

12th Sunday of Pentecost
11th August 2024



Sharing Life's Journey in Faith, Hope and Love

KEIRAVIEW UNITING NEWS

Walking in Love

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us^[e] and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."
(Ephesians 5:1-2)*

I wonder if you know how much Australians care about how they smell? According to one website*, the Fragrances market in Australia in 2024 is projected to generate a revenue of approximately \$1.12bn. That is a lot of fragrances!

It seems that we are prepared to pay out a fair bit of money to smell nice. Our noses are sensitive, and we can tell the difference between pleasant and not so pleasant smells. When we go out, it is good to ensure that our aroma is pleasing to others, so we do not cause offence to others nasal passages, or slight embarrassment to ourselves.

Coming up at Keiraview

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Sun 11th August	10:45-11:45am	Congregation Meeting
Sun 11th August	5:15-6:00pm	Music Makers
Tues 13th August	10:00-12:00am	Eden Playtime
Tues 13th August	1:00-3:00pm	KYB Bible Study
Tues 13th August	6:00-8:00pm	View 'n' Chew
Thurs 15th Aug	5:00-8:00pm	Community Night
Thurs 15th Aug	7:30-9:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Fri 16th August	7:00-9:00pm	Regeneration Youth Group

Prayer Points

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

Pray for those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

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 under financial strain or who have a lack of able volunteers.

Pray for our leaders, elders and MAT convenors at Keiraview, that they be supported, revitalized and blessed in their lives and ministries for the second half of the year.

Would You Like to Volunteer at Keiraview?

Have you handed in your volunteer forms? If not, speak to Naomi or David to find out what is required.

Opportunities to Serve:

Khairul's still looking for someone to help with SRE Tuesday mornings at West Wollongong PS this term.

For more info on this ministry, please speak to David or Khairul.

Jenny Almond and Pauline Doyle are looking for volunteers to assist at Breakfast Club. Please speak to one of them for more details.

Opportunities to Learn:

Keiraview Uniting Church will be hosting a "Living Our Values" course on Saturday 28 September. See facing page for more details.

SoulCare 2024 will also be held in September, in person and via Zoom. See facing page for more details.

If you are seeking volunteers for your MAT or ministry, please email Naomi at the office to have your notice placed here! Please include any relevant details, e.g. whether a WWCC is needed.

As Christians, it is also important that we smell nice. Not necessarily by wearing good perfume, but to ensure we are acting in a way that does not cause offence to others. There are times when we need to ask ourselves "what do I smell like?"

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul encourages the church to model themselves on Jesus Christ, to imitate Jesus by living in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us. In doing so, Jesus was a fragrant offering, so we too should also be a fragrant offering. What this suggests is that our lives should be lived in a way that smells beautiful to others.

The language of 'fragrant' is good as it suggests something which is pleasing to the senses, kind of like noticing the scent of a nice perfume or cologne wafting through the air as someone passes by. This is opposed to the language of 'stench', also a way of describing a smell, but one that suggests something a little less pleasing to the nose.

The way in which we can live a life that is a pleasing fragrance is spoken about in the verses prior where Paul lists a number of ways to live well with others: be truthful; be aware of how we express our anger, and do not sin in anger; reconcile anger with ourselves and others before the end of the day; give up stealing; work honestly in a way that blesses others; talk nicely to others and speak in ways that build up; do not be bitter and plan revenge; be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

If this list is the 'sniff test' of our lives, we do need to ask ourselves honestly "what do I smell like?" Is there a beautiful fragrance coming from us?

<https://www.statista.com/outlook/cmo/beauty-personal-care/fragrances/australia>

Prayer

Gracious God,

We come before you, humbly and prayerfully seeking your guidance and strength in our pursuit of love, truth, justice and equality.

Empower us to be instruments of your peace, loving others as you love them, having compassion on others as you have compassion on us, challenging oppression and lifting up the marginalised.

Grant us the courage to speak truth and act with integrity in our church, community, and beyond.

May your Spirit lead us in building a world where justice flows like a river and all your children are free.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Congregational Meeting:

The next Congregational Meeting will be held **this Sunday** 11th August at 10:45am for the presentation of the Budget and Financial Report. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

For more information, please see Bev Ratcliffe or David.

View 'n' Chew

Our viewing of TV series 'The Chosen' will continue this Tuesday evening. Please note our start time has changed!

When: Tues 13th August

Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

Who is invited: Everyone! Please note, though, that this series is rated M for mature themes and some violence.

For more info, or if you would like a lift: Please RSVP to Naomi or Danny in advance if you can, or just turn up.

Church Council Meeting

The next church council meeting will be held next Thursday 15th August at 7:30pm at the church centre. Although only church members are able to vote at these meetings, anyone is welcome to attend an open meeting.

For more information, please see Gavin or David.

Advent Art Gallery

We now have posters and flyers for our Advent Art Gallery! If you would like some to display or distribute, they are on the table in the foyer—or ask Khairul for one.

Don't forget that submissions are open until October 31 and can now be made via the website. We are seeking submissions of any visual artwork (drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, etc) on the themes of Faith, Hope, Love and Peace. There will also be an opportunity for artists to offer their work for sale, with a commission toward Keiraview Uniting.

For further information, please see Danny, Khairul or David.

SoulCare Conference 2024

Where: Online via Zoom or in person at The Wesley Conference Centre, Pitt Street, Sydney

When: 12-13 September, 2024

Who Is this For?: Those who are in ordained ministry; chaplains, counsellors, professional pastoral care workers, and anyone else interested in these ministries

For More Info: See the flyer on the table in the foyer. Get in quick, as places are likely to fill up. Limited scholarship funds are available for those who are unable to carry the full cost of attending.

Shorter Service Roster for Sun 18th Aug:

AV Desk: Clive Arthur and Rod Doyle

Welcomers: Sandy Brisbane and Pat Robinson

Announcements: Pat Waller

Elder: Scott Morrison

Music: Grace Kennedy

Bible Reader: TBA

Prayer: Minister

Offering Counters: Clive Arthur and Lyn Jones

Morning Tea: Don and Sue Townsend, Kini Smeaton, Annette Arthur

Living Our Values

"Living Our Values" is an enriching program designed for anyone eager to deepen their understanding of the Uniting Church. Although beneficial for those in lay ministry, everyone is invited to attend.

When & Where: 9.30am– 4.00pm
28 September, here at KUC

Discover Our Story: Gain insights into the origins and journey of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Understand Our Values: Learn about the core values from our ecumenical heritage that guide our mission and ministry.

Connect with the Community: Meet other members and share experiences that strengthen our collective journey of faith.

"Living Our Values" is highly recommended for those new to Church Council roles. It is also an excellent occasion for anyone in our congregation who wishes to deepen their connection with our church's mission and vision. For more info, please speak to David.

Small Groups & Bible Studies:



KYB Bible Study:

1:00-3:00pm
Tuesdays. All ladies welcome.

Burgers 'n' Bibles:

5:30-7:30pm
Tuesdays. All adults welcome.

ON HIATUS

If you would like to join or form a small group or Bible study, please speak to David or register interest by emailing Naomi at the office.

Lectionary Readings Aug 11, 2024

2Sm. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Ps 130

Eph 4:25-5:2

Jn 6:35, 41-51

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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 in the panel on the left, 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.

Please forward all items to Naomi for inclusion in the newsletter by 5pm each Wednesday. Email preferred: notices@keiraview.org.



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Easy Trivia (answers will be provided in meeting):

1. Who was the legendary Benedictine monk who invented champagne?
2. Name the largest freshwater lake in the world?
3. Where would you find the Sea of Tranquility?
4. What is someone who shoes horses called?
5. What item of clothing was named after its Scottish inventor?
6. What kind of weapon is a falchion?
7. What is another word for a lexicon?
8. Which word goes before vest, beans and quartet?

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