

26th November 2023

Christ the King

34 FISHER ST,
WEST WOLLONGONG

Keiraview Uniting News



Contact Us

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Rev. David Stuart

☎ 4229 2303

minister@keiraview.org

(Day off on Wednesdays)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pauline Doyle

☎ 4229 2303

secretary@keiraview.org

COMMUNITY WORKER

Khairul Hamdan

khairul@keiraview.org

CHURCH/HALL BOOKINGS

bookings@keiraview.org

PO Box 330, Figtree

www.keiraview.org

Follow us on 

@KeiraviewUnitingChurch

Subscribe to 
<https://bit.ly/310Kgnq>



A Fairtrade Faith Community

Psalm 100:3

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Led by the Whole Congregation

The Sheep and the Shepherd

This week, as our lectionary year comes to a close, we are faced with images and Scripture passages that are so well-known that our familiarity can cause us to lose the power of this closing to the year's journey.

The images of sheep and shepherd, and the parables of judgement which accompany them, are not comfortable. The hinge point is the Gospel, which portrays the nature of Christ's rulership. We are urged to recognise the King in those who are anything but royalty – the sick, the naked, the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and imprisoned.

Our ability to be welcomed into the realm of this Shepherd-King is not so much about how Jesus decides to treat us, but about how we choose to treat one another. If we are able to make the shift to seeing Christ in all others, we discover that we are citizens of this new realm that Jesus preached – because suddenly God's reign is visible everywhere and can be experienced and enjoyed in every moment, every place and every interaction. When we fail to see Christ in all others, we have chosen to close our eyes to the miracle of God's reign which infiltrates every life and every circumstance, with the result that we find ourselves – by our own choice – outside of the experience of God's reign.

Cont. on page 2

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 28th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues Nov 28th	10:30am- 12:00pm	Eden Cafe
Tues Nov 28th	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Burgers n' Bibles
Thurs Nov 30th	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Fri Dec 1st	7:00pm- 9:30pm	Regeneration Youth Group

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. **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 to register interest.

Ezekiel's prophecy is simply another way of saying this same thing – God will judge between those who are “lean” – who are satisfied with enough and are not greedy and dominating – and those who are “fat and strong” – those who bully others and take more than their share. Both Psalms invite us into the joy and worship of those who have learned to be God's faithful sheep, trusting in God's care and provision – which is, of course, the basic foundation that enables us to live as “lean sheep” and to serve one another.

Finally, Paul celebrates Jesus as the one who has been placed over all, especially of the Church which is Christ's body – the vehicle through which Christ interacts with the world now – and prays that God's people may know God's resurrection power and the hope we have in Christ, both of which are sorely needed for us to be the agents of Christ's grace and compassion that we are called to be. The reign of Christ, then, is not about seeing Jesus as some dominating despot, or conquering military victor. Rather, we are invited to see Christ's reign as the gift of God's grace, service and compassion that is available to all, and that we share with one another as we live as the body (the physical presence) of Christ in the world today.

Eden Playtime– 28th November

Eden Playtime and Gardening is inviting anyone who is interested to join us this Tuesday 28 Nov in making your own advent calendar Garland. We meet from 10am til 12pm. For details, please see Jenny Almond or call her on 0401 245 669.

Eden Café – 28th 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.

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 or Vi Richardson on admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au by Thursday January 25, 2024. The earliest you can RSVP is the better for organisers.

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 10th December.

12 Days of Christmas Challenge

Les & Lyn Hewitt are collecting items to assist the Dapto "12 Days of Christmas Challenge". Donations of non-perishable food, vouchers and toys – anything that would help make Christmas merrier for a family in need – can be given to Les & Lyn Hewitt or Pauline Doyle. The challenge is to make 12 hampers for families in need.

If you have any questions, please speak to Les or Lyn. Donations can be made up until November.

RIP Rev. Alan Goodwin

It is with sadness that we have received the news from Sue Goodwin that her father, Rev. Alan Goodwin, died peacefully on Saturday, 18th November, at the age of 95.

Alan served as the minister of the West Wollongong UC prior to the amalgamation with St Columba, and will be fondly remembered by many in the current congregation.

Please keep his family and other loved ones in your prayers during this time.

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 or Vi Richardson on admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au by Thursday January 25, 2024. The earliest you can RSVP is the better for organisers.

Koorong Christmas Convoy

There will be a trip to Koorong Christian Bookstore in West Ryde on Saturday 9th December. We will be having lunch up there as well. Everyone is eagerly invited to come along for fellowship and a great chance to buy Christian gifts for Christmas, as there are no Koorong stores in the Illawarra.

If you are interested in coming along, please let Khairul or Danny know, or email Naomi at office@keiraview.org.

ROSTER

3rd December 2023

Flowers

Annette Arthur

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane
Pat Robinson

Announcements

Clive Arthur

Elder

Scott Morrison

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Bev Ratcliffe

Prayer

Darren Kirwood

Offering Counting

Ross Johnson
Alan Bradley

Morning Tea

Don Townsend
Sue Townsend
Colin Gold
Pat Waller

READINGS

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24
Ps 100
Eph 1:15-23
Mt 25:31-46

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton **by 5pm Wednesday.**
☎ 0401 791 483
notices@keiraview.org



Speak Out
IN CONFIDENCE

Raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out'

INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
1800 951145

For more information go to:
speakout.uca.org.au

 

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