

22nd October 2023

21st Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



Psalm 99:9

## Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**  
Led by Khairul Hamdan

Evening Worship **6:00pm**  
Led by the congregation

Extol the Lord our God,  
And worship at his holy mountain;  
For the Lord our God is holy..

## Responding to God

One of the most important questions we face as we seek to follow Christ and manifest God's reign in our world in some way is how we respond to the God we're seeking to serve.

All of the readings this week challenge us to keep God in the place in our lives and thoughts that is rightfully God's. Moses asks for God's presence to go with God's people, and for himself to see God's glory, revealing a recognition of his and Israel's need for God to be acknowledged and worshipped and responded to as God. In Isaiah a prophecy of hope for God's exiled people reveals God's sovereignty and God's gracious action, as God, on behalf of God's people. In both Psalms people of all nations are called to honour and worship God as God deserves, and in the epistle, the Thessalonian Christians are celebrated for their faithful worship and service of God and God's purposes which reveals their true acknowledgement of God. In the light of all this, Jesus' response to the attempted entrapment of the religious leaders is a powerful and challenging word. Where they have missed God and God's new, creative work among them, and have fallen into domesticating God to their purposes, Jesus challenges them to put God into the proper place of sovereignty and majesty in their lives. Essentially Jesus turns their question on its head and bypasses the tax question, confronting the leaders with the insignificance of things like taxation in the face of God's greater claim on our worship and our lives. In a faith culture in which it is often popular for God to be reduced to simply a divine friend, or "the man up there", or a "higher" part of ourselves, this call to recognise God's transcendence is important and life-giving.

### PRAYERS

Pray for those who are homeless or living in poverty, particularly children, the elderly and those with illness or disability.

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, and also for the students she serves.

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues Oct 24th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues Oct 24th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Tues Oct 24th	5:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Burgers n' Bibles</b>
Thurs Oct 26th	5:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Thurs Oct 26th	7:30pm- 9:30pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
Fri Oct 27th	5:00pm - 9:30pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</b>
Thurs Nov 2nd	9:30am- 10:30am	<b>Keiraview Prayer Group</b>

## Contact Us

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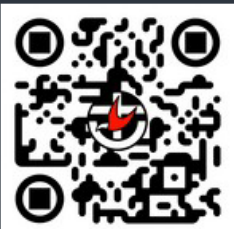
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## From the Safe Church Team

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.

**Burgers n' Bibles**: Tuesday evenings, 5:30 - 7:00pm. All adults welcome.

If you or your teen would like to help start or attend a small group for study, prayer and fellowship, please contact Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) to register interest.

## Display of Talents at Farmborough Village

A display of Talents will be held at Farmborough Grove Village on Thursday 26 October from 2pm.

For a gold coin donation to charity come and see some of the Talents of our Village Seniors displayed.

There will be art, craft, woodwork, 3D puzzles, card making and much more.

All are welcome. Please contact Fae for more information on 02 42 713762

## Volunteer Auditor Wanted for Presbytery Accounts

The UCA Illawarra Presbytery is seeking a volunteer auditor from within our Uniting Church community.

We understand that church finances can be distinctive, and we need someone who appreciates the intricacies involved.

Your expertise will ensure that resources are well-managed and transparent.

Qualifications and Requirements : be a member of the Certified Practising accountants [CPA] or a Chartered Accountant.

If you are interested in making a difference in the financial stewardship of our churches please email Presbytery Administrator, Vi Richardson by 31 October at [Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au)

## Advent Art – A Message from Rev. David

Calling all artists (painters, photographers, graphic designers, fashion designers etc.) within the Keiraview community.

I am wanting to compile a number of original artworks that reflect the themes of Advent – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love – with the idea of collating them into a booklet to use as the basis of our Advent study this year.

The artworks can be anything which express the themes of advent, whether individually or as a whole, and they can be in the form of a painting, image, photograph, clothing, or whatever it is that you can do. I would really like to use original artworks for this as I think it is important for us to see the gifts and talents we have within our congregations. Advent begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, and I would like to have the booklet completed by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of November. I would need to have a photo of the artwork or the image itself, along with a brief summary of how it speaks of the theme it represents to include in the booklet.

Another way you could be involved is to use your gifts and skills in writing liturgy (prayers, calls to worship, blessings, music etc.) A small group from Keiraview will be gathering to plan, discuss and write liturgy for us to use during Advent on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:30pm and on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 4:30pm to pray and look through the readings and themes of Advent to help us in our writing.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact me at [minister@keiraview.org](mailto:minister@keiraview.org) or on 0404 855 434.

## Christmas Lunch Invitation

A Christmas lunch will be hosted by Dapto Uniting Church in the church hall at the rear of 122 Princes Highway Dapto on Saturday 25 November 2023 at 12 noon. Tickets cost \$35 per person or \$20 for a child under 12. Food and entertainments included. Please RSVP by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

To RSVP and for more information on what is provided or on how to pay, please contact Les or Janet on 0431 410 189 or email [secretary.dapto@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:secretary.dapto@nswact.uca.org.au)

Funds will go toward Dapto Uniting Church's Church Development Fund, so any donations toward this would be welcome even if you cannot attend the lunch.

## Introducing Annabelle!



Pauline & Rodney Doyle have welcomed a new little granddaughter, Annabelle Rose, born Thursday 12 October. First child for Jacqui and Simon. Little cousin for Archie, Jack, Ben, Amelia, Tom and Teddy.

## Eden Café – Tuesday 24 October

Please come along to our next Eden Café at Keiraview for a cuppa and some fellowship. The café runs from **10:30am to noon**, and everyone is invited to drop in.

This month we will be sharing book reviews and having a Book Swapping Table. If you have a favourite book you would like to share a review of, please let either Fae or Pauline know. If you have a spare book or two that you would like to swap for some new titles, please bring them along with you.

Come along and invite a friend to come with you to enjoy some fellowship and morning tea. Hope to see you there!

## Thanksgiving Service – Wollongong Mission Congregation

Everyone is invited to a service of thanksgiving marking the transition of the Wollongong Mission Congregation to the Wollongong Wesley Morning Faith Community and the Wesley Congolese Faith Community.

**Date:** Sunday, November 5th

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:** Wollongong Church on the Mall, Crown St Wollongong

The service will be followed by afternoon tea. We look forward to seeing you there.

## ROSTER

29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Flowers

Colleen Claydon

### AV/Streaming

Ian Almond  
Colin Gold

### Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane  
Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Clive Arthur

### Elder

Pauline Doyle

### Music

Lurline Butler

### Bible Reader

Annette Arthur

### Prayer

Darren Kirwood

### Offering Counting

Clive Arthur  
Ross Johnson

### Morning Tea

Pat Waller  
Glenys Johnston  
Geoff Lattimore  
Sue Lattimore

## READINGS

### OCTOBER 22, 2023

Ex 33:12-33  
Ps 99  
1 Thess 1:1-10  
Mt 22:15-22

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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