



## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 31 October 2021

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### *A Note from Kath:*

#### *Worship*

#### **Sunday 31 October - online -Worship**

Resources (written and video) will be available from the church website

Please join us on Zoom for morning tea at 10.30am:

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93369011990?pwd=bnAxcVZEblkvU1lqRTcrT3B5WHVLUto9>

**Meeting ID:** 933 6901 1990

**Passcode:** 893530



#### **Sunday 7 November 2021 - 9.30am at Kiama**

You will need to sign in using the QR code and wear a mask. There is no congregational singing yet but there will be enthusiastic worship!

**Why not plan to stay around for morning tea afterwards to catch up?!**



#### *Singers!*

For the Sundays in November, we are looking for a group of people who will lead our singing. Please let Kath know if you are interested - we'll be practicing towards the end of the week.

# For your Diary

3.30pm at Kiama

#### *Activities for November/December*

You might want to make sure these dates are in your diary - further details will be shared in due course:

**Monday 1 November** - Elders and Pastoral Partners meet at



**Tuesday 2 November** - Men's Shed recommences

**Wednesday 3 November** - Meditation at Kiama at 4.00pm



**Thursday 4 November – Women's Fellowship at Kiama** from 9.30am for morning tea followed by a meeting at 10am. There will be a speaker, *Lexie Mayo*, who will talk on "**Floral Arranging.**" All ladies are welcome.

**Sunday 7 November** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am

**Tuesday 9 November** - Church Council meets at Kiama at 3.30pm

**Wednesday 10 November** - Meditation at Kiama at 4.00pm

**Sunday 14 November** - Worship at Kiama (Communion) at 9.30am followed by the AGM

**Wednesday 17 November** - Meditation at Kiama at 4.00pm

**Saturday 20 November - Eco Walk - registrations are essential**

**Sunday 21 November** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am; and at Jamberoo (**Communion**) at 9.30am

**Wednesday 24 November** - Meditation at Kiama at 4.00pm

**Thursday 25 November** - Healing Service at Kiama at 3.30pm

**Sunday 28 November** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am - *celebrating the beginning of Advent*

**Wednesday 1 December** - Meditation at Kiama at 4.00pm

**Thursday 2 December** – Women's Fellowship at Kiama from 9.30am



**Monday 6 December** - Craft morning tea at Kiama

**SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER** - Local Council Elections - voting at Kiama - stall and BBQ - tbc

**SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am - Celebrating the Opening of the new facilities

**Friday 10 December** - Christmas at Jamberoo – evening

**Sunday 12 December** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am (**Communion**)



**Wednesday 15 December** - Carols "On The Move" - singing outdoors from late afternoon.

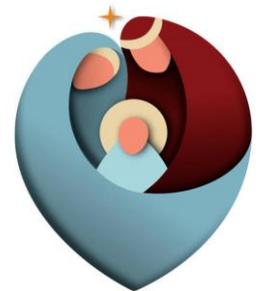
**Sunday 19 December** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am

**Wednesday 22 December** - Blue/Quiet Christmas at Kiama at 7.30pm

**Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve - Worship at Kiama (Communion) - time tbc**

**Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day** - Worship at Jamberoo at 8.00am and Kiama at 9.30am

**Christmas Lunch at Kiama** - for anyone on their own and wanting to share a meal together - tbc



**Sunday 26 December** - Worship at Kiama at 9.30am

*Kath M*

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***Kiama Uniting Church Creative Craft Group*** have been unable to meet for some time, however, we are planning to have morning tea in the Fellowship Centre on **Monday 6th December at 10am**. If you know of any members who would like to



come along please let them know. Some groups have been meeting from time to time, and the Creative Handwork Group met at Jill

Lamberts home on Monday. It was so lovely to be able to catch up with friends after such a long time.

*Gail*



*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<br>(alphabetic order) | Representational Group on                                      | Term<br>(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               |
| Phillip Lambert                | <b>Congregational Representative</b>                           | <b>3</b>        |
| Cliff Mason                    | Congregational Representative                                  | 3               |
| Meredith Yabsley               | Congregational Representative<br>and Presbytery Representative | 1               |



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.**



## Property Report

Cliff Mason

### A BIG Thank You

This month has seen more donations to the Building Fund totalling over \$10,400. This takes the total donated since we launched the appeal in February to \$82,881 which is fantastic. Thank you all for the support shown to this project.

I'd also like to thank the seven members who volunteered to go on a watering roster. Maurice will be publishing this over the weekend as by then, most of the turf lawn and shrubs will have been planted in the new gardens.

Thanks also to the gardening volunteers (Kay Cope, Maurice Barton, Daryl Back, Trevor McBeath & I) who have been working today (Thursday) planting the shrubs, spreading garden mulch and doing initial watering (see photos). I'd particularly like to thank Kay who obtained two lovely NSW Christmas Bush plants down at Berry and has also donated two mature tree ferns from her home for the garden.

We are literally within days of a final handover of the project from our builders. Car park line marking and wheel stops will be installed Monday, the plumbers expect to finish all their work in a day or two and we hope to get the Occupancy Certificate in the next few days.





*Let us pray:*

*Prayer for Others:*

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.



*Loving Father, we pray this blessing on those around us in our community.  
Help us to be your hands and feet, your heart and voice, to bring care and love to others.  
Guide us beyond our weakness and into kindness and generosity.  
Help us to love more, when we crave to be loved. Amen*

***Please pray for our Focus Families:***

***Lectionary Reading:***



Melissa & Michael Malone  
Val & Cliff Mason  
Judy Maurer  
Wendy Macdonald  
Jeanette & Trevor McBeath  
Judy & Bob McConnell  
Margot & Bruce McNair

***What Are the Pagan Roots of Halloween and Why Should We Care?***

*By Dr. Julie Barrier – extract from [Crosswalk.com](http://Crosswalk.com)*

*What is the origin of Halloween? According to this article, many believe it began with the 'Summer's End' festival, or Samhain celebrated 2,000 years ago as the beginning of the Celtic year. During this festival time, Celtic farmers brought livestock in for the winter and harvested their crops. They sacrificed fruits of the harvest and the best of their flocks to appease pagan gods.*

*Trick-or-Treating also began during Samhain. The tradition was an ancient custom of "souling." The poor would go from house to house to beg for soul cakes. In return for the "soul cakes" the beggars would pray for family members who had recently died. Soul cakes were round loaves of bread filled with currants.*

*Pumpkins and Jack-o-Lanterns were also part of Celtic lore. A tale was told that a drunken farmer named Stingy Jack was so wicked that when he died, he restlessly wandered between heaven and hell, unable to enter either one. As he roamed the darkness, he hollowed out a turnip and placed a burning coal inside to light his way.*





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