

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly at Kiama

Creative craft 9 am (school terms)

Bible study 2.00 pm Tuesday

Meditation 4 pm Wednesday

Men's shed 9.am-3pm Tues & Thurs

Friday friends 9 am-1 pm

Monthly at Kiama

Trading Table 1st Sunday of the month

Ladies' Day Fellowship 1st Thursday 9.30 am

Ladies' Evening Fellowship 3rd Monday 7.30 pm

Men's Mate Meet 3rd Tuesday 10.45 am

Prayer Group 1st Saturday 10 am

Healing Service 3.30 pm 4th Thursday

SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

Kiama: 9.30 am

Jamberoo: 6.15 pm (2nd Sunday) 9.00 am (4th Sunday)

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VOLUNTEERS BOOK A Volunteers Book has been left in the church porch. It **must** be completed by **all** people undertaking volunteer work on our premises. Please remember to sign out as well as signing in. We have been remiss in not observing this requirement of the UCA. It is not necessary to sign for attendance at services or meetings. For more information see Daryl Back

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS Although all the positions were filled, new people are urgently needed to take on the roles of Booking Officer and Website & Facebook Administrator. These will be advertised and suitable people approached. Talk to Kath, Janice or Daryl please



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 8 March 2020

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 140 Kiama 2533



KIAMA JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL is coming and in the middle of the action will be Kiama Jamberoo Community

Music Association's own lineup of talented homegrown musicians playing their hearts out. From 12 noon to 4pm Saturday 7th March, the Uniting Church Fellowship Centre on Manning Street will come alive like a speakeasy known only to the locals but welcoming and inclusive of all – Free Entry. There will be Palm Court Strings, Gospel Choir, Rhythm & Blues, various solos, duos and trios and of course Soul! Food and Beverage refreshments will be available for purchase, come support your musical friends or make some new ones.

FASHION PARADE Thank you to all those who helped with food and general dogsbody tasks. Even though parking was impossible we still managed to make \$720.



THE PRE EASTER SERVICE is coming up on Thursday 2nd April, and practice for Lesley's play is well underway. Rev Kath Merrifield will be our Guest Speaker. Make sure you have it in your diaries and invite a friend along.



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FORM

Our DA was lodged on Monday 24 February last. It will be listed on Kiama Council's site so that anyone can track its progress.

The application is essentially a package of files which gives details of the proposed building and related developments and other requirements of Kiama Council.

Members are welcome to take a copy of these files. Accessing these files in the past has been tricky because of the size of the package and because they were zipped (compressed).

For these reasons, contact me if you want a copy of these documents and we can try to send them as email but, if that doesn't work, I have put them on a memory stick so that members can copy them directly to their computers.

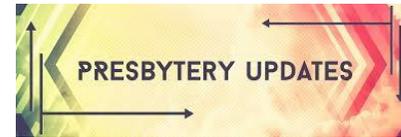
CAP Christians Against Poverty is an international charity which offers free budgeting courses to help people manage their money and debt. The CAP Money Course runs over 3 sessions and teaches budgeting skills and a simple cash-based system. The course is designed to help people to get more control of their money. They learn to budget, save and prevent overwhelming debt. CAP Money has been running in Australia since 2000 and courses are being run again in Kiama. Sessions will be held at the Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church cnr Manning and Bong Bong Streets at 7pm on Tuesdays 17th, 24th & 31st March. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. Phone: Marion 4233 2490



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB- Monday 9 March 2020 at 7.30pm at Jamberoo Pub. Featuring broadcaster Julie McCrossin on "The Space Between...". The bistro opens at 5.30pm for those wanting to share a meal beforehand. (see flyer)

Discipleship Day featuring presentations and workshops from Uniting Mission and Education. Rev Dr Peter Walker will lead devotions on what it is to be a "Living Church". Workshops topics include Knowing Your Church (Appreciative Inquiry), Mission Shaped Ministry, Growing Young, Knowing Your Community, Fresh Expressions and Intergenerational Worship. Saturday 14 March 2020 at Keiraview, 12pm-4.30pm [see flyer]

KIAMA JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL - we are hosting the Auburn Uniting Church Tongan Choir and participating in the service at **Kiama Catholic Church** on Sunday 8 March at 12pm. More details to come soon!



Please mark the following dates in your diaries.

14-15 March UME Discipleship Weekend

Keiraview 12pm Saturday Workshops and Sunday Church Services.
Order your Community Profile by 1 March

<https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/event/ume-discipleship-weekend-20200313/>
20-22 March Mission Shaped Ministry North Parramatta

<https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/mission-shaped-ministry-2020-facilitated-weekend/>

Future Events

7 May Ethical Ministry Refresher 1.30 – 4.30 Nowra

18 May Ethical Ministry Refresher 9.30-12.30 Keiraview

17-20 May - Women in Ministry Retreat

20 June - Safe Church Workshop, Shellharbour

5 September - Healthy Church Expo North Parramatta



GIVEN

We are chosen, blessed and broken to be given. As Beloved Children of God, we are called to become bread to each other- bread for the world. This vision gives a new dimension to the Elisha story of multiplication of loaves.

Elisha said to the servant who came with twenty barley loaves and fresh grain: "Give it to the company to eat." When the servant protested " How can I serve this to a hundred men?" Elisha insisted: "Give it to the company." He served them; they ate and had some left over.

Is this story not the true story of spiritual life? We may be little servants in the eyes of the world, but we realise God has chosen us from all eternity, sent us into the world as blessed ones, handed us over to suffering; Can't we, then, also trust that our little lives will multiply themselves and be able to fulfill the needs of countless people? Hannah exclaimed in gratitude "My spirit exults in God my saviour – he looked upon a lowly handmaid – and has done great things for me.....from this day forward all generations will call me blessed. "The fruitfulness of our lives, once we recognise it and live it as the life of the Beloved is beyond our imagining.

How different would our life be were we truly able to trust that the blessing multiplied, in being given away! How different would our life be if we could but believe every little act of kindness, every gesture of love, every word of forgiveness, every little bit of joy and peace will multiply as long as there are people to receive it.....and that - even then- there will be left overs.

Loving Father,

Help us to be deeply convinced that our offerings of love and kindness are little mustard seeds that will become strong trees. Let our smiles, our hugs our handshakes be the signs of a community of love and peace. Let the movement of love ripple out into ever widening circles. Let our love overcome depression, anger, resentment and vengeful feelings. Help us to desire to make all of ourselves a gift for others. Let us dance for joy to know we are chosen, blessed and broken to become bread that will multiply itself in giving. Amen

Henri Nouwen

Focus Families

Margaret Dewhirst

Janice & David Freeston

Karen and Neil Douglas

Ruth Haddon

Wendy Fenton & Tom Rogers

Sandra and Alan Fowlie

Notice regarding the Tongan Choir

Come along to the church this Saturday, 7 March at 5.30pm to share a meal and friendship with the Tongan Choir. You will also hear the choir sing which will be wonderful. Thank you to all those helping with salads and slices and to Stephanie Prior for coordinating.

Saturday

12:00-12.30 Bus arrives

2.30pm Hosts meet and take home billets

4.30pm Hosts return billets to Sts Peter and Paul for rehearsal

5.30pm Come along to meet and greet and share food and fellowship in the Fellowship Centre

Sunday

9.30 am Church Service and cup of tea with Choir

11.30 Gospel Service at Sts Peter and Paul



Saturday Prayer Group

The next prayer morning for 2020 will be on Saturday 7 March at 10 am at the Backs. We begin with a cuppa and a welcome chat then move into a devotional and prayer time.

Jamberoo Chapel Sound & Space

Featuring artwork by local artists. Come along on Sunday afternoon, enjoy beautiful music in the chapel, afternoon tea and the Art Display 2 – 4pm Sunday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March.

Everyone is welcome to come - hope to see you there at

Jamberoo Uniting Church

Easter Art – Stations of the Cross



Jamberoo Interchurch Gathering

The next gathering of the Jamberoo Churches will be at 10am, Thursday 19 March at St Matthew's Catholic Church hall.



Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival Gospel Service

11.45am-1pm, Sunday 8 March 2020
at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Manning Street, Kiama
Featuring Sing Australia, the Auburn Uniting Church Choir and Corpus Christi Vocal Group

Theme: Compassion

A collection will be taken to assist Mogo Aboriginal Artists who lost all their art works and supplies in the bushfires.



WEEKEND IN THREDBO VILLAGE.

A weekend in Thredbo Village, staying at Kiama Alpine Club's Lodge has been organised for our Church members. We would suggest a minimum of two nights, but three or more would make it even more enjoyable. Thredbo Village is approximately 440 kilometres from Kiama with a very good road all the way. Average time for the trip would be 5 to 5.5 hours, not allowing for stops for petrol, refreshments etc. Kiama Alpine Club is self-catering, so you would need to take your own food. There is a supermarket in the village and at the time we are looking at going there would be a couple of good restaurants open as well as the Hotel Bistro. You would need to take your own bed linen/towels etc. although they can be hired from the Club at a reasonable cost. Single bed \$22.00 per bed Queen bed \$27.50 per

bed and towels \$11.00 each. This would be for the duration of your stay. You will be advised of the room configuration closer to the weekend. The Club has a well-equipped kitchen, with ample refrigeration and storage. Kiama Alpine Club has its own parking area on site making access very easy.

Accommodation Charges.

Accommodation is charged on a per person basis per night. Charges are as follows: \$39-00 per night. If we have 6 people or more and we book 2 nights you can have the third night free if you are able to stay the extra night.

Activities.

Relaxing with a good book, bush walking, tennis, golf, fishing, indoor swimming and squash, toboggan and chairlift rides and mountain bike riding for the adventurous. Also for the ladies: maybe some shopping.

When. May 1st to May 4th 2020.

If you are interested in a great weekend in Thredbo please contact Barry Booth on 0429322209 or email: booth.r1.s1@westnet.com.au Bookings will on a first in basis.

Lodge Location in the Village. 4 Buckwong Place, Thredbo.

If you would like further information about The Lodge just put Kiama Alpine Club in you favourite search engine.

March Roster for Bible readers, Prayer Leaders and Flowers

Date	Location	Bible Reader	Prayer Leader	Flowers
01/03/2020	Kiama	G Boxsell	M. Barton	G Richardson
08/03/2020	Kiama	S Booth	R Back	
08/03/2020	Jamberoo			
15/03/2020	Kiama	W Fenton	R Back	W Fenton
22/03/2020	Kiama	M Barton	S Fowlie	V Milas
22/03/2020	Jamberoo	Geoff	N/A	N/A
25/03/2020	Healing service			
29/03/2020	Kiama	Julia Sz	Marion R	M Dewhirst