



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 12 March 2023

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Ex. 17:1-7 Psalms 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42



Worship

Sunday 12 March - Lent 3 - 9.30am at Kiama (Communion)

Note: Terralong Street is closed near the Court House from 9am, so if you are coming from that direction, you'll need to come **via Bong Bong Street**.

Sunday 19 March - Lent 4 - 9.30am at Kiama (Commissioning the Church Council)
Dinner and Conversation - 5.30pm at Jamberoo Bowling Club

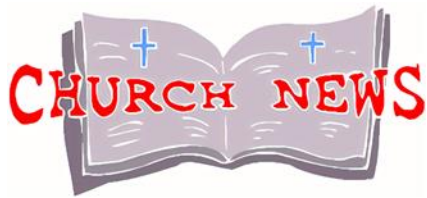
This Week

Monday 13 March - Craft at Kiama, 9am



Tuesday 14 March - Funeral for Marie Bone - 11am at Kiama - Marie's family have requested we wear bright clothes as we celebrate a long life lived well.

Wednesday 15 March - Meditation at Kiama, 4pm-5pm



Synod Nominations image002.png

The Synod 2023 will be in person, 15-17 September 2023 and the Illawarra Presbytery is calling for nominations to attend.

From the Synod Committee:

Come and hear about the transformational work and mission of the people of God already well on the way at Synod 2023 from 15-17 September at Katoomba Christian Convention Centre.

We gather together as a Synod for the first time since 2019 in person to celebrate the achievements of the Synod and understand how Future Directions can resource and shape how we think about God at work and our mission across Presbyteries and Congregations.

SYNOD THEME – Transforming Spirit

How is God calling us to disrupt the status quo?

How is God calling us to discard an entrenched way of thinking?

At Synod 2023 we will discover what Future Directions is calling us to do, and what decisions and actions we are enacting to disrupt and agitate in the commitments we have for the future of the Uniting Church?

MEMBERSHIP OF SYNOD

One of the Synod's primary responsibilities is to promote and encourage the mission of the church. The Synod meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to discern how various councils and entities, disciples and leaders can work together in God's mission.

From the Presbytery:

25 members are sought from the Illawarra Presbytery.

Following the guidelines from the Synod, the Presbytery is aiming to include attendees from the following groups:

- members of no specific background
- members under 25 years of age
- members between 26 to 50 years of age
- members from CALD backgrounds

The Synod meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to discern how various councils and entities, disciples and leaders can work together in God's mission. Please encourage nominees with clear vision and passion for the mission of the church – they may be those who are not normally considered.

The member should be willing to participate in discussion and are expected to attend the entire weekend.

If you think you might be interested, please speak with Kath or Meredith.

Book Sale



KBECET Book Stall - June

KBECET and Homestead of Hope will be holding a book stall over the long weekend in June at Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, records in good condition, gratefully accepted and can be left at Ss Peter and Paul Parish office Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm. After hours, please contact **Gai Delavere** on 0401468209.

Beanies, Scarves and Gloves

The weather will soon get a little cooler... Hand-knitted beanies, scarves and mittens or gloves are always welcome in order to give to people who are struggling. If you are a knitter and would like to make some, they will go to Bay & Basin Uniting Church or Hats for Homeless (Uniting).



The Kiama Men's Shed is holding an **Open Day on Tuesday 14th March 2023** from **10 am to 2 pm**.

All are welcome to join our members and inspect Kiama Men's Shed's, new premises, at 20 Eddy St Kiama. Come along and see the expansive work areas, modern equipment, shop filled with handiwork and great facilities of our new premises.

If this conflicts with Maree Bone's funeral, Reuben and I will arrange another opportunity for our church family to visit the new shed.



Across the UCA right now, there is a whole-of-Church project called **Act2** that is working to discern God's call for the future of the Uniting Church. It's the most important process we've undertaken in 45 years and could be transformative for our life. Through **Act2**, we're seeking to address our challenges and forge a faithful, sustainable future. Every person who calls the Uniting Church home is invited to join their voice with the Project, offering insights to shape our directions and recommendations, and joining together in prayer.

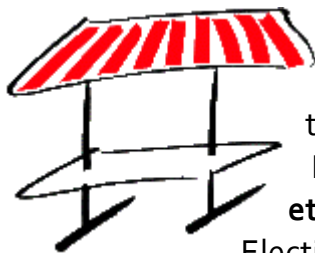
This week The **Act2** Project team have begun communicating with congregations, faith communities across the Uniting Church sharing with them information about the **Act2** Project and inviting their Church Council or local leaders to have a conversation. They may not have reached every congregation and faith community, so the information is provided here to help ensure it is distributed as widely as possible.

Available resources include:

- A video - You can share the video with your community via email, social media or in worship when you meet
- A poster - You can put it up in your community space.
- Some pre-written notices introducing the Act2 Project and opportunities to contribute - You can put these in your worship PowerPoints, newsletter, websites and your social media.

The project team is also asking your Church Council or local leaders to have a conversation about the Act2 Project and the role it can play in helping local communities of faith flourish into the future. There is a Church Council Pack with six questions for you to discuss and share back.

All these resources can be found by following this link – Resources for your local community — Act2 Project (act2uca.com)



Coming Up
Church Stall - Election Day

We will be holding a stall the day of the Elections, **Saturday, 25th March** in the foyer of the Fellowship Centre. This is a Church fund raising endeavour. Please support with **donations of cooking, craft, plants, veggies, preserves etc.** It is an excellent opportunity to raise much needed funds. Our last stall on Election Day was very successful.

Volunteers are required for cooking the barbecue, serving and taking the money. If you are able to help, please add your name to the sheet on the noticeboard or contact Alan. Mob 0488 217342

Funding our 2023 Mission & Outreach

We have also commenced our **fundraising drive** to cover the shortfall in funds needed to finish the property work at both sites.
Don't forget to put a **Gold Coin** into the Offering bag.



Stamp Collecting



Stamps are still required for raising funds and are very profitable as per the article in the Newsletter recently. If you have any, please place in the box at the rear of the church.

It would be much appreciated if someone could take the stamps to the city (Sydney) on occasion.

If you could, please advise Kath.

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.

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.

Tuesday 21st March, Illawarra Seniors Band

Details: 10:30 a.m. Blue Haven Retirement Complex in the Atrium, Thompson St, Kiama.



Let's Pray!

Thirsty (John 4:4-42)

Christ,

Source of living water,

We thirst for what we don't really know or understand,

Too often we don't even know that we are thirsty,

Too often we hunger not knowing that we are filling ourselves

with emptiness and hollowness.

Too often we deny our need,

And wrap ourselves in layers of self-deception.

You come to us and challenge us with your confronting truth,

Of our need for healing and reconciliation,
For transformation and renewal,
For new life
Teach us how to worship in Spirit and in truth,
Letting go the façade of piety,
Turning from our habit of religion,
Into mission and service,
Inviting others into relationship,
With you and others,
That open us to hunger for love and life which opens eternity,
For you are the one.
So come and meet us when we least expect it,
and burst the bubble of our impoverished complacency.
Thus, we pray.
Amen.
(Source: *Jon Humphries, Prayers that Unite*)

Please pray for our Focus Families:

Yvonne Holmes
Yvette & Brendan Howarth
Annabelle & Paris Hudson
Margaret Jones
Loris Kelton
Ruth & Neville Killmore
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