

ALL SERVICES AND MEETINGS IN OUR FACILITIES ARE CANCELLED 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, 19 July 2020

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A NOTE FROM KATH

As I write, the weather has turned "woolly" and it feels like winter has set in. We retreat to the warmth and comfort of our heaters, doonas and blankets, warm jumpers scarves and beanies. Thank you to everyone who has been knitting beanies and scarves for people who are homeless or doing it tough. We continue to pray for and work towards a world where everyone has adequate shelter and a place to call home.



And so, I have also been thinking about hospitality. God's hospitality is all-embracing and attends to our whole wellbeing - body, soul and mind. So how do we, in a world much more restricted than we have ever known, continue to show hospitality to each other and to people of our communities? How can we create places and spaces that offer safety and welcome and warmth? We may have to do this in much smaller numbers than we are used to, but I want to encourage you to keep offering hospitality, friendship and spiritual support and nurture to one another and to your neighbours. Shalom.

SUNDAY 19 JULY

Thanks to Marion Haigh for preparing our worship materials this week.

Zoom with us for morning tea at 10.30am on Sunday: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/94890493686>

Or by phone: 02 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 948 9049 3686



HEALING SERVICE – THURSDAY 23 JULY 2020

Prayers and resources will be available online. There is also an opportunity to meet together by Zoom to share and pray

together.

Join us at: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95019067229>

Or by phone: 02 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 950 1906 7229

CLEANING – JAMBEROO

As we prepare to open our facilities for worship and for people who hire our halls, it is clear, that we will need to increase the number of times the facilities are cleaned. This will incur additional cost. The Church Council has agreed to approach the groups who hire our halls to contribute to the cost but this won't cover the entire amount. At Kiama the cleaning will be done by our contract cleaner.

At Jamberoo, we have had an offer from one of our members to attend to the cleaning as a paid position. The Church Council Executive is considering this suggestion and, in the interests of full disclosure, would like to know if there is anyone else interested in this role. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Janice (Chairperson of Church Council) on 0499 785 728.

COMING UP



Climate Pastoral Care Conference

UnitingEarth in collaboration with Common Grace are presenting a wonderful opportunity to engage in how we care for one another in a time of climate change and

climate anxiety.

For the full program, go to: <https://www.unitingearth.org.au/climate-conference/>
From the Assembly



BUILD BACK BETTER

The Assembly has outlined a set of principles and key actions that will guide the way to a better future as Australia recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. UCA President, Dr Deidre Palmer, said the COVID-19 pandemic had highlighted the stark inequality and disparity in our Australian society and exacerbated the disadvantage faced by our most vulnerable people. Go to <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/3197-a-just-recovery-post-covid-19> to download the report. Or call or send an email to Kath and we will make sure you get a copy.

Rev Kath Merrifield

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For those of you who remember Margaret and Bill Frank, who were members of our Congregation some years ago, I thought that you would like to know that their Daughter Rosemary died in Sydney last week. She has struggled with her health for many years. She was the last member of the family.
Gail



Pawgust - Fundraiser for the Guide Dogs

Helen Curry is raising money throughout August for the Guide Dogs. Her commitment is to walk 30 mins with her dog, everyday for 30 days.

Sponsors welcome! All donations, of any amount, are welcomed. The money is donated directly to the Guide Dogs. link.

<https://www.pawgust.com.au/s/25328/27848/e>

PROPERTY REPORT

Good Things are Happening:

1. Kiama Worship Space Renovation

Our builder started demolishing the Fellowship Centre stage on Monday and will begin preparing the area (before weeks-end)

for the pouring of a new concrete slab floor next week.

This will be at the same level as the rest of the Fellowship Centre floor. Once this is complete, a new (smaller) timber stage just 150mm high will be constructed with a ramp providing disabled access. Carpet will be laid over the new concrete floor in the previous stage area.



2. New Audio/Visual Equipment Ordered

At the June Church Council meeting, a budget was approved for the Worship Space renovation that included provision for replacing and upgrading our present audio-visual equipment. Two quotes were obtained from AV providers experienced in Church systems, and a detailed quote from Inphase Audiovisual Pty Ltd (within the approved budget) was approved by the Church Executive on Tuesday. The new system will be installed in consultation with our builder and be ready for use when the Fellowship Centre is re-opened for worship. Major features of the system include two large TV screens mounted either side of back stage area, new sound and mixer systems, foldback speakers and screen for the preacher, an extended hearing loop into the new worship space, provision for extending AV into the new FC extensions planned, and

control of the whole system via a simple iPad. This system should be much more reliable (and flexible) than our present system

3. Kiama Council approves our Development Application for Extensions

After a process that first started in 2015, halted during the Lecture Hall restoration and restarted in June last year, the Congregation approved a Concept Plan for extensions to provide a new kitchen, accessible toilets, new foyer/meeting area, and a Ministers Office. These plans were finally submitted for approval to Kiama Council in February this year, and after a 5- month process, our plans were finally stamped and approved this week. The process of now preparing detailed construction diagrams and specifications for a builder has already commenced. I thank everyone who has had a hand in helping us achieve this milestone, and particularly want to thank Daryl for being such a great partner in this process.

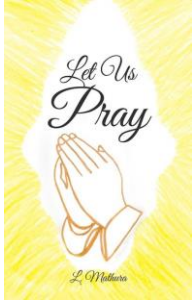
Cliff



With the Covid outbreak it has not been possible for us to meet, and dangerous

for those of our advanced years. However, we were to meet at the Pilot's Cottage on 6th August and that may still go ahead, but not with morning tea. I have spoken to Sue Eggins and at present only 10 people are allowed in the building but she is hopeful that by August things may have improved. I'll let you all know closer to the date.

Gail



LET US PRAY

In these changing times, with coronavirus number increasing throughout the world, here is a prayer by Right Rev. Richard Bott of the United Church, Canada, to share.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

*When we aren't sure, God,
help us be calm;
when information comes
from all sides, correct and not,
help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts,
when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
For the doctors, we pray, FOCUS FAMILIES*

*for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the
aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and theorists,
the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick,
and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected,*

all around the world...

*we pray
for safety,
for health,
for wholeness.*

*May we feed the hungry,
give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick—*

*in spite of the epidemic,
in spite of the fear.*

*Help us, O God,
that we might help each other.*

*In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,
we pray.*

May it be so.

Amen

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Anna AMBROSE

Beryl BATTEN

Evelyn and Ron BERRY

Maurice and Susan BARTON

Val BEST

Daryl and Rhonda BACK