



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 28 January 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Deut 18:15-20, Ps 111, 1 Cor 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Worship Times

Sunday 28 January – 9.30am at Kiama

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 4 February– 9.30am at Kiama

Advance notice – Ash Wednesday 14 February 7 pm at Kiama

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Annual Book Sale and BBQ

What a well-oiled machine you all are.

As well as raising money we are able to showcase our hospitality and our premises. We are also able to continue to build our relationships with people in the community. If you can spare some time after church, it would be wonderful if you could assist with the packing up of the leftover books. They will be taken to LifeLine 19 Auburn St Wollongong in people's cars and utes. (Donations each working day until 2-30 pm.) Speaking of which, if you can manage a load to Wollongong sometime this week it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Janice Freeston know.



Coming Up

Adult Fellowship – 1 February 9-30 am in the Lecture Hall for the general meeting and morning tea and then the guest speaker who is Lucy King from the Slow Dough Bakery which is now open for business. It should be a very interesting talk so, see you there!

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 <https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/team/rev-dr-peter-walker/>

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

Suicide Prevention Workshop



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 10th February, 2024

TIME: 9am – 1pm

LOCATION: Kiama Uniting Church,
48 Manning St, Kiama

“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

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
Bookings Essential
Contact Kath: revkath@ozemail.com.au

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Adult Craft resumes on 5 February, 2024

Men's Mate Meet resumes on 20 February, 2024

Homestead of Hope 8 February St Peter's and Paul's Parish Hall

Property Update

With the recent opening of *Slow Dough* (Friday to Sunday), we can anticipate a greater flow of people and vehicle traffic across the property at Kiama. Please be patient as we work through the practical aspects of sharing the space. If you come to the church during the week for a group or event, please put the little laminated Uniting Church sign on your dashboard whether you park in the front or back carpark. This will assist us in working out how many 'extra' cars are using our spaces.

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. 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 Church cards are available so people who need them can get them from Janice or Kath. We have started putting the year onto the new cards being made. Cards to issue to non-church organisations who use the carpark during the week will have the group name on them as well.

A joint meeting of the Property Meeting and Church Council was held recently 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?

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

Please continue to add an item or two into the green trolley at the back of the church. Your donations are very helpful. We are in need of weetbix (or similar), jams, tinned fruit and pasta sauce over the coming weeks. A special thank you to the people who have a regular thing they make or purchase, this helps us to have an idea of what we don't need to purchase.

Prayer

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom. and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Focus Families

Margaret and John CARMICHAEL

Edna CHITTICK

Jan CHUDLEIGH

Robyn and Ray CLARK

Meg CLIFFORD

Ruth COLE

and

Travice and Stephanie PRYOR

Creator Spirit, we come in prayer and thanksgiving
for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us
the strength to walk as one. Amen

Source : Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church staff members, (2014) Catholic



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Kiama UC - Jamberoo Building Fund Account:

BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100079849

Kiama UC Transaction Manager Account

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