



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 5 February 2023

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Fifth after Epiphany Isaiah 58:1–9a, (9b–12) Psalm 112:1–9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16)

Matthew 5:13–20

Worship

Sunday 5 February - 9.30 am at Kiama followed by **Congregation Annual General Meeting**
5.30pm - Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club

Sunday 12 February - 9.30am at Kiama (Communion)

This Week

Monday 6 February - Craft resumes - 9am at Kiama

Elders and Pastoral Partners Meeting - 3pm at Kiama

Tuesday 7 February - Finance and Property Committee Meeting - 3.30pm at Kiama

Wednesday 8 February - Meditation - 4pm at Kiama

Thursday - 9 February - Homestead of Hope Gathering - 11am at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Coming Up

Saturday 18 February - Presbytery Celebration - 2pm at Kieraview Uniting Church

Wednesday 22 February - Ash Wednesday Service - 7pm at Kiama

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

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

Saturday 25 March - NSW State Election - stall and BBQ at Kiama

2023 Calendar

A calendar of activities for 2023 has been circulated by email and there are hard copies in the foyer. Please take a copy and make sure the relevant dates make it to your diary.

Retreat and Reflection

Throughout the year, we are offering several opportunities for us to take some time for reflection and prayer. These will be held at Jamberoo, 10am-12pm on Saturday mornings. There will be a short time of prayer together and then a guided reflection that you can enter at your own pace. And, for those who want to stay on, there will be time afterwards to share with each other over lunch (BYO).

4 March - a Lenten reflection

6 May - Engaging with Change

1 July - Winter

9 September - Spring

11 November - Remembering

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Preparing for Easter

The season of Lent is fast approaching. Our theme this year is **"Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith"**.

Why not join us on **Wednesday 22 February at 7pm** at Kiama as we enter this time of reflection and preparation?

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.



The *Kiama Presbyterian Church* is welcoming their **new Minister** and his family this week. Rev Andrew Satchell's "Community Welcome" is Friday 10 February at 7pm, commencing briefly in the Church and then followed by a **"Meet and Greet"** Gathering, with food provided, in the church hall. Andrew's formal Induction is on Tuesday 7 February at 9.30 am, Kiama Presbyterian Church, followed by a light morning tea.

Learning Opportunity

Living Our Faith - Exploring Theology - online

Led by Dr Matthew Anslow (Uniting Mission and Education)

This unit can be done as a stand-alone or as part of the Lay Preachers' Course

Cost: \$60 for audit, or talk to Kath if you are interested in being accredited as a Lay Preacher

Tuesday evenings, 6pm-8.30pm, over 8 weeks from 14 Feb

<https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/living-our-faith-exploring-theology-feb-april/>

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. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss further at the AGM.



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.

We also appreciate your prayers for the team of **5 volunteers plus Janice**, who graciously assist the people who come for assistance and who are always on the lookout for contributions from the community.



Loving God,

We pray for a place to belong,
A place to gather ourselves.

Whether a room, a building, a region, a community, cyberspace,
We pray for a place to pause and to know You.

May our homes, and places of gathering
Be filled with Your love
May we experience the sanctuary
Giving us the strength and courage to reach out to our World.
For some of us home is an unmet need,
and we pray for those who are experiencing homelessness.

For some of us home is becoming like a prison,
and we pray for those who are experiencing a sense of entrapment.
We pray for the people and systems
that support those experiencing housing insecurity.
If we can help, show us how!
If we can't help, please grant us the serenity to accept it.
May Your Heaven be experienced by all of us
And may everyone enjoy the privacy, safety, and comfort of a place to call home.

Amen

Please pray for our Focus Families:

Sandra and Barry Booth
Geoff Boxell
Alan and Michele Broad
Meredith and Richard Bryce
Janice and Bob Burke
Margaret and John Carmichael

Lectionary Reading: *Matthew 5: 13-20*





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