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2nd Week After Pentecost

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Keiraview Uniting News



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2 Co. 4:6-7

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.

Welcome

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

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

God's Work

Here in Mark 2:23-38 the Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of violating the Sabbath by plucking grain in the field, which is technically harvesting and, according to Exodus 34:21, against the law. However, the law also makes it clear that the plucking of grain to assuage hunger was permitted (Deut 23:25), and while this law did not apply on the Sabbath day, Jesus uses the story of David from the Hebrew Bible to make the point that certain circumstances should override the strict letter of the Law. David and his men were hungry, so they ate the bread kept for the priests, similarly, the disciples were hungry, so they plucked and ate the grain - the circumstances justified the action.

In the next part of the passage Jesus heals a man with a withered hand and in doing so appears to violate the law by 'doing work' on the Sabbath. Jesus heals the man's hand, and therefore he not only restores his health, but also restores him to the community by being able to work, be involved, and very possibly provide for his family. Essentially what we see here is the same argument that the circumstances justified the action.

Jesus' understanding of the law then is that it is intended to bring wholeness to people, which can be done if people are seen through eyes of love and needing to be restored. Sometimes it means we need to re-interpret our laws or find a way to bring wholeness for others through them. (cont. page 2)

PRAYERS

Pray for small groups at Keiraview, both existing and emerging.

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 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
Sun June 2nd	8:30am	Keiraview Prayer Group
Tues June 4th	10:00am- 12:00pm	Eden Playtime
Tues June 4th	5:30- 7:30pm	Burgers n' Bibles
Thurs June 6th	9:15am	Keiraview Prayer Group
Thurs June 6th	5:00- 8:00pm	Keiraview Community Night
Thurs June 6th	7:30pm- 9:30pm	Property MAT Meeting
Fri June 7th	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

Keiraview coordinates a breakfast club at Wollongong West Public School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We need more volunteers for Tuesday mornings. Volunteers are only needed from about 8:15 am to 9:15am during school term. Volunteers also need a WWCC. Please contact Pauline Doyle if you would like to volunteer or would like more information.



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.

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Jesus' understanding of the law then is that it is intended to bring wholeness to people, which can be done if people are seen through eyes of love and needing to be restored. Sometimes it means we need to re-interpret our laws or find a way to bring wholeness for others through them. I wonder what this might mean for us in terms of issues like detention of refugees and asylum seekers, or reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

David's Going on Leave

David is on leave over the June long weekend – Friday 7th of June to Monday 10th of June. The morning service on Sunday 9th of June will be led by Khairul. There will be no evening service that Sunday night. Please contact Naomi if you have any general enquiries. If there are any urgent pastoral needs, please contact Annette Arthur.

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, please phone Khairul on 0423 856 473.

Advent Art Gallery

Exciting News! We are planning an Art Gallery at the end of the year to celebrate Advent, and we want YOU to be a part of it.

Theme: Advent: Hope–Love–Joy–Peace

We're looking for artists of all kinds to submit their work that reflects these beautiful themes. Whether you're into painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, or any other type of visual art, we want to see what you've got!

Submission Deadline: October 31st

What to Submit: High-resolution images of your artwork and a short description. Include dimensions.

Who Can Submit: Anyone with a creative spirit and a love for art

This is a fantastic chance to share your talents and bring some inspiration to our community during the Advent season. Your artwork will be displayed in our church hall which will be set up as a gallery during the Advent season. Artists are also welcomed to sell their art at the gallery with a 10% sale commission going to the Keiraview Uniting Church Mission Fund.

If you're interested, or if you have any questions, just reach out to Khairul at 0423856473, or email him at khairul@keiraview.org

Keiraview Working Bee

This will be held on Saturday 15th June 9am-12pm. We will be doing yard work and general tidying, so please come for as little or as long as you can ☺ More information to come.



WOLLONGONG COMBINED CHURCHES EDUCATION BOARD

Coffee and Dessert Night & Art Sale

Monday June 3rd 7pm - Figtree Anglican Church - Admission \$20

Support our local SRE teachers and hear from our High School students

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible

100% of proceeds go to funding SRE in our local schools

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 on Sunday June 23rd, and everyone is welcome to attend.

New Newsletter Format

A new look and format for the newsletter will be ready to be rolled out on Friday 7th June.

We have already received some valuable feedback about what you would (and would not) like to see in your church newsletter going forward, but any further feedback would be greatly appreciated at notices@keiraview.org.

Living Our Values

Keiraview will be hosting a Living Our Values course on Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th June, 9:30am-3:30pm.

Living Our Values is an orientation to the history, polity and ethos of the Uniting Church.

You'll learn about how the Uniting Church came to be and how this shaped the values that it holds, its journey so far, how we make decisions together, how we understand and nurture leadership and how effectively we communicate and nurture one another in our shared Christian discipleship.

Please bring your lunch (or make a quick dash to a nearby café)

RSVP to the office if you would like to attend.

Keiraview Prayer Meetings

A group at Keiraview meet at the church centre to pray on the first Sunday and first Thursday of every month, and this month are being held at:

8:15 am on Sunday June 2nd, and

9:15am on Thursday, June 6th. This will be held in the downstairs room and will focus on mission and ministry at Keiraview.

MORNING GATHERING ROSTER

9th June 2024

Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Pauline Doyle

Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

Announcements

Pat Waller

Elder

Alayne Guerin

Music

Kerryn Morrison

Bible Reader

Don Townsend

Prayer

Alayne Guerin

Offering Counting

Ian Almond

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Sandy Brisbane

Rod Doyle

Pat Waller

Glenys Johnston

READINGS

June 2, 2024

1 Sam. 3:1-10

Ps 139:1-6, 13-18

2 Co. 4:5-12

Mk 2:23-3:6

Please send notices for this news sheet to Naomi Barton

by 5pm Wednesday.

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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

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