



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 18 February 2024
Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:1-15

Worship Times

Sunday 18 February - Lent 1 - 9.30am at Kiama

Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club, 5.30pm - all welcome

Sunday 25 February - Lent 2 - 9.30am at **JAMBEROO** (Communion)

Sunday 3 March - Lent 3 - 9.30am at Kiama

Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club, 5.30pm - all welcome

This Week

Monday 19 February – Craft – 9am-11.30am at Kiama

Wednesday 21 February – Meditation– 4pm-5pm 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 johntsquires@bigpond.com

Men's Mate Meet

The next Men's Mate Meet will be on Tuesday 20th February 2024 commencing at 10.45 AM at the Quarry Café, Burnetts Nursery, 80 Barney St Kiama. 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's a road trip you want to take but haven't had the chance to yet"?

Talk time is limited to 3 minutes.

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

As this is our last meeting for the year we have arranged to stay on at the café and have lunch.

Strategic / Mission Planning

Over the past few months, the Church Council has been considering how we go about planning together as we dream about God's future for us as a community of faith. Towards the end of last year, we agreed that we need to try something a bit differently and to consider how we might listen deeply to the hopes, dreams and needs of our local community, and then how we might work in partnership with others to share the love and life of Christ with our community. But where to start?

Just this last week, I heard a phrase this week that points to the kind of skills we want to refresh – “relational competence” – which, I think, speaks to our ability to engage with people around us in conversation that is more than “small talk”, such as the rainfall and sports results. We need to learn again how to engage deeply with the people around us and to have the confidence to ask deeper questions of ourselves and of others.

We are hopeful that a good portion of our congregation will engage in this process and learning, and we are conscious of not imposing too much on people’s availability for “extra commitments”. So we are going to hold 3 sessions after church on Sundays for no more than 2 hours at a time (say, 11.30am-1.30pm) and we will serve a simple lunch. Please put these dates in your diary now:

- Sunday 3 March - Why a relational approach to mission matters and how to conduct a relational meeting
- Sunday 24 March - Who do we need to be talking with?
- Sunday 14 April - What have we heard?

Palestine Under Seige – Friday 23 February, 6-7.30pm at Berry Uniting Church. If you would like transport, please speak with Helen Laidlaw.



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 – the February gathering has been cancelled.

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. If you are able to billet some of the Tongan guests, please let Helen Laidlaw know.

Homestead of Hope Fundraiser – Friday 22 March

Kiama Bowling Club from 11.30am

Cost: \$25 includes entry and lunch

Tickets available from Julia Szulerowski



NOWRA GATHERING for ADULT FELLOWSHIP.

The Adult Fellowship is well on the way with plans for our Get-together at Nowra on 23rd May. The day will begin with Morning tea at 10am, followed by a service at 10.30am. Our Guest speaker will be Rev, Mata Havea Hillau the Moderator.

Make sure you have it in your diaries and invite others to join us.

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?

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

Just prior to Christmas we received a donation of some backpacks for teenage girls with personal items in them. We were a little overwhelmed with the amount and all the other activities going on but this week we delivered 12 backpacks to Vincentia High School and another community group who are assisting teenagers who are couch surfing. It is such a delight to be able to support people in the community who are struggling.

Don't forget to put your food donations in the green trolley at the back of the church. The woman who had 9 cents in her bank account all last week was very grateful for your assistance.

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	7pm at Kiama	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 TMcB/JP	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

As God's people we bring our prayers;
Following Jesus in service we serve those left behind: the 'collateral damage', 'the bottom of the heap', the 'too hard'. Together,
we serve to build communities of hope, places of generosity, hospitality, grace. Because the reign of God is here. God of grace and gladness, enable us to serve.

Moved by the prophets and called to do justice, God's Spirit opens our mouths to speak the truth about ourselves, about our world. The love of God is a challenge to the brokenness of the world, to violence, prejudice, greed and fear. We speak out for justice and witness to a different way of life. We speak of peace and mercy, reconciliation and transformation. God of grace and gladness, enable us to speak.

Jesus Christ, living word of God, enable us to confront life, to know life and to embrace life in all its tragedy and pain, glory and wonder. Help us to not retreat into a closed world, a closed faith and a small God. You set us free to see and hear the world as it truly is, to touch the world, to live as one with it. You set us free to serve others, to honour the planet, to speak out for justice with the love of God in our hearts.

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

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