



## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 16 January 2022

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Epiphany 2 Is 62:1-5 Ps 36:5-10 1 Cor 12:1-11 Jn 2:1-11



### *Upcoming Events*

**19 January - lunch at Jamberoo Bowling Club - need to know if you are coming (Sunday)**

**3 Feb meeting at Jamberoo for picnic morning tea**

**5 Feb - Fashion Parade,**

**4 March - World Day of Prayer - we are hosting**

**5 April - Brass Band**



### *A Note from Kath*

Welcome back for 2022!

I know some people have enjoyed a break and others have been fortunate to spend time with family.

We continue to pray for people who are not able to see family and friends and continue to be anxious about the ongoing health risks to themselves and our communities.

It is clear that COVID19 will be with us for some time yet. Many of you now will have had the experience of being notified as having had a close encounter of one form or another. I would urge you to err on the side of caution when it comes to self-isolating. Our church community is particularly vulnerable and while the rules no longer require us all to isolate, we need to be conscious of the very real risks of transmission to others. If you are feeling unwell, please don't come to church - let someone (your Elder or Pastoral Partner) know, and if you have symptoms, please get tested. Let's look after one another well.

The risks also mean that we need to remain vigilant with our check-in process, masks, ventilation and clean-up. Thanks to our stewards who are doing a great job in keeping us all safe.

This week's newsletter also has a calendar of the year's activities attached. It is really hard to plan when things are so uncertain - but we have a series of activities happening in the first 6 months of the year and we hope and pray they will be able to proceed. The calendar has special events on one side and regular activities and meeting dates on the reverse side. Please let Kath know if you need hard copies.

It is also the time of year to be thinking about ways in which you can contribute to the life of our community at both Kiama and Jamberoo. There is always a list of maintenance and cleaning jobs to be done at both centres as well as administrative tasks, in addition to the rosters for worship each week. At Kiama, we are still setting up the new space and clearing out the storage areas. If you are able to help out, please talk to

Cliff (his contact details are in his report later in the newsletter) or Kath or for the worship rosters, put your name on the list at the back of the church or talk with Meredith Yabsley.

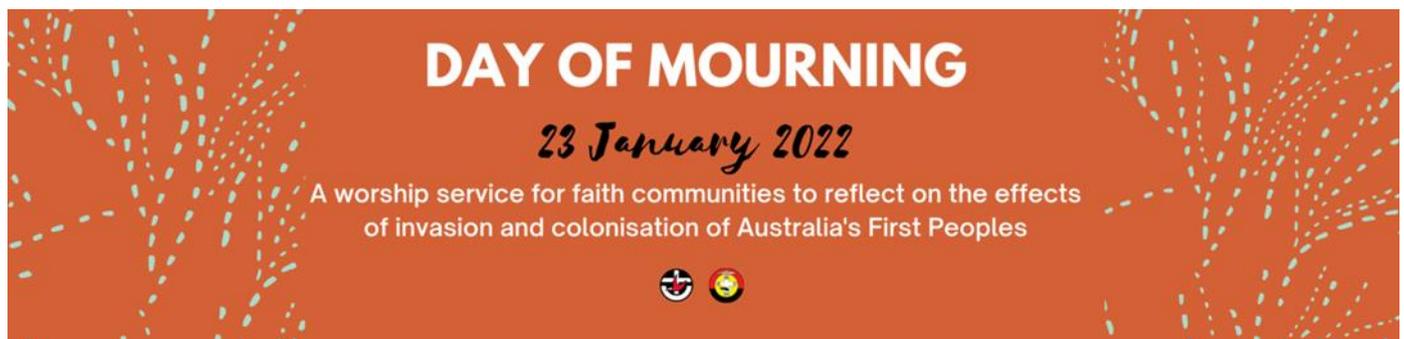
blessings

*Kath*

## *Worship*

**Sunday 16 January** - 9.30am at Kiama

**Sunday 23 January** - Aboriginal Sunday - 9.30am at Kiama and 9.30am at Jamberoo (Communion) Gareth Ward MP will join us and will celebrate the awarding of a NSW State Government grant to assist in building a new accessible toilet



## *Aboriginal Sunday*

On the Sunday before Australia Day, all Uniting Church in Australia congregations are invited to hold worship services to reflect upon and lament the effect of the invasion and colonisation of this nation upon First Peoples.

The observance of a **Day of Mourning** was endorsed by the 15th Assembly arising from a request of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC). We will be recognising this in both our services at Kiama and Jamberoo.

**Berry Uniting Church** is also inviting folk from Uniting Churches in the Illawarra Presbytery to their Day of Mourning service 9.30am Sunday, 23 January. Guest preacher at the Berry service will be Nathan Tyson, the Synod's Manager, First Peoples Strategy and Engagement.

Nathan is an Aboriginal man who has spent most of his life in Sydney and is of Anaiwon/Gomerioi descent (with connections to the Brown, Munro and Sullivan families from the Tingha region in North Western NSW).

Following the service, everyone is welcome to attend a conversation with Nathan over lunch 12pm at Kiama Uniting Church with the theme How congregations can build/strengthen local relationships with Aboriginal people and communities.

There will be opportunities for one on one conversations and Q&As with Nathan.

As the Kiama event will include lunch, we need to know if you plan to stay for lunch after the service. There will be a small cost for lunch.

**#Change The Heart - Common Grace:** 25 January at 7.30pm at Kiama

**#ChangeTheHeart** Tuesday, 25 January 2022, 7:30 pm AEDT

You are invited by one of Australia's most senior Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Aunty Jean Phillips, to



gather together to pray in unison on the evening before 26 January.

Every January, Aunty Jean Phillips, invites Australians to pray as we approach 26 January — a day of mourning for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. This year we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of #ChangeTheHeart and the second year of this service being broadcast nationally through a partnership with ACCTV. In 2022, join us at Kiama on 25 January to pray in unison and hear the call to #ChangeTheHeart of our nation.

Or you can participate in the biggest ever **#ChangeTheHeart** service from the comfort of home, by tuning in to the nationally simulcast service on ACCTV, [commongrace.org.au](http://commongrace.org.au) and on a number of radio networks across these lands now called Australia.

### **KBECET - Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 22 January.**

Drop into the Bunnings at Albion Park for a sausage sandwich to support Christian Education at Kiama High School. If you are able to help out with the BBQ on the day, please see Marion Haigh.

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blessings

*Kath*

## *Worship*

### *Services in January*

**Sunday 16 January - Kiama at 9.30am**

**Sunday 23 January - Aboriginal Sunday - Jamberoo at 9.30am (Communion) and Kiama at 9.30am**

**Sunday 30 January - Kiama at 9.30am**

## *Christmas Child Boxes*

Although for most of the year the crew at Albion Park Shed have been unable to meet to pack boxes, once the restrictions lifted they were hard at work. In all this year 8,124 boxes have been sent: 1 load to Fiji, 2 to Samoa and 1 to Cambodia. Shipping has been difficult and many more boxes will arrive some time in the New Year to other countries. **Thank you to all who continued to supply goods for the boxes.** *Gail*



**Food Pantry** items are still being delivered to Bay and Basin and any donations are welcome. Please leave **non perishables in the green trolley** and **slices/scones in the church freezer**. I am also happy to pick things up from your home, contactless of course. *Thanks very much for your generosity.* Janice 0499785728



*Thank you*

### *A letter from Irene and Helen Curry regarding the Christmas Lunch*

Mum and I would like to thank Ralph, Julia and Jessica for their thoughts and efforts in planning, preparing and presenting the Christmas lunch.

'Many thanks to Ralph, Julia, Jessica and all the volunteers who worked so hard to put on a beautiful Christmas lunch.

The food was delicious, and there was plenty to choose from.

So much thought had gone into the details: there was Christmas bush on all the tables, Christmas bonbons, and individual packets of biscuits to take home.

Kath on her guitar, and Narelle joining her in singing, provided our entertainment. Thank you so much!

Disappointingly, the number of guests was fewer than expected.

We hope that next year will have more attendees, as it really was a lovely afternoon that we shared.

*Irene and Helen Curry*

### **Men's Shed Thankyou**

The Men's Shed has completed their move to the Railway Workshops and all machines, tools, racks and equipment has been moved out of Uniting House. In addition, Ian Yabsley has spent the last week (and countless hours) removing all wall screws and fittings, filling and patching all holes, sanding down the paintwork on all walls preparing them for painting and generally leaving both the inside and outside of the building spotless. We owe **Ian** a very **BIG THANK YOU**. We wish the Men's Shed well in their new (and much larger) home.



Maurice Barton has prepared an options paper relating to the zoning of the land and building and while there are still many questions about what may be allowable, the Property & Finance Committee will begin considering future use options for Uniting House when we meet on 1st February.



### **Garden & Grounds Roster**

Depending on weather (and the season), Trevor McBeath has been diligently mowing and edging our new beautiful lawns and gardens each Friday afternoon - **thank you again Trevor**. However, it is now a much bigger job and we need volunteers to go on a small roster to assist Trevor with this task (Someone edging whilst someone mows), and also to attend, weed and water the gardens. Those volunteering will also need to be fairly flexible about timing as obviously, poor weather will force changes as to when the grass can

be mowed. Anyone willing to go on a roster should **contact Cliff on 0400 245 121 or**

**[cliff\\_mason@bigpond.com](mailto:cliff_mason@bigpond.com)**.

## *Property & Finance Committee Meeting & Site Inspection*

The next meeting will be held at **3:30pm Tuesday 1st February** in the Kiama Uniting Church. It is also suggested that Committee members arrive 30 mins earlier at say 3pm for an inspection of Uniting House and other aspects of the property (including possible car park lighting) so that we can meaningfully discuss the items mentioned in the draft agenda already circulated. The meeting will also be planning details for the Jamberoo Unisex toilet project and grant.

If any member of the Congregation spots maintenance work needed and any other aspect of concern regarding the property, please contact Cliff on the number or email above.

*Ladies our annual get together* this year will be at **Jamberoo Bowling Club at 11 Allowrie St at 12 noon on Wednesday 19th January**. The menu is available for you to look at on the notice board at the back of the Fellowship Centre. We need numbers on SUNDAY so please add your name to the list on the noticeboard, it's a great opportunity to invite other women in our Congregation. We are limited to 30 so don't delay.

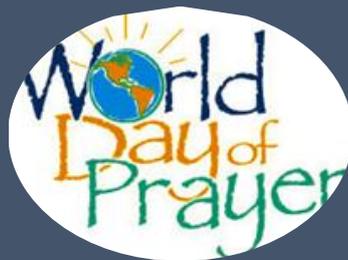


*Women's Fellowship* will begin our meetings this year at **Jamberoo Park at 10am**. Bring your morning tea with you. Please contact Glenice if you need transport. All ladies are warmly welcome to come along and join us.



## *Fashion Parade*

Don't forget our **END of SUMMER SALE - FASHION PARADE** to be held on **Saturday 5th February at 2pm**. Entry is \$10. Lovely models, delicious afternoon tea and lucky door prizes. Bring along some friends and celebrate being able to get back to something like normal. Sorry **masks must be worn**, you can't have it all I'm afraid. We would be grateful if some men could help us with moving chairs and the carpets, see Gail if you can help.



*WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 4 MARCH*

*AT KIAMA – 'WALKING BETWEEN WORLDS'  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WILL BE HOSTED THIS YEAR  
BY KIAMA UNITING CHURCH ON FRIDAY 4TH MARCH.  
THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9.30AM FOLLOWED BY  
MORNING TEA. LADIES WE WILL NEED TO PROVIDE  
FOOD FOR MORNING TEA. PLEASE SEE EITHER  
GLENICE OR KATHY REED IF YOU CAN HELP.*

## *Something else for your diaries.*

This year Kiama Uniting Church is responsible for

hosting the **Annual Fellowship Gathering on Thursday 26th May**. It is a great opportunity to get together with members of other congregations in our Presbytery, so make sure you have it in your diary.

Lead us, Lord, to nurture and then share our gifts with the world around us. 1  
CORINTHIANS 12 ; 4-6



Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

and love. Amen

'There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.  
There are different kinds of working, but the same God  
works all of them in all people.'

**LET US PRAY**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the abundance of the Spirit's gifts, poured out upon all for the sake of the common good.

Help us to use our gifts to transform the community and the world. Lead us to our neighbours, wherever they might be, that we might share your gift of unconditional love for their lives - to help those in need, pray and comfort those who mourn and, through our everyday activities, rejoice in your abundant grace

*Please pray for our Focus Families:*

**FOCUS FAMILIES**

Thelma and Peter ALLMAN  
Anna AMBROSE  
Daryl and Rhonda BACK  
Susan and Maurice BARTON  
Beryl BATTEN  
Evelaine BERRY  
Val BEST and her family



*The message of Epiphany is that the birth of Jesus was meant to have global implications, that the good news was meant for all people. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.'*  
*Just as the magi came bearing gifts to the Christ Child, so may we offer ourselves to our Lord.*



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