



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 4 February 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11,20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Worship Times

Sunday 4 February – 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.

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

Sunday 11 February – 9.30am at Kiama (Communion)

Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday - 7pm at Kiama

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 5 February – **Craft** resumes – 9am-11.30am at Kiama

Tuesday 6 February – Property and Finance Committee meeting – 3.30pm at Kiama

Wednesday 7 February – **Meditation** resumes – 4pm-5pm at Kiama

Saturday 10 February - **Suicide Prevention Workshop**

Don't forget to register! Send an email to revkath@ozemail.com.au

(See details on next page)



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 10th February, 2024
TIME: 9am – 1pm
LOCATION: Kiama Uniting Church, 48 Manning St, Kiama

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

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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

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)

Gerrongong Uniting Church Hall
(28 Fern Street Gerrongong)

Bookings Essential: ?? Sticky tickets??
Contact: Di 0407 057 418

Mental Health Initiative of Gerrongong Uniting Church

Coming Up

Men's Mate Meet resumes on 20 February, 2024

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. 10am for morning tea with the service commencing at 10.30am. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.

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.



News

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.

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.

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

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.

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	<i>Jamberoo (Communion)</i>	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

God of the universe,
 Vast and complex beyond our understanding
 And our God;
 Creating and Sustaining One,
 Who holds each one of us in Your heart and Your hand;
 We bring our thoughts and prayers to You today.
 We bring our hearts,
 Breaking for the suffering we see
 Unfolding day by day
 As we turn on our brothers and sisters
 Labelling them 'the enemy'
 When the real enemy
 Is our own unwillingness to be open,
 To be forgiving, to be compassionate;
 We bring our hearts,
 Battered and assaulted by so much suffering
 That we become desensitised
 And flick emotions as we flick channels.
 Gracious, Loving God
 Breathe Your love, Your peace, Your healing
 Into Your broken world we pray,
 And weave our hands, our words, our actions,
 Into the healing.
 Amen.

Focus Families

Kay Cope
 Helen Curry
 Irene Curry
 John and Lavina Davis
 Narelle Dempster
 Margaret Dewhirst



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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