



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 17 October 2021

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama 2533

Pent 21 [29] Job 38:1-7,(34-41) Ps 104:1-9,24,35c Heb 5:1-10 Mk 10:35-45

A Note from Kath:

Worship

Sunday 17 October - online - resources will be available from the church website.

Please join us at 10.30am for morning tea and a catch-up on Zoom:

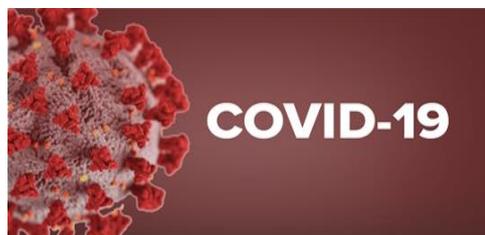
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Sunday 24 October - online - resources will be available from the church website.

Please join us at 10.30am for morning tea and a catch-up on Zoom:

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93369011990?pwd=bnAxcVZEblkvU1lqRTcrT3B5WHVLUTo9>



Covid19

The Church Council met on Tuesday 12 October to work through the necessary requirements to enable us to open our facilities and to gather in-person for worship.

We will be able to gather again for worship when NSW reaches the target of 80% of the adult population being fully vaccinated. At that time, people from Shellharbour will be able to travel to Kiama and everyone will be able to participate together in worship. We are also waiting and hoping for the completion of the new extension at Kiama. So we expect that the first Sunday we will gather will be 31 October. To begin with, we will need to check-in with the QR code, wear masks, there will be no singing, and we will be limited to 60 people at Kiama (23 at Jamberoo). You should also be aware that, for worship only, there will be no requirement to show a vaccination certificate. This also means that there may be people in our midst who are not vaccinated. If you have any concerns about this, then please be in touch with Kath or one of our Elders.

All groups who want to use the facilities need to have a new Covid19 Safety Plan. So can you please let Kath or David Freestone know if your group intends to use the facilities in November/December so we can double-check the bookings and go through the Covid19 requirements with your coordinators/leaders.

Changes to Dates:

Due to the changing restrictions on gathering, a number of activities have had to be rescheduled:

AGM
Annual General Meeting

- now planned for **Sunday 14 November**

Cascades Eco Walk - Saturday 20 November - limit of 30 people (double-vaccinated) - see attached flyer for registration details



Kiama Opening - sometime in December - to be confirmed

National Church Life Survey - now planned for February 2022

Walking Between Worlds - now planned for Saturday 26 February - don't forget to register:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/walking-between-worlds-working-with-lgbtq-people-of-faith-seminar-tickets-160464588905>

Singing!

For a few weeks after we are able to gather, there will be no congregational singing, but we can have up to 10 people singing together. If you would like to be part of a group of singers - **there will be practice involved** - please let Kath or Meredith know.



CLOSE to
HOME

Advent Planning

It won't be long until the Advent season begins (28 November!). This year, our theme will be "Close To Home" drawing on materials from **Sanctified Art**, the same people who produced the resources we used last year. If you, or your Bible Study or home group would like a printed copy of the Study Guide / Devotional, please let Kath know by 14 November. Electronic copies will also be available.

Voluntary Assisted Dying

As a new Bill is introduced into the NSW Parliament this week, I have put some resources on the church website to help you in thinking through your questions and to have conversations with your family and friends: <https://kiama-jamberoo.unitingchurch.org.au/ministers-musings/>

If you would like a copy in print, please let Kath know and we will arrange to have it delivered to you.

And if you or your small group would like some help in having a conversation about this, Kath would love to come and share with you.



Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Parish

Last week we published a letter we sent to assure our brothers and sisters in Christ of our prayer for the Plenary Council that began last week. **Father Chris sent this reply:**

On behalf of the Parish of Ss Peter and Paul Kiama (including St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo), I would like to thank Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church for taking up the invitation from the 2018 Synod of the Uniting Church to stand in solidarity with the Roman Catholic Church through prayer at this time of the 5th Plenary Council.



The gesture of the lantern from the Abbey was gratefully appreciated and has been lit during this first session 3rd-10th October and placed in our Sanctuary, before the lectern for daily Mass.

When this first session is over we will continue to use it in the Sanctuary to remind us to continue to pray for guidance for each member of the Synod so that the Holy Spirit will continue to light our way. We will place it back in its prime spot for the next session.

Thank you for this tangible act of support and prayerful concern for our local community, and may God's blessings continue to be with you all as you continue to proclaim Jesus to the people of Kiama and Jamberoo.

Yours in Christ

Father Chris Roberts *Parish Priest*

Local Council Elections - Saturday 4 December

The Electoral Commission has confirmed that the Kiama facilities will be used as a polling place for the local Council elections. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off our new facilities to the wider community. Planning has begun to offer a BBQ ("democracy sausage") or other stalls. **Please be in touch with Kath or a member of Church Council if you or your group would like to contribute.**

Rev Kath Merrifield

Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

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AGM
Annual General Meeting

Please note the revised list of Nominees to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14 November:

Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church		
Nominees (alphabetic order)	Representational Group on	Term (years)
Rhonda Back	Elder	2

Everlaine Berry	Elder	1
Michele Broad	Elder	3
Wendy Fenton	Elder	1
Marion Haigh	Elder	2
Marion Rattray	Elder	1
Geoff Boxsell	Congregational Representative	2
David Freeston	Congregational Representative	2
Cliff Mason	Congregational Representative	3
Meredith Yabsley	Congregational Representative and Presbytery Representative	1

Meditation – Wednesday 4pm – continues via Zoom:

<https://uacnswact.zoom.us/j/97795550544?pwd=RzRyaHNRSDBUeEpEUmt5YoJlbXFGZz09>

Meeting ID: 977 9555 0544

Passcode: 371946

For more information, contact Michele Broad: 0400 324 708



Property Report

The wet weather may cause some delays with the car park, but work is well underway. See photos of the heavy roller packing down the road base. They were scheduled to lay the bitumen on Friday this week, but unless the base dries out, this will have to be delayed. See also the buttressing of the Bong Bong Street edge of the car park with concrete sleepers.



Work has also started with the landscaper laying more of the paved footpaths. An on-site meeting has been arranged with the head landscaper on Monday morning at 9:30am to discuss final details.



On the inside, painting continues, the stainless steel bench-tops have been installed in the kitchen, the perforated metal acoustic panels are being installed on the foyer ceiling (see photo) and the screen for the Lecture Hall air



conditioners has been installed. The only jobs left in the kitchen are installation of splash-back tiles and the various electrical



appliances (which have been delivered). Carpet tiles have been pushed back to next week to ensure all internal work is complete and that no muddy boots walk in.





Let us pray:

Sunday Prayer : Dr Deidre Palmer – President of the Uniting Church in Australia

Gracious and loving God,

You call us to love you with our whole being, and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

At this time of upheaval and distress for nations and people across our world, may your love hold us together.

May your love be the lens through which we see each other and your world.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are present with us, as one who knows our suffering, bring comfort and peace to all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, work, connection and hope for the future.

May we embody your compassion – responding to the suffering of our neighbours, our families, our friends, and strangers with generosity.

Life-giving Spirit, you weave us together as the Body of Christ, strengthen our life together, even though we are physically separated. Nurture us in faith and discipleship, that we may bear witness through our living, to your abundant grace and liberating hope for all people, and the whole creation.

Through Christ our Life and Hope, we pray. Amen.

Please pray for our focus families:

Lectionary Reading:



Ina Hainsworth
Wendy, Alana & Khaleesi
Harris
Ruth Hendry
Ros & Jim Hendry
Yvonne Holmes
Annabelle & Paris Hudson



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