

19th November 2023

25th Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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A Fairtrade Faith Community

1 Thess. 5:8

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

## Welcome

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

Evening Worship **6:00pm**  
Led by the Whole Congregation

## Faith in Action

Every community has struggles that need addressing. In every church there are people with great need who long for healing, support and help. In every society there are jobs that require the skills and talents of ordinary people in order for a difference to be made.

The challenge this week is not to see church or worship as an escape from our responsibility to act. Rather, if we believe in the coming of Christ – past, now and in future – we cannot avoid the call to put our faith into loving, serving action.

This may mean using our wealth to support those who have too little to meet their needs. It may mean offering our time to befriend or serve those who are lonely or shut-in or weak or ill. It may mean using our influence to fight on behalf of the marginalised, voiceless and poor. It may mean using our creativity, our attention or our insight to help someone else heal their lives or relationships.

Whatever it may be, we only find life when we step up and do what we can as participants in the world. As we do this, we become those who help to bring the reality of God's reign into being with those around us in our neighbourhoods and churches.

### 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 Doo Ah and her ministry with UOW students on and off campus, and also for the students she serves.

Pray for our church council and its members, both those whose roles are ongoing and those who have been elected to serve for the first time.

Pray for ourselves and other churches in the Illawarra as we prepare for Advent

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues Nov 21st	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues Nov 21st	12:00- 2:00pm	<b>UOW Social Group</b>
Tues Nov 21st	5:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Burgers n' Bibles</b>
Thurs Nov 23rd	5:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Fri Nov 24th	7:00pm- 9:30pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</b>
Saturday Nov 25th	6:00pm- 9:00pm	<b>Masquerade Ball</b>

## 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. **On hiatus until January 30, 2024**

**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.

If, however, we refuse to contribute and we keep our resources for ourselves, we inevitably find that we lose life's joy and vibrancy, and we end up disconnected and depressed.

The good news, though, is that when we do respond and seek to act, we have resources beyond just ourselves, because God and God's people join with us to make a difference in our world. It is also not hard to know where or how to act, because if we just look around us, we will discover opportunities at every turn.

### Eden Café – 28<sup>th</sup> November

The final Eden Café for the year is on Tuesday 28 November from 10:30 to noon. The morning will have a Christmas theme with a Christmas Carol sing-a-long as well as a Christmas craft activity and a lovely Christmas morning tea.

Come and join in a time of fellowship and perhaps you have a friend who might like to come with you. Please bring something yummy to share for morning tea.

### Cancelled: Pastoral Carer's Breakfast

Please note that unfortunately, the pastoral carer's breakfast which was to be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

## Advent Preparation

Rev. David is still looking for creative works (painting, image, photograph, clothing etc.) that reflect the themes of Advent – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These works will be collated and compiled into a study/reflection booklet to use through the season of Advent. The original works will also be displayed in the worship space throughout Advent. If you have anything which expresses these themes, please let David know so they can be added to the study. Please also write a sentence or two about how the piece speaks of the theme it represents.

The final submission date for this is November 22 (this coming Wednesday).

For further information and to register your interest in being involved, email David at [minister@keiraview.org](mailto:minister@keiraview.org)

## Notices for the Newsletter: Reminder

If you would like something to be added, removed or amended in the newsletter, please email [notices@keiraview.org](mailto:notices@keiraview.org) rather than [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) .

The notices email account is much less busy than the office account, so this will ensure that your notice is filed correctly and on hand when the newsletter is compiled.

## Elections

At last Sunday's Annual Meeting the following people were elected:

**Church Council:** Alayne Guerin, Danny Ivanovski, Ross Johnson and Geoff Lattimore (with Scott Morrison and Gavin Whitten as continuing members)

**Chair of the Congregation:** Bev Ratcliffe

**Secretary of the Congregation:** Adell Smith

**Presbytery Rep:** Gavin Whitten

Please continue to pray for these folks as they carry out their roles.

## Mission Action Teams

If you feel called to serve on one of these teams, a list of the teams and their convenors is on the notice board in the foyer (near the bookshelf)

## Christmas at Wesley Community Care

Karen and the volunteers at the Wesley Community Centre are calling for our support toward their annual Christmas lunch for vulnerable members of the community.

If you can donate Christmas-related items such as chocolates, table bon-bons etc (nut free is ideal) this would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be delivered to the Community Centre at the rear of Wollongong Uniting Church between 8am-12:20pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can place donations in the marked box in the foyer at Keiraview.

Donations close 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## Masquerade Ball – Volunteers Needed

There will be a masquerade ball held at Keiraview on November 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-9pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$50 per family, with proceeds going towards our Agape sponsor children. For tickets or more information, ring Vi on 0491 185 320, or you can purchase tickets from Khairul, Lurline or Robyn J.

A supper will be provided on the night. If you are able to help with this by making a dish to contribute, please contact Lurline Butler on 0412449500.

## Save the Date: Lay Leaders' Retreat 2024

Are you a dedicated leader within your congregation or faith community? Your commitment is valued, and your community thanks you. You are invited to a Lay Leaders Retreat in February 2024:

**Date:** Saturday February 3, 2024

**Time:** 10:00am-3:30pm

**Venue:** Kiama Uniting Church

**Theme:** "In Joyful Obedience".

**Facilitator:** Rev. Dr. Peter Walker, principal of United Theological College

Tea, coffee, juice, morning and afternoon tea provided. Please BYO lunch.

Please RSVP by emailing Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org) or Vi Richardson on [admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au) by Thursday January 25, 2024. The earliest you can RSVP

## ROSTER

26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Flowers

Robyn Johnson

### AV/Streaming

Ian Almond  
Colin Gold

### Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane  
Pat Robinson

### Announcements

Pauline Doyle

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Kerryn Morrison

### Bible Reader

Pat Waller

### Prayer

Robyn Bradley

### Offering Counting

Clive Arthur  
Alan Bradley

### Morning Tea

Robyn Johnson  
Glenys Johnston  
Geoff Lattimore  
Sue Lattimore

## READINGS

### NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Jdg 4:1-7

Ps 123

1 Thess 5:1-11

Mt 25:14-30

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