



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 12 February 2023

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Transfiguration Sunday

[Last Sunday before Lent]

Worship

Sunday 12 February - 9.30am at Kiama (Communion)

Sunday 19 February - 9.30am at **Jamberoo**



This Week

Monday 13 February - Craft at Kiama from 9am

Tuesday 14 February - Church Council meeting at Kiama, 3.30pm

Coming Up



Ash Wednesday - 22 February - Service at Kiama, 7.30pm

Now is the time to find your **palm cross** we made last year. Bring it with you as we begin our preparations for Easter together.

We gather in the quiet of the evening to refocus: **"Return to God with all your heart and leave the past in ashes."**

Friday 3 March - World Day of Prayer - 10am at Kiama Baptist Church

Retreat and Reflection - Saturday 4 March at Jamberoo, 10am-12pm

Join us as we explore our theme for Lent: **"Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith"**. There will be time for prayer, quiet reflection - on your own or in a small group.

Bring your lunch if you wish to stay and chat afterwards.

Throughout the season, you might like to take time to go deeper into the questions we will be exploring in worship - there is a devotional booklet with poetry, art, reflection and music to go deeper each week and/or there is a set of cards with a question and prayer to consider each day. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard if you would like printed or emailed versions of these.

Working Bee

We will be having a general working bee on **Saturday, 25 February** at **10 am** at Kiama, to garden and do general cleaning and other jobs. If you can spare a few hours, I am sure you will enjoy the company of other hardy souls who come to keep our property looking great and working well. Please talk to **Jill Lambert** about your availability.



Other News:

Stamp Committee

In 2022, \$31,200 was distributed amongst 46 congregations across NSW and the ACT to assist volunteers to provide resources for community projects.



Congregations who received grants were: Bathurst, Cowra, Dubbo, Portland, Orange, Rylestone, Wellington, Cootamundra, Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside, Kyogle, Yamba/Iluka, Beechwood, Gladstone, Port Macquarie, Adamstown, Bolwarra, Cessnock, Morpeth, Scone, Toronto, Pivot Point, Bega/Tathra, Lyneham, Mt Dromedary, Weston Creek, Yarralumla, Dapto, Wollongong Mission, Abbotsbury,

Castle Hill, West Epping, Glenbrook, Kurrajong, North Rocks, Penrith, Springwood, Suburban Seeds, Wentworthville, Windsor, Carlton/Ramsgate Nieu congregation, Gymea/Miranda, Peakhurst Heights, Epping, Gosford/Wyoming, Turramurra.

Grants were provided for community projects including:

During Covid, volunteers at Orange provided at least 150 hot take away meals every Saturday evening to those in need. A similar service is operated at Cowra, Cootamundra, Dubbo, Cessnock, Pivot Point, Kurrajong and Narooma

At Tamworth Southside, half an acre of sunflowers has been sown to raise funds for people in Ukraine. This enables people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds who have recently arrived in the district to be involved.

Yamba/Iluka Op Shop is open 6 days a week and now offers a free cup of coffee, a listening ear, care and support when needed.

Please keep bringing in your stamps - and if you are heading to Sydney during the week and can drop off to the Synod Office (222 Pitt Street), please let us know.

Funding our 2023 Mission & Outreach

There are still many things that must be done to complete the opening up and welcoming nature of our Church properties at Kiama and Jamberoo, such that local community members feel comfortable and safe in visiting us, attending functions and joining in worship.

We have also commenced our **fundraising drive** to cover the shortfall in funds needed to finish the property work at both sites.



At the annual general meeting last Sunday, our Treasurer, **Geoff Boxsell**, brought the finances to our attention. He **praised the work** of those who help with putting together and keeping track of our finances, including the Presbytery **Book Keeper**, Pauline, and the **Stewards** who faithfully collect, count and bank the offering each week. He also brought to our attention that over the past couple of years most of us haven't been able to get away or travel as much as we have in the past, he even

suggested there may be a few extra shekels in the tin.

That said, the Property and Finance Committee is bringing back a wonderful weekly offering suggestion, given to us by **Ralph Szulerowski**, several years ago. Many members of the congregation use the direct deposit scheme for providing their weekly offering and the P&F Committee would like to invite those who do, to think about adding **gold coins** to the offering bag each week. *Thank you.*

Meredith



Bay and Basin Food Pantry

Thank you so much everyone for your ongoing support of this ministry down the coast. We are reaching more and more households each week and are delighted with the reception we are also receiving from members of the local community as well as businesses.

Leading up to Christmas we gave out **35 hampers** as well as the two bags of ordinary food and grocery items per household. We received two large cash donations which made this possible. The team has been kept very busy.

Could I please ask you to once again focus on donations of **non perishable food items** or **baking slices and scones** to be left in the church freezer. (A huge thank you to those who already do this.) While other clothing and household items can be useful, **food** is the greater need.

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Let's
Pray!

Prayer for Families

Lord Jesus,

You humbled yourself and came among us. You lived in family. You created a group of disciples and loved and taught them. You had friends that were like family to you and you were there for

them.

You are the centre of our family. ...our individual family, our church family and our community

which forms many groups that act as family to many.

Be with our family .

Let your peace be with us.

Help us to seek and do your will in all we do and say.

Guide us, Jesus, in our family decisions,

in our financial needs and worries,

in our work, our play, and our study.

Give us strong faith;

strengthen our relationship with you.

O Lord, keep us on the path to the Father.

Amen

Please pray for our Focus Families:

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