

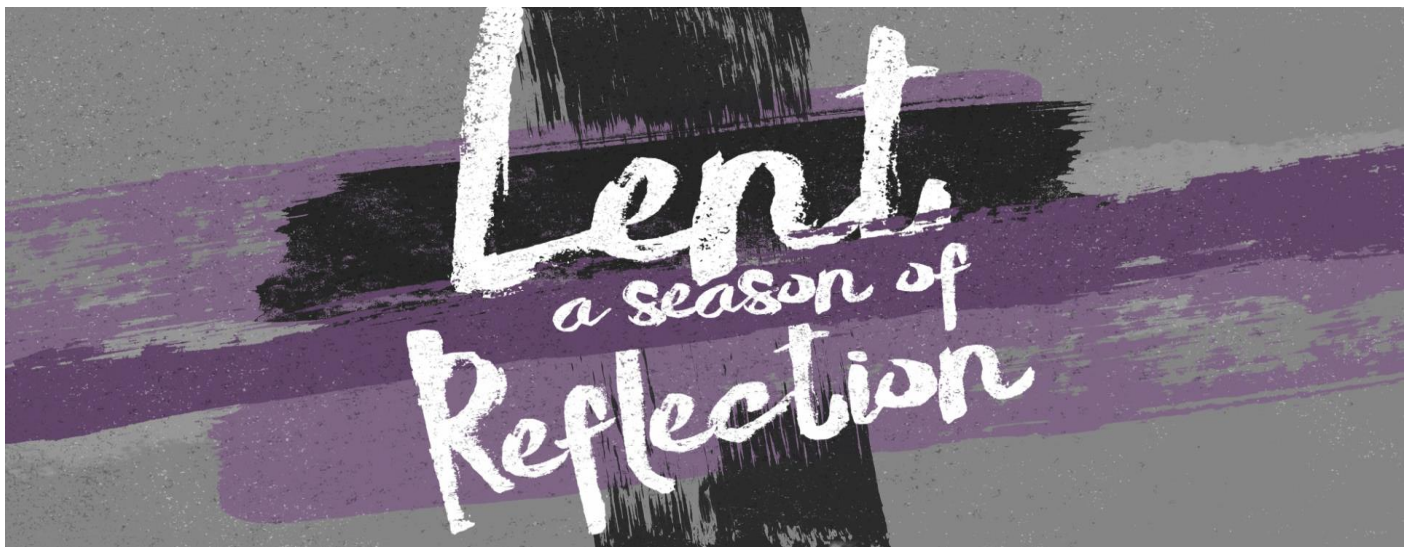


## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 5 March 2023

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Genesis 12:1-4a Psalms 12 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John. 3:1-17



### *Worship*

Sunday 5 March - Lent 2 - 9.30am at Kiama;

Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club, 5.30pm

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

### *This Week*

Monday 6 March - Craft at Kiama, from 9.00am

Wednesday 8 March - Meditation at Kiama, 4pm-5pm



**Vale** - Our dear friend Marie Bone died peacefully on Thursday night. She is held now, as she was throughout her life, in the embrace of Eternal Love.

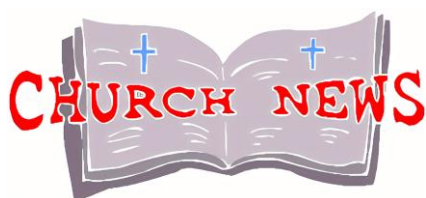
Please keep her family in your prayers.  
Funeral details will be advised when confirmed.



## 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. *Glenice*



World Day of Prayer was a wonderful service held at the Baptist Church with members of all Congregations taking part. *Margaret Mildenhall* was an excellent entertaining Speaker. There are extra copies of the service prepared by the people of Taiwan in the foyer. It would be good to see more of our Congregation at the next service

to be held at the Anglican church on the First Friday in March next year. *Gail*

### Are you willing to step up?

Church Council would like to invite you to consider the opportunities available in Church leadership, either now or in the future, if you would like to be mentored into one of these positions. It is the sharing of gifts and talents and service to the Congregation.

**Elders / Pastoral Partners:** There is a need in both areas. Pastoral Caring is a strength in this Congregation. Volunteering to support other people in friendship, in awareness of needs and health and life events and sharing in faith are things natural to our Congregation. Being a Pastoral Partner or Carer utilises these gifts to ensure everyone is linked in to the body of the church. It is never invasive or forced.

An Elder looks to pastoral care and includes the above tasks and also supports the Minister and Church Council in Spiritual oversight. This may sound daunting but it is really bringing your own faith and commitment to God and to God's people into how we are as a Church.

**Property Committee Convener - or participant:** Many hands make light work. If you are able to assist in big or small ways, in regular or occasional time periods, this is gratefully received. Working together builds friendships rather than acquaintances and strengthens our congregation. You would be made very welcome.

**KBECET representative**— The KBECET Board has oversight of the Christian Education teacher at Kiama High School (Wiki), and the **Shine and Strength Programs** which build self-esteem in identified young people who may be struggling. They also organise awareness-raising and fund-raising events. The Board meets monthly in the afternoon of the **first Wednesday**. Rev Steve Everest is the Chairperson. He is the Uniting Church Minister at Gerringong.

If there is something that interests you, **please speak to Kath or someone on Church Council.**

## *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. Don't forget to put a **Gold Coin** into the Offering bag.



## *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.

# Let's Pray!

Coming Together as Part of God's Family  
We are not alone. God is with us.  
God is with us in the hills and valleys of life  
God is with us in each sunrise and sunset.  
God as spirit speaks to us through our everyday.  
Through the people we meet, be they friends or strangers

Through our busyness or quiet times  
God is the encouraging spirit in which everything that is, is...  
Be still, be silent before God – ask nothing, say nothing.  
Be still, be silent. Leave space for God to be God.  
God loves you. God is there beside you in the stillness, in the silence.

*(Source: St Martin's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, NZ)*

*Please pray for our Focus Families:*

Ruth & Ron Haddon  
Marion & Bob Haigh  
Ina Hainsworth  
Wendy, Alana & Khaleesi Harris  
Ros & Jim Henry  
Teena & Clive Hollands



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