

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly at Kiama		Monthly at Kiama	
Trading Table	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	Ladies' Day Fellowship	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 9.30 am
Creative craft 9 am (school terms)		Ladies' Evening Fellowship	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7.30 pm
Bible study 2.00 pm Tuesday		Men's Mate Meet	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10.45 am
Meditation 4 pm Wednesday		Prayer Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 10 am
Men's shed 9.am-3pm Tues & Thurs		Healing Service	3.30 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Friday friends 9 am-1 pm			

## SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

**Kiama:** 9.30 am

**Jamberoo:** 6.15 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) 9.00 am (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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**Facebook** [www.facebook.com/kiamajamberoo.unitingchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/kiamajamberoo.unitingchurch/)

**TRADING TABLE** Join us for a cuppa and browse the Trading Table after the service today.

**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, 1 March 2020**

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 140 Kiama 2533



Come and join us at **Women's Fellowship** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March (**that's this week!**) at 10.30am to hear Grace Douglas (Val Bests Granddaughter) speak about Aboriginal Education. It promises to be a very interesting morning with time for questions. Our meetings are always open for men

in our Congregation so don't be shy. We begin at 9am for morning tea, followed by a short meeting, then our speaker.

**LENT STUDIES** - if anyone is interested in participating in a Lent Study, either for yourself, for your small group, or you would like to join a group, please let Kath know **TODAY**. We have a 5-study series available that will link to the readings for our Sunday services.



## Tongan Choir Visit

Tongan Choir visit Saturday 7 March: Stephanie Prior will coordinate a dinner with barbecue chickens. We are asking church members for help to bring salads and desserts. Stephanie will be at church on Sunday and list what people can bring. Mobile 0407210487 Ph: 42321874

The plan is to start at 5.30pm at the Church.

Thank you to those billeting. Michele will give you further information once final information is received.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7 March Barbecue tea to welcome Tongan Choir and families.**

## SHOE SALE

Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes) will be holding a MASSIVE SHOE SALE by Footsies on Saturday 7th March 12 noon to 4pm at Albion Park Uniting Church cnr Terry and Russell streets, Albion Park. Afternoon tea is available cost is a Gold coin.

## PRE-EASTER SERVICE

Our annual Pre Easter service will be held on Thursday 2nd April. Our Speaker will be Rev. Kath Merrifield and Lesley Southon has once again written a confronting short play to be presented. Morning tea at 10am followed by the service at 10.30am. We would appreciate offers of help with morning tea. Come and join us and bring a friend.

**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



**World Day of Prayer** - prepared by the people of Zimbabwe. Friday 6 March 2020 at 11am, hosted by the Kiama Catholic Church

**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*]

**LENT** begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 26 February 2020. We will be sharing a short time of worship at 5.15pm at Kiama to mark the beginning of our journey through Lent. Please make sure you pick up a copy of "Renew Your Faith This Easter", a short explanation of our Lent-Easter journey together. (*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**

# Let's Pray!

A sacred voice calls to us as the "Beloved". Being Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence. The soft, gentle voice calling us comes in countless ways, through family, friends and spiritual teachers. Often we are hoping some person, thing or event will come along to give you that final feeling of inner well-being you desire.

Listening to that voice with great inner attentiveness, I hear at my centre words that say: "I have called you by name, from the very beginning. You are mine and I am yours. You are my Beloved, on you my favour rests. I have moulded you in the depths of the earth and knitted you together in your mother's womb. I have carved you in the palms of my hands and hidden you in the shadow of my embrace. I look at you with infinite tenderness and care for you with a care more intimate than that of a mother for her child. I have counted every hair on your head and guided you at every step. Wherever you go, I go with you, and wherever you rest, I watch. I will give you food that will satisfy all your hunger and drink that will quench all your thirst. I will not hide my face from you. I am your father, your mother, your brother, your sister, your lover and your spouse. Nothing will ever separate us. We are one"

Every time you listen with great attentiveness to that voice that calls you the Beloved, you will discover within your desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply. It is like discovering a well in the desert. All we really need is a great desire to find the water and drink from it. Henri Nouwen

## Prayer:

Loving Father, thank you for your tender love for us and your great faithfulness to each us.

Help us to open our hearts to hear and see your presence in our lives. Help us to be a loving and faithful presence to others.

We pray especially for those challenged with health issues that they may find peace and comfort in you.

We pray for those in our community challenged by fear and anger and violence. Help us to wrap our arms around those in need; give service providers wisdom and insight to provide appropriate help and protection and guide our government to do better.

We pray for those facing yet another week of uncertainty and loss due to fires, flood and drought. We pray their needs will be met.

Amen

## Focus Families:

Helen and Irene Curry	Jeanette Gilbert
Wendy, Alana and Khaleesi Harris	Narelle Dempster
Eleanor and Ron Thompson	Judy & Ian Maurer
Festival Gospel Service	Kiama Jazz and Blues



## 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. Everyone is welcome to come - hope to see you there at Jamberoo Uniting Church

Easter Art – Stations of the Cross

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.



## Christians Against Poverty Course

Tuesdays 17th, 24th & 31st March

Learn how to manage your money

Details: 7:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church, cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts.

Kiama

Contact: Marion Ratray on 4233 2490

## 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.