



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 16 May 2021

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama 2533

Easter 7 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Ps 1 1 Jn 5:9-13 Jn 17:6-19

Ascension Acts 1:1-1; Ps 47 or 93; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

A Note from Kath

During the service last week, I made a comment about Ascension and Pentecost and realised later that I probably should not assume that everyone knew what I was talking about! So attached to this newsletter is a short explanation of the church "seasons".

This week we celebrate "Ascension". It is a time "in between". After his resurrection, Jesus has spent time with his disciples but now leaves them with a promise that the Holy Spirit will come to them – sometime, soon, just go and wait... The story in Acts 1 has the disciples looking vaguely skyward.

Next Sunday (23 May) we celebrate Pentecost – the Holy Spirit coming amongst the disciples like wind and fire! Wear something red and join the celebration.

Worship

Sunday 16 May - 9.30am at Kiama

Sunday 23 May – Pentecost – 9.30am at Kiama and 9.30am at Jamberoo (Communion) – wear something *red!*



This Week

Tuesday 18 May - Men's Shed

Wednesday 19 May – Meditation for Beginners – 3pm at Kiama followed by Meditation Group at 4pm

Thursday 20 May - Men's Shed

Friday 21 May – School Climate Strike, meet at 9am at Kiama Surf Beach to show our support and/or 12pm at the Arts Precinct in Wollongong

Sowing Hope for the Planet - School Strike 4 Climate



You are invited to join members of the Kiama ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) group at 9.am on Friday 21st May, at the Rotunda in Coronation Park by the Surf Beach. The theme of our gathering will be 'Sowing Hope for the Planet'. The activity is an expression of support for the students' #School Strike 4 Climate as well as part of the *Day of Action* in the Catholic Church held in conjunction with the week of *Laudato Si*.

Several members will also go to Wollongong afterwards to join with the students at 12pm at the Arts Precinct.

Kiama ARRCC

Belonging

Are you new to Kiama / Jamberoo? Have you been attending services or activities for a while and want to commit more formally to this community of faith? Are you interested in exploring more about the Uniting Church?

We are planning a program that will include conversation, Bible study and mentoring for anyone who wants to explore more deeply. It can be in preparation for baptism or confirmation or just for fun! Please let Kath know if you are interested in participating.



Beginner Meditation Group



Wednesdays at 3pm in the Fellowship Centre for 4 weeks. 12, 19, 26 May and 2 June.

If you would like to learn the techniques for meditation, join our beginner meditation group. This will gently introduce the skills of meditation and share a guided meditation practice.

You would be very welcome if you would like to come along.

The more advanced group will continue to meet from 4pm-5pm.

For more details contact Michele Broad on 0400324708

Mission Boxes

May is Mission month so it is time to empty your boxes!

Mission boxes are a simple way to collect small change and unused coins to support the work of mission across NSW/ACT.

If you already have a box, could you please give the contents of your box marked with the box number to Marie Bone.

And if you would like a box, please let Marie know.



Help needed

Special Religious Education (Scripture in Schools)

There is an opportunity for someone who is passionate about and gifted with infant school-aged children to teach a class at Kiama Public School on Wednesday afternoons. Please see Kath for more details.

Card Ministry

The Elders and Pastoral Partners are looking for someone who would like to assist by sending cards or notes to people in need of encouragement. Cards and stamps will be provided – you just need to have a heart for caring, and some ability to write (legibly!). If you can help, please speak to Kath, Rhonda or any of the Elders.

Lifeline Training Courses



Lifeline South Coast is pleased to be delivering a number of free awareness and training workshops to the Illawarra and South Coast community in May.

These sessions would normally cost participants but have been fully funded thanks to a number of a partnerships for a limited amount of time.

Some examples are:

Domestic and Family Violence Awareness: 17 May at Bowral

Accidental Counsellor Foundations: 13 and 25 May at Wollongong

QPR - Question, Persuade, Refer: like CPR for a heart attack, this course is to equip you with 3 simple steps to help save a life from suicide: 14 or 27 May at Dapto

For more information and to register go to: <https://lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events/>

Building Update

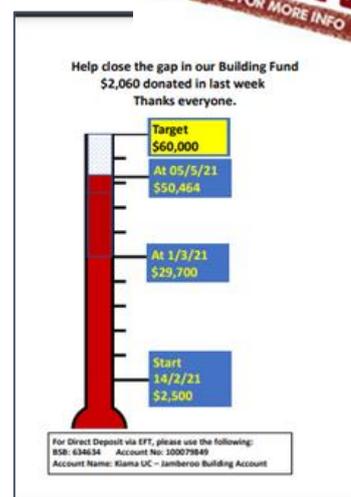
As you can see, the builders have started work!

Please note:

- Please be careful as you move around the site, especially during wet weather.
- The key box has been moved onto the wall next to the Ladies' Toilet. The code remains the same.
- Access to the Lecture Hall is now via the front door. The key is in the key box. When locking up, please make sure that the top and bottom bolts are firmly in place before you shut the door.

Thanks everyone for your contributions to the Building Fund as shown in the attached barometer. We are down to the last \$10,000 toward our target, but of course, we do now have some added cost with the need to seal the car park so please keep up your generous contributions.

If anyone has any queries or concerns, please call **Cliff on 0400 245 121**.



Mothers Day Stall



After a miserable few days of rain, Saturday for our stall was sunny and bright. Thanks to all who made the day so

successful and helped us to make \$900. A special thanks to Rhonda Back who with secateurs, paper and ribbon arrived on Friday to cut and prepare a miserable lot of flowers in a downpour. Thanks also to Ruth Cole with her jewellery and Marion Rattray with her Succulents and all who cooked and sewed.



Adult Fellowship



The executive of the Adult Fellowship met on Monday to look at plans for the coming year, and to plan interesting Speakers and Events. We can look forward to hearing the Senior Brass Band in October, a picnic in the park at Jamberoo and a Fashion Parade in February. It is wonderful to be able to plan for the future again. Our next meeting will be Thursday 3rd June, morning tea at 9.30am followed by the meeting at 10am. Following the meeting we will be playing "Beetles", so come prepared for laughs, frustration and drawing skills.

Bay and Basin Uniting Church Food Pantry

Supporting the work of Bay and Basin Uniting Church (Huskisson) to care for communities in their region. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket in the porch at Kiama. Perhaps you could encourage your small group to put together a hamper each month? Or your book club or walking group? Shopping lists are available to help you remember what to buy.



Cereals	Tuna	Spaghetti
Rice	Fruit	Corn
Sugar	Biscuits	Salmon
Long Life Milk	Tinned food	Dried peas
Juice Boxes	Jars and Packets	Tomatoes
Tea Bags	- Sauces	Baby Wipes
Coffee	- Salsa	Nappies (2 yr old boy)
Jams		

Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside Helps Women Impacted by Incarceration:

If your life has been impacted by the imprisonment of someone in your life you can experience a weekend of understanding, encouragement and support.

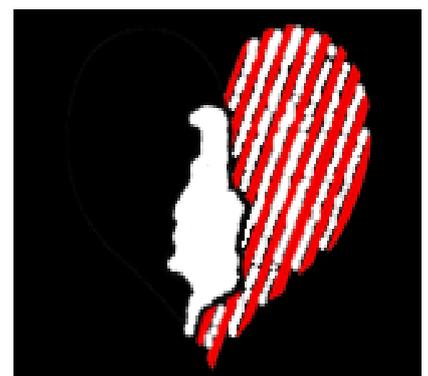
It gives you an opportunity to meet and share with women who have struggled with similar issues. You do not have to be a Christian to attend. There is no cost for you to participate. Kairos Outside weekends are paid for by others who care about you and others in your situation.

- By providing a safe place to share
- By offering unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting
- By women journeying together in small groups through SWAP (Share, Witness, Account & Pray) and Reunion Meetings
- By fostering spiritual growth and community
- By promoting participation in small groups
- By creating an opportunity for a relationship with God

There will be a Kairos Outside weekend 10-12 September 2021 in Tuross Head.

If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Janice mob 0416 298 346

You can also help by praying for this weekend.



Hymnsing



What a joy to be able to sing again, and with folk who also love to sing Hymns. We had a group of about 35 people join us on Sunday afternoon and sing with enthusiasm. We also enjoyed afternoon tea and catching up with folk from other Churches and areas that we haven't seen for 12 months or more. Our next get together will be **27th June**. Why not come and join us.



Dear God, the world seems somewhat crazy right now, it's frightening how many things are going wrong: economic uncertainty worldwide and other results of the pandemic that doesn't seem to ever go away particularly in poorer countries and now we hear of hostilities between Israel and Gaza. Humanity is suffering all around and the world is suffering from climate change. We worry about our earth and what is going to happen next. Please help us to remember that You are present in every circumstance that we find ourselves and You love us beyond measure.

Quiet our fears and enable us to take action to be Your hands and heart in this hurting world.
We pray in Jesus name. Amen

Focus Families:

Leanne, Cleve and Henry Smith
Max Smith
Vera Smith
Lesley Southon
Jessica Szulerowski
Julia and Ralph Szulerowski

Uniting Church in Australia

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DAY

MORNING SERVICE 10:30 - 12:00

Special guest

Pastor Jon Owen

from the Wayside Chapel, King's Cross

Please bring your own lunch.

Please be aware that parking at the church is limited.
We suggest that you park across the highway at Coles.

The afternoon program commences at 1 PM

Speaker: **Leanne Begg**, Chaplain for Northern Illawarra High Schools.

The day concludes at 2 PM



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