

17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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Ps. 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

## Welcome

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

Evening Worship **6:00pm**  
Led by Danny Ivanovski

## A New Covenant of the Heart

In the heart of Scripture lies a promise of transformation—a promise that transcends time, pointing us towards a new covenant, a pure heart, and the ultimate act of obedience that draws us closer to God.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 speaks of a profound change, a future where God's law moves from tablets of stone to the human heart, an internal transformation that enables us to know the Lord intimately. God promises forgiveness and a fresh start.

Echoing this promise of inward renewal, Psalm 51:1-12 is a poignant cry for a clean heart and a steadfast spirit. It reminds us that true repentance and purification come from recognizing our transgressions and earnestly seeking God's mercy. God's desire is not for ritual sacrifices but a broken spirit; a contrite heart God will not despise.

Hebrews 5:5-10 reveals Jesus as the High Priest of this new covenant, appointed by God. His journey leads through suffering but culminates in eternal salvation for all who heed His call. Jesus' life and sacrifice exemplify the ultimate act of submission to God's will, the depth of divine love.

John 12:20-23 anticipates the glorification of Jesus. The image of the wheat falling to the ground captures the essence of sacrifice and transformation. Jesus' willingness to embrace death for the sake of new life encapsulates the call to lose our life to find it in Him.

These passages collectively invite us into a journey of transformation that begins with a contrite heart and leads through obedience, even unto suffering, to reach the promise of an intimate relationship with God.

### PRAYERS

Pray for the Bible Society and their associated initiatives and programs, especially those providing aid and Bibles around the world

Pray for peace in Palestine and Ukraine

Pray for those who are homeless or living in poverty, especially as we are now in autumn and the weather is cooling.

Pray for other churches in the Illawarra Presbytery, especially those in financial strain or who have a lack of able volunteers

Pray for those who are chronically ill or disabled, as well as for those who care for them.

Pray for the spiritual health and future of the UCA.

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues Mar 19th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues Mar 19th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Tues Mar 19th	5:30pm- 7:30pm	<b>Burgers n Bibles</b>
Thurs Mar 21st	5:00pm- 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Friday Mar 22nd	7:00- 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</b>
Saturday Mar 23rd	7:00- 9:30am	<b>Pastoral Carer's Breakfast</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 and handed them in?
- If not, please speak to David or Naomi about what is required.



### Bible Studies at Keiraview

**Know Your Bible** – Tuesdays, 1pm. All ladies welcome.

**Burgers n Bibles** – Tuesdays, 5:30 pm. All adults welcome.

If you or your teen would like to start or join a small group or bible study, speak to David or email the office to express interest.

### Music in our Services

Can you play piano, organ, or guitar, or can you sing and lead others? If so, would you consider being part of the music team in the morning service?

Music and singing are important parts of our gathered, communal worship and through them we convey many things – praise, adoration, confession, and even lament. One of the challenges for us is having enough musicians and singers to lead the congregation in this part of worship.

The commitment to music ministry would generally be one Sunday morning a month and would involve practicing the music and songs through the week.

***In particular, we are looking for musicians on the Sundays of 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of April.***

If this is an area of ministry you would like to serve in, please speak to Rev. David Stuart or email him at [minister@keiraview.org](mailto:minister@keiraview.org)

### UOW Lunches

If you are able to assist with making packed lunches for Doo Ah's "Life Skills based on the Bible" student group at the UOW, please speak to Pauline Doyle or email her at her new email: [paulinedoyle2023@gmail.com](mailto:paulinedoyle2023@gmail.com)

The following Tuesdays are the dates that have been allocated to Keiraview: **2 April, 7 May and 4 June.**

If you are able to assist, or take on a date completely, please let Pauline know.

### Maundy Thursday Service

The expression "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, or commandment, which reflects Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment. It is the day before Good Friday, and this year is celebrated on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. "Maundy" also refers to the washing of feet that Jesus did for his disciples before his crucifixion, and which we commemorate on this date, renewing our commitment to serving one another in the church and those outside of it.

We will mark Maundy Thursday this year with a service and a shared meal together – service and meal times TBA, but both will take place from early evening.

As we need numbers for catering by 24<sup>th</sup> March, if you are attending, please RSVP by that date.

### Easter Week Service Times

**Maundy Thursday** 6pm

**Good Friday** 9am

**Easter Sunday Dawn Service:** 6:45am at North Beach

**Easter Sunday** 9:30am

Flyers to come out later in the month.

## WWPS Happy Knitting Group

As part of the mentoring program the congregation is taking part in growth groups at the Wollongong West Public School next door to us. We are helping with the happy knitting group which would welcome help from knitters with any experience.

If anyone in the church with an interest in knitting was free from 12:15 to 13:30 on Monday 11th or Monday 18th March **and have a working with children check** they would be welcomed with open arms.

See or phone Laurie Aldridge (0412356495) if you would like to help.

## Refugee Family - Update

Thank you so much for being so generous in all the financial help you have provided for the refugee family. They have been homeless for several months, but, praise God, they now have been accepted for a house. This will entail some initial expenses - removalist costs for furniture in storage and blinds/curtains for the windows.

If you are able to help in any way that would be much appreciated. Please mark any gifts as "REFUGEE".

## Pastoral Care Breakfast

A breakfast for all pastoral care workers will be held at the Keiraview centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7:00-9:30am. For any enquiries, please see Fae McGregor.

## Working With Children Checks

A number of volunteers with Keiraview will need to update their WWCCs in the coming calendar year. The Office of the Children's Guardian have communicated that this process can now be done online.

For further enquiries, speak to someone on the Safe Church team.

## Stamp News - March 2024

Thank you to all the 'Stamp Collectors' who regularly leave used stamps (and sometimes even stamp collections) in the 'USED STAMPS' box at the back of the church.

Please remember to trim all stamps and leave a margin of 3mm or 1/8 inch around the stamp. (If you don't trim the stamps, somebody else has to do it).

The Synod Stamp Committee sell used stamps to dealers and collectors. Since 1977 the Stamp Committee has raised over \$850,000 from the sale of stamps and has donated those funds to support the work of local projects initiated by congregations throughout NSW. In 2022 forty-six Congregations were granted a total of \$31,000 to support local projects.

**Thank you** from the Stamp Committee and all those across the Synod who receive funds to support their outreach work.

If you would like more information, please contact Alan Bradley on 0409 817 342

## MORNING GATHERING ROSTER

24th March 2024

### Flowers

Leonie Erskine

### AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan  
Khairul Hamdan

### Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane  
Colin Gold

### Announcements

Annette Arthur

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Lurline Butler

### Bible Reader

Clive Arthur

### Prayer

Geoff Lattimore

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley  
Geoff Lattimore

### Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane  
Pat Waller  
Sue Lattimore  
Kini Smeaton

## READINGS

### MARCH 17, 2024

Jer 31:31-34

Ps 51:1-12

Heb. 5:5-10

Jn 12:20-23

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