

5th May 2024

6th Week of Easter

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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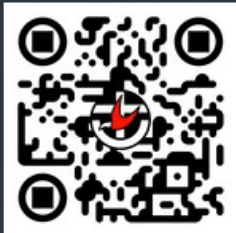
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A Fairtrade Faith Community

1 Jn. 5:6-7

We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

## Welcome

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

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

## A Community of Boundless Love

This week's lectionary readings invite us into a profound reflection on love, obedience, and the inclusive community that God calls us to be part of. Through diverse voices—from the early church in Acts to the intimate letters of John, and the poetic praises of Psalm 98—we are called to consider what it means to live in the fullness of God's love.

In Acts 10:44-48, we witness a transformative moment where the Holy Spirit descends on all who heard the word, transcending traditional Jewish boundaries to include Gentiles. This passage challenges us to embrace a vision of the church as a place where God's spirit is poured out on all people, regardless of their backgrounds or pasts. It is a powerful reminder of the inclusivity of God's love.

Psalm 98 calls us to "sing to the Lord a new song," a song of victory and justice. It portrays a world where joy and righteousness reign, encouraged by the Lord's faithful love and fairness. This psalm not only uplifts us but also compels us to reflect on the justice and righteousness we promote in our communities.

1John 5:1-6 deepens our understanding of love by linking it with faith and obedience.

### 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 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 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.

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun May 5th	8:30am- 9:15am	<b>Keiraview Prayer Group</b>
Tues May 7th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues May 7th	1:00pm- 3:00pm	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Tues May 7th	5:30- 7:30pm	<b>Burgers n' Bibles</b>
Thurs May 9th	5:00- 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Fri May 10th	7:00- 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</b>

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

John explains that our love for God is shown through our love for His children and by obeying His commands—which are not burdensome, for our faith overcomes the world. This epistle encourages us to perceive obedience not as a heavy load, but as an expression of love that leads to victory over worldly challenges.

Finally, the Gospel of John (John 15:9-17) reveals the heart of Jesus' message about love. Jesus commands us to love each other as he has loved us, highlighting that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. He calls us friends, not servants, if we do what he commands—emphasizing a relationship built on mutual love and respect.

As we reflect on these scriptures, let us consider how we are embodying this radical love that crosses boundaries, demands justice, and transforms lives. How are we demonstrating in our communities that we are God's disciples, known by the love we have for one another? This week, may we commit to living out this boundless, inclusive love that Christ has shown us.

### 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, speak to Khairul (ph 0423 856 473)

### Keiraview Prayer Group

Keiraview's prayer group will meet next at the church at **8:30am this Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity to get together in prayer and fellowship with others in the congregation outside of the usual Sunday worship service and to pray together about our concerns and praises.

For more information, please contact David Stuart, or just come along.

### 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. 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.

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).

You can also 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, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## The Mission to Seafarers: Sea Sunday

The Mission to Seafarers at Port Kembla has the wonderful privilege of serving the many men and women who come into port each day. The Mission has operated faithfully in Port Kembla for more than 80 years.

Every year, on the second Sunday in July, all over the world, Christians who care about seafarers get together to worship God for his goodness in Christ and bring the seafarers to him in prayer.

Here are the details for this year's annual Sea Sunday service in Wollongong:

**Location:** St Michael's Anglican Cathedral, Wollongong

**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024

**Time:** 2pm, with refreshments to follow in the hall

## Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

The annual gathering of the UCAF will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Shoalhaven Central Uniting Church (Cnr Junction and Berry St, Nowra). This will include a morning tea held at 10:00am, followed by a 10:30-12:00pm service with Moderator Rev Mata Havea Hiliau as guest speaker.

For more information, please contact [admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au) or pick up a flyer from the table in the foyer.

## Mother's Day High Tea

Dapto Uniting Church will be holding a high tea on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm in the church hall (Princes Highway Dapto, access from Marshall Street.) All are welcome to partake in a delicious afternoon tea while enjoying entertainment performed by Elite Active Dance, who practices in their hall every week. All are welcome, including men!

Tickets are \$20 each, and all funds raised will go towards DUC's development fund. Please RSVP by **today**, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, and prepay to Sue Bayly on 0409 288 758. Tickets will only be available at the door if numbers permit.

## Save the Date - Fashion Parade

Dapto Uniting Church will be holding their annual Op-Shop fashion parade on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm. This is always a joyful, hilarious gathering to raise funds for DUC. More details in the coming weeks.

## Koorong Bookstore Visit

Danny Ivanovski and some others are driving to Koorong Christian Books at West Ryde on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May (next Saturday.) If you are interested in coming along or would like someone to pick up a Bible, Christian book, game or merchandise for you, please speak to Danny or contact Naomi at [office@keiraview.org](mailto:office@keiraview.org). To view Koorong's products and their Mother's Day sale catalogue, visit [www.koorong.com](http://www.koorong.com).

## MORNING GATHERING ROSTER

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

### AV/Streaming

Ian Almond

Clive Arthur

### Welcomers

Pat Robinson

Pat Waller

### Announcements

Bev Ratcliffe

### Elder

Geoff Lattimore

### Music

Kerryn Morrison

### Bible Reader

Sue Lattimore

### Prayer

Norma Coudrey

### Offering Counting

Ian Almond

Lyn Jones

### Morning Tea

Annette Arthur

Sandy Brisbane

Geoff Lattimore

Sue Lattimore

## READINGS

### MAY 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-28

Ps 98

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 15:9-17

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