

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, 21 June 2020

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MESSAGE FROM REV KATH MERRIFIELD

COVID-19 Update

Several groups have been working hard to enable our facilities to re-open for worship and for community groups. Thank you to everyone who is currently involved in the logistics of getting things up and running again within the guidelines given to us from government and Synod.

We are actively working towards enabling community groups to use the facilities from 1 July, assuming all the relevant arrangements (and paperwork!) can be completed.

In the meantime, the builder has advised that he is ready to start work on the removal of the stage in the Kiama Fellowship Centre, so that area is likely to be out of action until the end of July. The good news is that, once the work is done, it will increase the limit of the number of people allowed to be in that space under the "one person per 4 square metres" rule.

Because of the work on the Fellowship Centre, the Worship Committee has agreed that we will continue worshiping in our homes for now. And we will aim to hold a service "in-person" at Jamberoo at the end of July, particularly for people who have been unable to gather any other way during this time. In order to help us plan this, please let me know if you would be interested in participating.

Please join us this coming Sunday via Zoom
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/94890493686>
Or Phone: 02 8015 6011
Meeting ID: 948 9049 3686

MISSION, OUTREACH, JUSTICE SS

At the Church Council meeting this week, we agreed that we need to gather a group of people interested in helping to co-ordinate and organise the many different ways the congregation is involved in mission, outreach and justice work. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let me know as soon as possible. It would be great to have an initial meeting (zoom, phone or otherwise) in the coming weeks.



CLIMATE ACTION

I have been attending meetings with some of our Catholic brothers and sisters interested in keeping the conversation, advocacy and action around climate change alive in Kiama and Jamberoo.

The group is currently considering affiliating formally with Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), an inter-faith gathering of people committed to action on climate change (<https://www.arrcc.org.au>). Meetings are currently being held by Zoom, and will eventually be face-to-face again, monthly. At present, I am the only "non-Catholic" member of the group so if you are interested in joining, please let me know.

Thanks so much
blessings
Kath



Hats for Homeless is a Uniting Church knitters/crochet group making beanies, scarves and knee rugs for charities. They deliver them all across Sydney, in Coniston/Wollongong and Berry to name a few places. You can follow them on Facebook or I could pick up anything you might have to contribute and send them off. They are also very happy to take any wool or yarn you no longer need. If you know of a charity or aged care facility that could use some beanies etc we could add them to the list of recipients. Just give Janice Freeston a call 0499785728 or 42322203.



In preparation for the lifting of regulations on Covid 19, Ron Stone has prepared a Medley of Hymns and Choruses on Freedom ready for our next gathering for Hymnsing. It's an opportunity for you all to let us know a favourite Hymn or Chorus you would like us to add to the programme. Just give us a call or email Reuben 42332490 or Gail 42321630. We're feeling optimistic and enthusiastic. Thank you for your support and your prayers. Please keep praying that schools will remain a safe space for the students and staff to be at. Most importantly pray that the gospel will continue to transform lives as I teach the students.



Loving God, Lord of lords and king of kings,
While we acknowledge the tough times we are currently facing, we are thankful for the privileges that many of us have: affordable education, employment, roofs over our heads, and our friends and family.

There are many more things for us to be thankful for. You have always been good to us even when we repeatedly fail you and each other.

Father, it looks like there is no end to the current troubles being experienced around the globe. There seems to be no end to racial and gender inequality, or various forms of oppression at different levels of society.

People do not seem to be learning from history as it keeps repeating itself.

At a time when we all need to be united, there appears to be more division than ever before! There seems to be more misunderstanding and warring between governments and individuals, which gives the impression of very dark ages ahead of us rather than behind us.

Lord, help us all to hold onto you and find peace in this imperfect world.

Help us to receive these challenging times as opportunities to trust you.

We ask that you give world leaders the strength and wisdom they need to confront today's problems. Help them put aside their own pre-conceived ideas, expectations, or agendas and enable them to empathise with marginalised communities and carefully listen to their stories of desperation.

We also pray for influential companies and organisations everywhere.

Enable them to pool their resources and respond to the plight of those who have been overlooked, underestimated, rejected, abused, or dominated.

We may not know what the future holds for us, but we have faith that you will continue to sustain us no matter what we go through.

In a world that often projects hate and violence, you are a God of mercy, of justice, of hope, and of peace. You are also a God of forgiveness and second chances, of unconditional love, and deliverance.

We pray that you deliver us from all the evil that we are witnessing now and remind us once again of your glorious presence through your healing hand upon humankind.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Caroline Wallace

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