a way to help. Jesus is not in a good headspace at this point as he has just heard how John the Baptist has been killed. He is in the midst of deep grief and so could be forgiven for thinking he had nothing to give. Yet, he had compassion on the crowd, which drove him to find a way to meet the needs of the people, both physically and spiritually.

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

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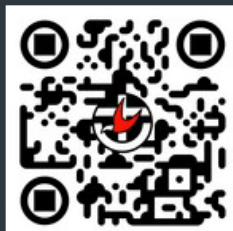
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From the Safe Church Team

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.

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.

Sunday Lunch?

A number of people from the morning congregation go out to the builder's club afterwards for food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to come along! For further details, please see Robyn Johnson or Norma Coudrey.

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.

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.

What Is There to Give? (cont.)

Perhaps there is something in this for us to think on:

- What is your response to the question "What is there to give?" in relation to this passage?
- How do we, as a church and as individuals, respond to those in need?
- When have you been like the disciples, who respond in a way that says the issues are too big, there is too much need, people will have to help themselves?
- When have you been like Jesus, who responds by looking at what resources are available and how they can be used?
- When you are not in a great headspace, or there is a lot going on, how do you decide what you can give emotionally, physically or spiritually to a situation?

Rev. David Stuart

Keiraview Bible Study – Change

Keiraview Bible Study, which used to be held at 4pm on a Thursday afternoon, will now be held in the meeting room every **Tuesday** evening between 5:30 – 7:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to join this casual, chatty study, where curiosity is encouraged and there is no such thing as a 'stupid question'!

Please see Khairul for further details.

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

13th August 2023

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Keith Smyth
Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Clive Arthur

Elder

Alayne Guerin

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

Prayer

Robyn Bradley

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur
Alan Bradley

Morning Tea

Colin Gold
Glenys Johnston
Sue Lattimore
Geoff Lattimore

READINGS

AUGUST 6 2023

Gn 32:22-31
Ps 17:1-5, 15
Ro 9:1-5
Mt 14:13-21

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



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