



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 19 March 2023

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Samuel 16:14-23 Ephesians 5:1-14 John 9: 1-4



Worship

Sunday 19 March - Lent 4 - 9.30am at Kiama (Commissioning the Church Council)

Dinner and Conversation - 5.30pm at Jamberoo Bowling Club

Sunday 26 March - Lent 5 - 9.30am at Kiama

This Week

Note: Pre-polling for the NSW State Election is happening all week in the Lecture Hall

Monday 20 March - Craft at Kiama, 9am

Tuesday 21 March – Men's Mate Meet

Wednesday 22 March - Meditation at Kiama, 4pm-5pm



Also note:

Tuesday 21st March, Illawarra Seniors Band

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

Save the dates:

Saturday 25 March Election Day Stall and Barbecue

Thursday 30 March Women's Fellowship Meeting. Rev Kath presenting an Easter Reflection



Bible Society - Annual Prayer Morning

You're warmly invited to attend the annual Bible Society prayer morning and AGM, to be held on Thursday 18th May starting at 9am at Kiama Presbyterian Church,

Morning tea will be served, if you would like to bring your lunch, tea and coffee will be served at lunch time, and there will be a collection box for the work of the Bible Society. For more information, contact: Sue Mansfield 0412 700 381 or suemansfield.acn@gmail.com

Presbytery Fellowship Annual Gathering

Rev Josh McPaul, Minister with Northern Illawarra Uniting Church will be the guest speaker. 10am (tbc), Thursday 1 June at Gerringong Uniting Church - transport will be available

MEN'S MATE MEET.

The Men's Mate Meet will **resume** on Tuesday 21st March, 2023 commencing **at 10.45 AM on the back deck of Amaki Café, Collins St., Kiama (next to the Masonic Hall).** **Some off street parking is available at the rear of the cafe.**

This is for all men of our Church and any other male friends you think may be interested in joining us.

The topic for this meeting will be: "What changes would you like to see made to a particular sport and why".

Talk time is limited to 3 minutes.

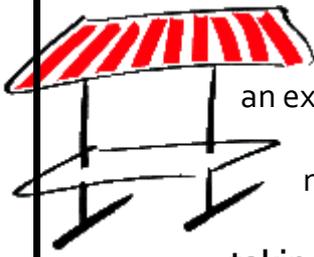
So come along and enjoy listening to the stories that emanate from the topic.



How we can help:

Church Stall and BBQ- 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. There is a roster on the noticeboard.



Volunteers are also 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 on Mob 0488 217342

KBECET Book Stall - June

Book Sale



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).



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.



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.



Synod Nominations

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.



Act2

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.

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. Congregations and Church Councils are encouraged to discuss, pray and use the resources:

- 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.
- Notices introducing the Act2 Project and opportunities to contribute Church Council Pack with six questions for you to discuss

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

Prayer:

When God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold your God!
We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!

(Source: Reformed Worship)

Jill & Phillip Lambert
Helen Lee
Linda & Gary Long
Julie MacKenzie
Melissa & Michael Malone
Val & Cliff Mason
Wendy Macdonald

Please pray for our Focus Families:



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