



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 11 February 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Worship Times

Sunday 11 February – 9.30am at Kiama (Communion)

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.

Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday – 7pm at Kiama

Don't forget to bring the palm cross we made last year on Palm Sunday!

Sunday 18 February – 9.30am at Kiama

Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo – 5.30pm at Jamberoo Bowling Club

Sunday 25 February – 9.30am at *Jamberoo*

This Week

Monday 12 February – **Craft** – 9am-11.30am at Kiama

Tuesday 13 February – Church Council meeting – 3.30pm at Kiama

Wednesday 14 February – **Meditation** – 4pm-5pm at Kiama

Ash Wednesday service – 7pm at Kiama

Friday 16 February – **Calming Teen and Young Adult Stress and Anxiety**

6.30pm-8.30pm at Gerringong Uniting Church

Coming Up

Lent Event is inspired by a simple but powerful idea. That every one of us has a role to play in building a world free from poverty and injustice. It's especially true of the issue of climate change. Climate change is worsening every threat to peace, security and human wellbeing in our world. It's going to take all of us, doing all we can, with all our hearts, to fight it.

We believe people of faith have a powerful role to play in taking meaningful climate action, as well as inspiring hope and courage to face the future.

[Join us for Lent Event. 14 February – 28 March, 2024](https://www.lentevent.com.au)



Commit to 40 days of faithful action for God's creation. Start wherever you're at with a large or small sustainability challenge. Use it to fundraise to help vulnerable communities who are fighting to build resilience and mitigate climate impacts. Raise your voice.

Along the way, we'll be considering the role of faith in caring for God's creation through a series of short devotions and video interviews with our partners and theologians.

Here's a little pitch video with the help from some of our partners sharing the world we want to see... <https://vimeo.com/903953727>

**Calming Teen & Young Adult
Stress & Anxiety**

Presented by: **Maggie Dent**

For teens & young adults (12-25years old)
their parents/carers and interested
members of the community.

Friday 16 February
6.30pm-8.30pm
(doors open 6.20pm)

\$5 per person (donated to Lifeline)

Gerrington Uniting Church Hall
(28 Fern Street Gerrington)

Bookings Essential: ?? Sticky tickets??

Contact: Di 0407 057 418

Mental Health Initiative of Gerrington Uniting Church

Explore the Gospel during Lent

A 6-week online series of exploration and discussion
following the Gospel readings in the Revised Common Lectionary
led by Rev. Elizabeth Raine and Rev. Dr John Squires
The same session is offered at 10am and 7pm each Thursday
You are welcome to join whichever is the more convenient time

Thursday	Session Topic	Passage	Sunday
15 Feb	Testing Jesus	Mark 1:9 -15	Lent 1
22 Feb	Take up your cross	Mark 8:27 -9:1	Lent 2
29 Feb	Overturn the tables	John 2:13 -22	Lent 3
7 Mar	Judging dark and light	John 3:11 -21	Lent 4
14 Mar	The sound of thunder	John 12:20 -33	Lent 5
21 Mar	Coming to confront	Mark 11:1 -19	Lent 6

There will be no study on Maundy Thursday, 28 March

These studies are hosted by the **Tuggeranong Uniting Church**
and sponsored by *With Love to the World*

To join the online sessions, go to the homepage of the Tuggeranong Uniting Church (<https://tuc.org.au>) and click on the link at the bottom left of the screen that says "Connect to Bible Studies on ZOOM"

Enquiries: John Squires 0408 024 642 johnsquires@bigpond.com

Men's Mate Meet resumes on 20 February, 2024

Palestine Under Seige – Friday 23 February, 6-7.30pm at Berry Uniting Church



Working Bee – Saturday 24 February , from 10am at Kiama.
Jobs include hanging a picture, dusting, steam cleaning the toilet and kitchen floors as well as general cleaning, tidying and weeding.
Many hands make the work easier and quicker so come along!



"Younger" Women – Sunday 25 February – after Church – an opportunity for the "younger" women of the church to get to know each other. Phone Kay if you would like to come: 0478 616 242

Homestead of Hope – Thursday 29 February St Peter's and Paul's Parish Hall from 11am
Please note the change of date.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 1 March at Kiama Anglican Church.



World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine

- Friday 1 March
- Kiama Anglican, 2 Terralong Street
- 10 am Morning Tea
- 10.30 Service

Service prepared by
Palestinian Christians

Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival – 9-10 March

We have been working with the organisers of the festival to turn the Lecture Hall into a performance space for part of the festival AND the Gospel Service will be back to full-strength this year with the Auburn Uniting Church Choir coming to perform. We will once more look to host the choir so mark the date and STAY TUNED for more information and ways to get involved.

Homestead of Hope Fundraiser – Friday 22 March

Kiama Bowling Club from 11.30am

Cost: \$25 includes entry and lunch

Tickets available from Julia Szulerowski



News

Name Badges

Please remember to wear your name badges. It is really helpful when there are visitors or new people for them to know your name. If you would like a Uniting Church name badge (white writing on black background), please write your name IN CAPITALS and give it to Meredith Yabsley. Cost: \$15

Property Update

A joint meeting of the Property Meeting and Church Council recently addressed the need to repair the leaking roof on Uniting House. The meeting agreed that the roof needs to be replaced which will cost around \$40,000.

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.

Parking

If you need to park in the church carpark during the week, especially if you use the back carpark that is shared with Kiama Council, please make sure you pick up a card to put in your windscreen.

February Rosters

Date	Day	Leader	Comments	Readings	Musicians	Reader	Prayer	Stewards	Morning Tea
02-Feb-24	Epiphany +5	Kath		Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	Val	Helen C		R&D Back BB/HC	J Parker
11-Feb-24	Transfiguration	Janice	Communion	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Kathy	Maurice	Rhonda	B&S Booth RC/DB	V Mason
14-Feb-24	Ash Wednesday	Kath	Tpm at Karma	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Please volunteer	Please volunteer			
18-Feb-24	Lent 1	Kath		Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Val	Narelle	Maurice	A&M Broad TMC/UP	J Harvey
25-Feb-24	Lent 2	Kath	Jamberoo (Communion)	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9	Phillip	Pam/Geoff	Narelle	Geoff RB/RC	Jamberoo

Prayer

When we see with the eyes of God, we see the brokenness of life:

the pain on people's faces etched by loneliness, lined by grief, coloured by illness; the damage of systems, structures, institutions, breeding isolation, poverty, and apathy.

But, we also see life beyond the surface, the dignity of every human being, every person made in God's image, loved by God, a child of God.

Jesus in every face.

God of grace and gladness, enable us to see.

With God's Spirit in our hearts we hear the groans of creation:

the environment plundered, polluted and abused, animals and plants disappearing forever. We hear the groans of those who are despised, persecuted and violated.

But, we also hear the songs of creation in the world: songs of wonder and awe; songs of re-creation and new life.

God of grace and gladness, enable us to hear.

With the love of God in Christ, we are moved to touch as Jesus touched, offering God's grace to the destitute, the outcast, the enemy and the stranger. No longer complacent: we ourselves are touched by the life and the plight of every creature.

God of grace and gladness, enable us to touch.

God of gladness and grace, live within our hearts and minds that we may live with grace and gladness, in your love and in your service, all the days of our lives. Amen.

(Elenie Poulos, Uniting Justice)

Focus Families

Karen and Neil Douglas

Karen Ebert

Wendy Fenton

Tom Rodgers

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Alan Fowlie

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