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4th Week After Pentecost

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# Keiraview Uniting News



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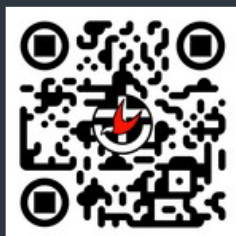
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Ps 20:7-8

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.  
They are brought to their knees and fall,  
but we rise up and stand firm.

## Welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:00pm**

Led by Doo Ah and Danny

## Jesus in Ministry

Right from the first words Jesus speaks in Marks's gospel we are aware of the importance of the kingdom of God. Jesus goes to Galilee proclaiming "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

What follows in the next couple of chapters is Jesus in ministry with people – calling disciples and bringing healing and wholeness to the lives of many. What Mark is doing here is establishing that the kingdom of God is being lived out in the life and ministry of Jesus through action. It is not really until chapter 4 that Jesus begins to use word to define the kingdom of God, and even then, it is more about what is being done.

The kingdom is a major theme through the gospel of Mark, and the way it is spoken about shows that it is not a geographical or physical place, nor is it a static force. The kingdom of God is the dynamic reality of God's presence and power within creation, within the lives of all God's people. When Jesus says the kingdom of God has come near, he is not just talking about it being present in and through him, but how it is in and through the whole of creation.

The two parables we hear in Mark 4:26-34 are about the kingdom of God and how we can understand it.

## 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.

Pray for those who are mourning the recent, and in some cases not so recent, deaths of loved ones.

## COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues June 18th	10:00am- 12:00pm	<b>Eden Playtime</b>
Tues June 18th	5:30- 7:30pm	<b>Burgers n' Bibles</b>
Thurs June 20th	5:00- 8:00pm	<b>Keiraview Community Night</b>
Thurs June 20th	7:30- 9:30pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
Fri June 21st	7:00- 9:00pm	<b>Regeneration Youth Group</b>

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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 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 says this is what the kingdom of God, the Word of God, living a life in God is like – like the mustard seed, is something so small but creates big change.

The first Parable Jesus tells is about someone who scatters seed on the ground, goes to sleep, gets up each day, sees the seed sprout and grow, but does not know how.

What is interesting here is that there is no cultivating the ground, making sure the seeds are sown in the right places, or tending to them. The kingdom of God then can be seen as an unstoppable force that grows through the work of God. This is not to say that we sit back and do nothing, instead we should be actively sowing the seeds of the kingdom and looking at how they are growing – even in places or ways we don't expect or even know.

The second parable goes further and talks of how the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, small yet full of energy and potential. It grows so much that it works its way among everything – people and places. It is so invasive that it takes over and grows into the spaces which seem impossible.

These two small parables about the kingdom of God remind us 1) God is in control, 2) we are to trust that God is at work in the life of the world and people, and 3) that if we plant seeds, God will help them grow.

What would you say are seeds of the kingdom of God?

In what ways do you sow these seeds into the community and lives of others?

## 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 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](mailto:khairul@keiraview.org)

## 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.

## 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 July 14, and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Culture of Safety Awareness Workshops

A workshop promoting a culture of safety awareness in churches is being held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bowral-Mittagong Uniting Church (4-7 Albert Street, Mittagong).

This is a component of Safe Church training and the day will cover such topics as duty of care, protecting vulnerable people and recognising and responding to abuse.

The workshops are free (BYO lunch) but registration is capped at 50 people. For more details, pick up a full flyer about the event from the literature table in the foyer.

## Uniting Youth Camp is Back!

Uniting Youth Camp is an amazing opportunity for high schoolers to gather and experience the wider church family through community, fun, food, and activities. In addition, there will be a HSC Study component to the Youth Camp for year 12 students.

Young adults looking to gain experience are invited to come as camp leaders.

**WHEN:** Monday, 30 September to Thursday, 03 October 2024

**WHERE:** The Y Camp Yarramundi, 316 Springwood Rd, Yarramundi NSW 2753

If you have any questions, please contact Ofa Foiakau, the Youth Ministry Facilitator, on 0436 817 315 or email them at [contact-pulse@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:contact-pulse@nswact.uca.org.au)

## Tyndale Life Application Devotion

Then he said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

— [Mark 4:9 NLT](#)

### Insight

Some people in the crowd were looking for evidence to use against Jesus; others truly wanted to learn and grow. Jesus' words were for the honest seekers.

### Challenge

We hear with our ears, but there is a deeper kind of listening with the mind and heart that is necessary in order to gain spiritual understanding from Jesus' words.

## MORNING GATHERING ROSTER

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

### Flowers

Annette Arthur

### AV/Streaming

Clive Arthur  
Ian Almond

### Welcomers

Pat Robinson  
Pat Waller

### Announcements

Clive Arthur

### Elder

Scott Morrison

### Music

Grace Kennedy

### Bible Reader

Pat Waller

### Prayer

Norma Coudrey

### Offering Counting

Lyn Jones  
Alan Bradley

### Morning Tea

Annette Arthur  
Glenys Johnston  
Sue Lattimore  
Geoff Lattimore

## READINGS

### June 9, 2024

1 Sm. 15:34-16:13  
Ps 20  
2 Co. 5:6-10, 14-17  
Mk 4:26-34

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