

**ALL SERVICES AND MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



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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



## **Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church**

**Sunday, 22 March 2020**

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### **MESSAGE FROM REV KATH MERRIFIELD**

In regard to the spread of the **Corona Virus** the Synod/Presbytery have strongly encouraged us to cease all public activities here.

We are working at finding a way to get in touch with people who are not on email.

**The Jamberoo Inter-church Gathering** that was to be held on Thursday at the Catholic Church was cancelled but we continue to pray for people throughout the world who are unwell, those in medical services offering care, and all of us as we seek to look out for one another and share Christ's love with our neighbour.

Please be in touch if you have any concerns.

### **KIAMA FAITH BASED SESSION - Children's Guardian Act Changes**

I just got notification that all the face-to-face training has been cancelled until the end of April. We'll send through new dates when we receive them.

Rev Kath

## FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday Friends held at church will be suspended until May 1st.

Regards

Linda Long

## KAC Office

Thank you to those of you who may have advertised our **Care Cafe** to your congregations.

Sadly, we are moving in uncertain times and have now cancelled this event.

With thanks and warm regards

Michele Thornton  
Office Administrator



## Kiama Uniting Church The Stained Glass Windows at East-end of the Fellowship Centre

The windows were originally located in the old 1862 Kiama Church Building which once stood alongside the Lecture Hall. After extensive storm damage in 1968 the building was demolished and replaced with the Fellowship Centre.

The windows represent the four Evangelists (the Gospel authors). Each window depicts the traditional symbol for one

of the four evangelists. The corresponding name appears in the lower part of the window.

The four symbols are the Man, Lion, Ox and Eagle - which represent Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These symbols are derived from the four living creatures described in the books of Ezekiel and Revelation. Their association with the evangelists has been a part of the Christian tradition since the 2nd Century AD. Down through the centuries the symbols have been widely used in Christian Churches to represent the evangelists. They frequently appear in Christian art and were used in many early bibles, such as the Book of Kells.

An old photograph of the interior of the demolished 1862 Kiama Church confirms our stained glass windows were originally positioned at sanctuary/ east-end of that church as part of a pair of triplet windows symmetrically positioned on each side. The windows would have been placed in such a prominent position because of the importance of the Gospels to all Christians. After the loss of the old church in 1968, members of the congregation carefully salvaged and adapted their beloved windows and again placed them in a similar position within the new Kiama Fellowship Centre.

Each Sunday, for over 150 years, the eyes of worshipers have been directed towards their Gospel windows to be inspired by their light, beauty and deeper meaning. Today these windows continue to fulfil the purpose for which they were created by those who went before us. *David Radcliffe*



Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray  
Lord, we are in interesting times -  
things are changing so quickly.

We are unsure what to do, where we can go,  
what we still hold and what we cancel.

Together: Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

Lord, there is fear around us -  
people are afraid and anxious.

As people try to control something they can,  
and hence toilet paper is stockpiled -  
help us to be a people of peace and hope.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

Lord, you are our peace, our hope,  
in all times, including troubled times.

Help us to reach out to our families, friends,  
neighbours and work colleagues with your hope.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

We pray for those infected and for those caring for them.

We pray for those living in fear, including children and  
elderly,

for those isolated – now even more so,  
and for wisdom for all those making decisions.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

Loving God, we pray for a cure -

we pray for all those working on this.

We pray too for paramedics, doctors, nurses  
and all those working tirelessly in our healthcare system.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

We pray for casual workers without work,

for all those affected financially,  
for travel agents, airline staff, sportspeople,  
those working in tourism, supermarkets, schools and venues,  
and for the vulnerable already struggling to make ends meet.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

Lord, help us to be wise as a community of faith,  
to be mindful of each other and others in this.

Help us to not forget the thousands dying every day  
from hunger, disease, violence and war.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

As a scared world needs a fearless church,  
help us to be a prophetic voice in our communities,  
drinking from the living water of grace and forgiveness.

Help us to draw together at the well,

and to reflect your love, compassion, grace and peace.

Lord, we look to you today, lead us we pray

Amen

*Prayers that Unite, 14/3/20*