

12th May 2024

7th Week of Easter

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Keiraview Uniting News

1 Jn. 5:11-12

Welcome

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

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



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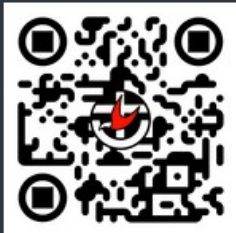
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And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Uniting in Faith and Purpose

As we gather our thoughts and hearts around the scriptures for this week, we find a common thread running through Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; and John 17:6-19. Each of these passages invites us to consider our roles within the community of faith, our commitment to God's word, and the assurance we have through Christ.

In Acts 1, the early church faces replacing Judas among the apostles. This decision, made through prayer and casting lots, reflects a deep trust in God's sovereignty and guidance. It reminds us that our church leadership and decisions should also be in prayer and collective discernment, seeking God's will above all.

Psalm 1 contrasts two ways of life: one that is rooted in the law of the Lord and another that is not. The Psalmist describes a person who delights in the Lord's teachings and meditates on them day and night as being like a tree planted along the riverbank, flourishing in every season. It encourages us to immerse ourselves in Scripture, drawing life from it daily, so that we might bear fruit in every aspect of our lives.

The reading from 1 John reaffirms the testimony of God concerning His Son, emphasising that eternal life is found in having faith in Jesus as the Son of God. We are called to live confidently, secured by the truth of our faith and the promise of life eternal, sharing this hope with others.

Finally, in John 17, we read Jesus' prayer for His disciples.

PRAYERS

Pray for small groups at Keiraview, both existing and emerging, that the members of these groups grow in Christ together, sharing life and love with one another

Pray for those who are homeless, living in poverty, or otherwise struggling to find affordable and stable housing.

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 particularly for those affected by Covid and Influenza A, especially as winter is approaching.

Pray for peace in Palestine and Ukraine, as well as other parts of the world affected by warfare.

Pray for the children and volunteers at Agape Children's Home in Thailand.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues May 14th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues May 14th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Tues May 14th	5:30- 7:30pm	Burgers n' Bibles
Thurs May 16th	5:00- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs May 16th	7:30- 9:30pm	Future Finance Planning Meeting
Fri May 17th	7:00- 9:00pm	Regeneration Youth Group

From the Safe Church Team

Please look after your health during these winter months, including resting at home if you are unwell.

We livestream our Sunday morning service for those who are unable to attend in person. If you would like to watch a service online, please subscribe to the Youtube link on page one, or see Naomi on how to access these videos.

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.

Would You Like to 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.

Opportunities to Serve

Is there an opportunity within your MAT or ministry for a volunteer to serve, either as a once-off or in an ongoing role? Please email the details to Naomi (notices@keiraview.org) to have them listed here. Please include any important details such as whether a Working With Children check is required for the role.



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 form or join a small Bible/fellowship group, please see David or email the office to express interest.

He asks not only for their protection but also for their sanctification—setting them apart for holy purposes in truth. This prayer extends to us, highlighting our calling to be in the world but not of it, sanctified by truth and unified in our mission.

As we reflect on these passages together, let us consider:

- How are we seeking God's guidance in our community decisions?
- In what ways can we more deeply root ourselves in the teachings of Scripture?
- How does the assurance of eternal life in Jesus Christ transform how we live today?
- Are we living as sanctified followers of Christ, united in our purpose and mission?

May these scriptures guide us, strengthen our faith, and unite us in our journey as followers of Christ..

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're interested in this special ministry opportunity, phone Khairul on 0423 856 473.

Agape Update from Lurline Butler

My time at Agape has flown. I can't believe it's been 3 weeks since Kerryn and I arrived. We were warmly welcomed by both children and staff.

Cont. next panel

Scott and Emily joined us a few days later.

We settled in to activities with 14 preschoolers for 40 minutes at the beginning of each day, followed by two 55 minute sessions with 20 children each session. The afternoons are less structured and have included swimming and free play activities such as Lego, jigsaws, card games and board games.

We have been on an outing every week with the children. As the days have been extremely hot, all over 40°C, they have all included places with water. These have included a visit to a Lake/Reservoir, Buatong Falls (better known as the Sticky Falls because they are made from limestone and you are able to walk up them), and a water park. This week the children will go to the zoo.

The two weeks with Kerryn, Scott and Emily went quickly. Owen has stepped in for the last two weeks.

Thank you to everyone, back home, who have supported Agape home both financially and through prayer.

Lurline Butler



Future Finance Planning Meeting

To be held at the church centre on Thursday 7:30-9:30pm. This is an important opportunity to take stock of Keiraview's current finances and ensure our church will remain financially healthy in the future, and everyone is invited to join in this meeting. For further details, please see Rev. David Stuart.

Funeral Notice – Rev. Ian Tucker

The Funeral of Rev Ian Tucker will be held the Wollongong Uniting Church on Monday 13th May, commencing at 1:30pm.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Hall.

Please note that there is no onsite parking.

Secure Parking – 37 Market Street. The first 2 hours are free and then \$6.50 for the next hour. This is behind the church complex across Court Lane. There is also paid parking at Crown Central Plaza. Entry is via Market St. \$3.50 for the first 3 hours.

Beach, Bible, Breakfast

Our next BBB (Beach, Bible, Breakfast) is scheduled for Saturday 25 May, 7am-9am at North Beach. All Keiraview women aged high-school and up are welcome to attend this time around. We will meet on the grassy area to the north of the surf club, walk along the beach, have a reflection, and then eat breakfast at Diggies. If you would like to come, please RSVP to Chrissy (chrissyhowe7@gmail.com).

Morning Service Roster

The new rosters for morning service for June, July and August have been released. Those on it should have received one by email, but there are additional copies on Naomi's desk.

Music in our Services

If you are interested in music ministry, please come along to 'Music Makers', held at the church on the second Sunday of each month at 5:15pm. The next one will be held **tonight**, Sunday May 12th.

SRE in Wollongong

The Wollongong Combined Churches Education Board helps provide special religious education (SRE/scripture) in our local high schools for all students who wish to participate.

Scripture/SRE is a vital ministry, as it is sometimes a child's only opportunity to become familiar with the Bible. SRE teachers can be valuable mentors in the lives of young people.

We are urged to pray for the SRE teachers that WWCEB has placed in the Illawarra, particularly Heather Sitepu (Wollongong High and Illawarra Sports High), Samar Musson (Smith's Hill High), Ruth Barnes (Figtree High), and Matt Shannon (Keira High).

There is currently a position vacant for an SRE teacher at Warrawong High School. This position is 1 day (7.6 hrs) a week. The successful applicant will have a Working with Children check, be up to date on their Safe Church training, adhere to the Nicene Creed and Statement of Faith, and hold, or be willing to study towards, the SU Australian minimum. All SRE teachers must be authorised to teach SRE by a DoE-approved SRE provider.

For more information on the young people who are working around the Wollongong area as SRE teachers, and how best to pray for and support them, please see Norma Coudrey.

MORNING GATHERING ROSTER

19th May 2024

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Kath Hamdan
Khairul Hamdan

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane
Colin Gold

Announcements

Pauline Doyle

Elder

Danny Ivanovski

Music

Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader

Lyn Jones

Prayer

Minister

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur
Ross Johnson

Morning Tea

Ian Almond
Jenny Almond
Rod Doyle
Glenys Johnston

READINGS

MAY 12, 2024

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Ps 1
1 Jn 5:9-13
Jn 17:6-19

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