



## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 21 January 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62:5-12; 1Cor 7: 29-31; Mark 1:14-20

### Worship Times

**Sunday 21 January** – 9.30am at Kiama - Aboriginal Sunday

(Please note: Slow Dough is now open Friday-Sunday so if you are unable to find parking in the front carpark on Sunday morning, please use the back carpark, accessed from Manning Street via the lane. We will open the back door for folk who need direct access.)

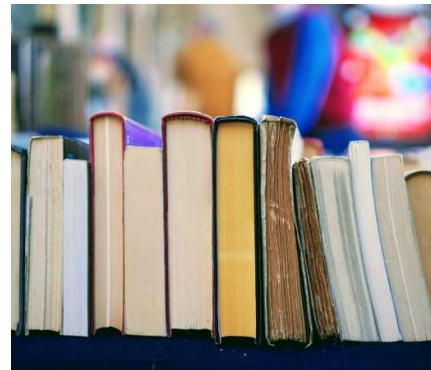
**Sunday 28 January** – 9:30 at Kiama

### Coming Up

**Annual Book Sale** – Saturday 27 January, 2024

Thank you to the people who have signed up to help with the book sale. It is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working together. We are now able to start storing the books in the back of the church. Please stack them neatly so that they aren't too much of an eyesore.

Please note: books need to be dropped-off **THIS WEEK** and that the church will be open for books to be dropped off Monday-Wednesday 9.30am-4.30pm



Kiama Council is closing Bong Bong St for the duration of the Show, so we won't be asking people who park in the car park for a donation. Are there any volunteers left who might be available to go on a roster for the bbq? It seems like a great opportunity to draw people in with the aroma of cooking onions. If you can help, speak with Janice or send her an email [jfreeston7@gmail.com](mailto:jfreeston7@gmail.com)

**Lay Leaders' Retreat 2024** - Saturday, 3 February 2024

*"In Joyful Obedience"*

For Church Council members, small group leaders, Elders and Pastoral Partners,

musicians and anyone interested in a day of reflection, connection and growth. The theme is drawn from the hymn "Lord of creation, to you be all praise," and will guide the day, especially verse 2. Every phrase in that verse has something for us to reflect on as lay leaders in the church (and the ordained too!).

This is an opportunity to recharge, connect, and reinforce your leadership journey. Led by: Rev. Dr. Peter Walker, Principal of United Theological College. Learn more about Peter [here](#)

Morning and Afternoon Tea, Tea, Coffee, Juice provided. BYO Lunch.  
RSVP: [Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au)

## Homestead of Hope

Happy New Year!

I just wanted to let you know the date for our first Homestead of Hope Gathering for 2024. It is on Thursday 8th February and will be held at Saints Peter's and Paul's Parish hall.

As this will come around quickly, I would be grateful if you could note this on your calendar and share the date with the other churches in Kiama.

Love and Blessings  
Christine Holloway  
Secretary - Homestead of Hope

## Suicide Prevention Workshop



**LIVINGWORKS**  
safeTALK

**FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION SKILLS TRAINING WORKSHOP**

- 4 hour in-person workshop
- Learn how to see the signs, ask about suicide directly, and connect people to further safety

**DATE:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024  
**TIME:** 9am – 1pm  
**LOCATION:** Kiama Uniting Church, 48 Manning St, Kiama

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**  
*Bookings Essential*  
Contact Kath: [revkath@ozemail.com.au](mailto:revkath@ozemail.com.au)

*"If we learn these skills as a collective, we are supporting a whole generation of children to manage these feelings and seek the necessary help."*  
-Kirstyn, Mother of 4 and Teacher

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**Adult Craft** resumes on 5 February, 2024

**Men's Mate Meet** resumes on 20 February, 2024

## News

### Wider Church Newsletters

Available now at the entry to the church:

- Insights, the magazine of the Uniting Church in NSW and the ACT
- UnitingWorld update/newsletter
- Sower Magazine - from the Bible Society

### **Act For Peace - Christmas Bowl**

All offerings received at our Christmas Eve (evening) and Christmas Day services will be given to the Christmas Bowl. If you would still like to contribute it is not too late! If you would like to make a donation electronically, please use the link:

<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/1221169>.

Or use the QR code here or on the poster in the church.

Or, there are still envelopes available at the church entrance where you can either use cash or credit card. Don't forget to fill in your details on the envelope if you need a receipt.



### **Property Update**

With the opening of *Slow Dough* last weekend (Friday to Sunday), we can start to see a greater flow of people and vehicle traffic across the church property at Kiama. Please be patient as we work through the practical aspects of sharing the space. We are not the only ones struggling with parking in Kiama, the staff of the Council are struggling to access their parking, at the rear of the Church, as members of the public have begun to use the rear carpark. Members of the church are welcome to park in the rear carpark when there are vacant spaces, it is an agreed shared arrangements. The busiest days are during business hours, Monday to Friday but especially Tuesday to Thursday.

Kiama Council wants to ensure that only Council staff and members of the Uniting Church use that carpark and they are prepared to enforce this by fining those cars that don't display a Council staff sticker or a Uniting Church Member card on their dashboard or windscreen. Church members were issued cards several years ago and if you still have them bring them out because you will need them in the rear and front carparks. Those who use the front carpark without a card will get a warning. Those who use the rear carpark without a sticker will get a parking fine.

New Uniting Church Member cards will be available so people who need them can get them from Janice or Kath. A number of cards will include the year of issue for those non-church organisations who use the carpark during the week.

A joint meeting of the Property Meeting and Church Council was held last Tuesday to address the issue of repairing the leaking roof on Uniting House.

Broadly speaking, there were two alternatives:

1) Immediate repairs on the existing roof for between \$7000 and \$10000 which would likely only last 5 or so years; or

2) The much longer term solution of a new roof costing \$35000-\$40000.

We decided to run with option 2, which led to the obvious question of how to pay for it. Our first avenue will be to see if we can source a loan or advance from sources outside the congregation.

Should that prove unsuccessful, we have another scheme which we would like to put to the congregation to gauge its level of support. We would ask congregants, who are able to do so, to make an advance payment of some of their offering and then reduce their offering over the next 2-4 years to compensate.

Some examples:

Advance \$1000 to the congregation and reduce your offering by \$500 for the next two years.

Advance \$10000 to the congregation and reduce your offering by \$2500 over the next 4 years.

This means that you have not increased your giving commitment and the congregation has effectively received an interest free 'loan'. We are seeking indications from those who would seriously consider participating in this scheme and who are willing to nominate an advance amount and the number of years to compensate.

If you believe you would like to assist in this way, could you please contact our Treasurer, Geoff Boxsell, on 02 42360161 or vboxsell@bigpond.com. Information will be kept confidential.

### Can You Help?

**Tongan Scholarship** – it can now be reported that a scholarship contribution has been sent from this church. The total raised was \$1750, which will certainly see students able to access courses and programs at the College. Thank you to all who donated.

**Tea Towels:** it seems that the tea towel supply in the kitchen at Kiama is dwindling. If you have any spares at home that are in reasonably good condition, feel free to add them to the drawer. We have received some, but we may need a few more.

**Lids4kids** is a volunteer project to rescue plastic bottle lids from landfill to protect our environment for future generations and wildlife. Once processed these lids are sent to recycling workshops to create sustainable products such as park benches, kitchen splashbacks, skateboards and cubbyhouse roof tiles. They also collect used plastic and foil medicine blister packs.

There is a box at the back of the Worship Centre to place your donations. They are then taken to The Kiama Community Garden where they are collected and sent to Canberra for processing.

More information at: <https://www.lids4kids.org.au>



**Pews for Sale:** Church Council and the Property Committee have agreed to sell the longer of the red cedar pews at Jamberoo and to replace them with chairs. We will retain the 4 or so shorter pews and a couple of longer pews; the rest are up for grabs - so we are offering them first to you and to anyone you may know before we advertise them more widely. **They are \$400 each, ono,** and you will need to arrange pick-up. If you are interested, please speak to Meredith or one of the Property Committee.



### **Bay and Basin Food Pantry**

So far January has been a little quieter than usual which has given the volunteer team a bit of time to recover from the extremely busy weeks leading up to and including Christmas. On top of the usual groceries, we were able to give each household an extra bag of Christmas food and a bundle of gifts made by a member of the church. These were greatly appreciated. The Baptists and Anglicans in the Jervis Bay Area are regular supporters and, as other businesses and groups hear about the pantry, they too are offering support. When people are told of Kiama Jamberoo's contributions, they are blown away by your generosity. Please pray for the volunteers as they build relationships with people and hear some very difficult stories.

## **Prayer**

### **ABORIGINAL SUNDAY PRAYER**

Lord, open our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with desire to have Your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name.



And a  
Call to Prayer  
Written by Brooke Prentis

Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa Jesus,  
From ocean to ocean,  
From mountain to desert,  
From river to lake,  
From the places where only sounds of your creation  
can be heard.  
To the cities where the hum of steel, concrete, and  
bitumen makes it hard to hear.

### ***Focus Families***

Daphne and John BLACKLER

Sandra and Barry BOOTH

Geoff BOXSELL

Michele and Alan BROAD

Meredith and Richard BRYCE

Janice and Robert BURKE



Your people, who are called by your name, have gathered across these lands now called Australia.

We come together in community, humbly, seeking your face.

We seek you in prayers, songs, and words.

May you open our ears, eyes, and minds,

May you change our hearts.

May we hear your call.

May you heal our land. Amen.



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Donations welcome to either:

**Kiama UC - Jamberoo Building Fund Account:**

BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100079849

**Kiama UC Transaction Manager Account**

BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100018657