



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 25 February 2024
Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38
or Mark 9:2-9

Worship Times

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

“Younger” women gathering at Amaki - 11am

Please be in touch if you need a lift.

Sunday 3 March - Lent 3 - 9.30am at Kiama - followed by Strategic /Mission Planning Session 1
Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club, 5.30pm - all welcome

This Week

Monday 26 February – Craft – 9am-11.30am at Kiama

Wednesday 28 February – Meditation– 4pm-5pm at Kiama
Living The Questions - 7.30pm-9pm

Friday 1 March - World Day of Prayer at Kiama Anglican Church - morning tea from
10.30am, service at 11am

Sunday 3 March - KBECET Commissioning Service at Kiama Baptist Church - 2pm

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

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>



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"



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Expression of Interest BOARD POSITION(S)

Lifeline South Coast has been providing suicide prevention and crisis support services to our local communities in the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, and South Coast for 55 years as an entity of the Uniting Church. We are seeking Expressions of Interest to join our skills-based Board and contribute to the strategic direction, financial stewardship and good governance of the organisation. For more information see <https://www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/about/governance/> or contact Renee Green (CEO) on 0409 912 391 or Rhonda O'Donnell (Board Chair) on 0415 843 197.

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?

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!



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 Friday/Saturday for an outdoor space on Sunday. AND the Gospel Service will be back to full-strength this year from 12pm at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, with the Auburn Uniting Church Choir coming to perform. Unfortunately, the Choir is unable to come for the whole weekend, but we will be hosting them for lunch after the Gospel Service. All are welcome to share in hosting from about 1pm. If you are able to help with catering and hospitality, please speak to Stephanie.



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.

MARCH Rosters

Date	Day	Leader	Comments	Readings	Musicians	Reader	Prayer	Stewards	Morning Tea
03-Mar-24	Lent 3	Kath		Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinth 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Kathy	Michele	Wendy	S&B Booth BB/HC	R Back
10-Mar-24	Lent 4	Kath	Communion	Numbers 21:4-9 Ps 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephes 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Val	Wendy	Val	R&D Back RC/DB	M Broad
17-Mar-24	Lent 5	Marion / Janice		Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Val	Cliff	Marion	I Yabsley & C Mason TMcB/JP	J Freeston
24-Mar-24	Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday	Kath		Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 188:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16	Phillip/Val	Julia	Meredith	S&T Pryor RB/RC	I Curry
28-Mar-24	Mundy Thursday	Kath	6.30pm	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35		Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	
29-Mar-24	Good Friday	Kath	9.30am	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 18:1 - 19:42	Phillip/Val	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	
31-Mar-24	Easter Day	Kath	Dawn Service 7am Easter Celebration 9.30am	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinth 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	Phillip/Val	Margot McN	Helen C	A&M Broad BB/SB	G Richardso n

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.

Prayer

Faith that carries the cross.

It is too easy, God
for faith to become an escape
– a way to avoid the pain of being human and alive;
or a path to success
– a way to persuade the universe to give us the things we want;
or a system of control
– a way to bend others to our will
But the faith you offer is different, Jesus,
more dangerous and compelling;
It's the faith that carries the cross,
that embraces death
and lays itself down for the sake of others;
It's the only faith that can lead us to resurrection
to life renewed and overflowing.
We praise you for this faith, God,
and open our hearts to receive it. Amen.
(Source: John van der Laar, Sacredise)



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