

24th March 2024

Passion Sunday

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Keiraview Uniting News

Ps. 31:3-4

Welcome

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

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



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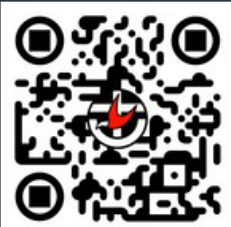
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Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.

Embracing the Passion

As we observe Passion Sunday, marking the culmination of Lent, our readings invite us into a profound reflection on Christ's journey through suffering to exaltation. These scriptures underscore the themes of obedience, suffering, trust in God, and the ultimate triumph of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 50:4-9a presents the figure of the Servant of the Lord, foreshadowing the humility and resilience of Jesus, who, as Philippians 2:5-11 describes, "made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant." Paul urges us to have the same mindset as Christ, who humbled Himself and became obedient to death on a cross. This act of obedience and humility led to His exaltation, affirming that glory follows sacrifice.

The Psalmist's cries in Psalms 31:9-16 echo Jesus' feelings of abandonment and distress, as recorded in Mark's Passion narrative. Yet, both the Psalmist and Jesus display unwavering trust in God's deliverance, reinforcing that God is our steadfast refuge in times of trouble.

Mark 15:1-39 vividly recounts the crucifixion, portraying Jesus' profound isolation and suffering. Despite being mocked and misunderstood, Jesus' faithful submission to the Father's will culminates in the earth-shaking moment of His death. This moment paradoxically reveals His true identity as the Son of God, as recognized by the centurion.

These readings, woven together, challenge us to reflect on our own paths of obedience and suffering. They call us to embrace our crosses, trusting in God's faithfulness and the promise of resurrection life. As we ponder Christ's passion, let us be inspired to live with the same humility, obedience, and hope, knowing that our journey through suffering can also lead to our ultimate exaltation with Him.

PRAYERS

Pray for small groups and Bible studies at Keiraview, both present and planned, that participants embrace learning and loving God together and grow in faith

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 26th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues Mar 26th	10:30am- 12:00pm	Eden Café
Tues Mar 26th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Tues Mar 26th	5:30pm- 7:30pm	Burgers n Bibles
Thurs Mar 28th	6:00pm- 8:00pm	Maundy ThursdayService
Friday Mar 29th	9:00- 10:00am	Good Friday service

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 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 14th, 21st and 28th 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

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

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, 28th 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, starting at 6:00pm

As we need numbers for catering by 24th March, if you are attending, please RSVP by that date by emailing Naomi at office@keiraview.org.

Easter Week Service Times

Maundy Thursday 6pm

Good Friday 9am

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

Easter Sunday 9:30am

Eden Café

Eden Café is on this Tuesday 26th. It starts at 10:30 and goes through to midday. Eden Café is an informal time of fellowship and sharing over morning tea. It is open to anyone, so please come along and perhaps invite a friend or two to come with you. For more information, contact Fae McGregor or Pauline Doyle

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".

Samaritan's Purse Lunch and Talk

When: Thursday, 4th April

Time: Light lunch at 11.30am & talk at approx. 12:30 pm

Where: The work shed at the back of the Albion Park Uniting Church, corner Terry & Russell Streets Albion Park.

Speaker: Rick George, Operation Christmas Child State Manager, will share with us his background, facts of where Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes were distributed last year & his vision for continuing this beautiful project.

RSVP by Monday 1st April for catering purposes to Lyn Brown Ph. 0425 219 233

SRE (Scripture Teacher/Helper)

Next term, Khairul is looking for an assistant for in-class SRE/Scripture lessons at West Wollongong Primary School. Training is not required, but you will need to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

If you are interested in this special ministry opportunity, speak to Khairul (ph 0423 856 473).

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

31st March 2024

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Pauline Doyle
Rod Doyle

Welcomers

Keith Smyth
Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pat Waller

Elder

Geoff Lattimore

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Annette Arthur

Prayer

Robyn Bradley

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur
Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Glenys Johnston
Geoff Lattimore
Sue Lattimore
Kini Smeaton

READINGS

MARCH 24, 2024

Is 50:4-9a
Ps 31:9-16
Phil. 2:5-11
Mk 15:1-39

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