



## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 17 March 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

### Worship Times

**Sunday - 17 March - Lent 5** - 9.30am at Kiama

Welcome to visitors from Northern Illawarra Uniting Church!

Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club, 5.30pm

**Sunday 24 March - Palm Sunday** - 9.30am at Kiama

#### Easter Services

Thursday 28 March - Maundy Thursday - 6.30pm at Kiama

*Join us for a light meal and Communion as we remember the night of Jesus' betrayal.*

Friday 29 March - Good Friday - 9.30am at Kiama

Sunday 31 March - Easter Sunday

Ecumenical Celebration at Dawn - 7am at the Kiama Blow Hole

All-Ages Celebration - 9.30am at Kiama

**Sunday - 24 March – Palm Sunday**

### This Week

**Monday 18 March – Craft** – 9am-11.30am at Kiama

**Wednesday 20 March – Meditation** – 4pm-5pm at Kiama

Living The Questions at Kiama, 7.30pm-9.00pm

**Thursday 21 March** - Laudato Si Circle at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 4.30pm-5.15pm (see below)

**Friday 22 March** - Homestead of Hope Fundraiser at Kiama Bowling Club from 11.30am

Death Cafe at Kiama Uniting Church Lecture Hall, 2.30pm-4.30pm (a Seniors' Week activity - see poster on noticeboards)

**Men's Shed**

If you would like to help the Men's Shed gain a grant through the Community Building Partnership Scheme, just open the link, provide a few details and tick the box to indicate your support.

The grant is for a significant amount of money to upgrade our facilities with tools, dementia awareness resources and an additional shade area.

[https://www.garethwardmp.com.au/cbp\\_kms](https://www.garethwardmp.com.au/cbp_kms)

Many thanks Ian Yabsley

## Coming Up

**Please Note:** The retreat at Jamberoo on Saturday 23/3 has been cancelled.

### Laudato Si Circle by the Ocean

An invitation from our friends at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

You are invited to join in the next meeting to be held at 4.30-5.15pm on Thursday 21st March in the Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Parish Meeting Room.

Pope Francis reminds us that young generations have a right to receive a beautiful and habitable world from us. This invests us with grave responsibilities towards creation which we received from God's generous hands. In response to extreme weather events and catastrophes throughout 2023 he wrote the Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum, an update to his Encyclical Laudato Si. These catastrophic events continue globally and in Australia in 2024.

We will reflect, pray and seek ways to actively respond to Laudate Deum and Francis' plea to accompany him "on a pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values"(LD69).

Denis Quinn. Mobile 0429 064 496

### ALBION PARK UNITING CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP

*Have pleasure in inviting our Friends of Kiama-Jamberoo Uniting Church  
to come and enjoy our Autumn-Winter Fashion Parade by  
"Stafford Fashions"*

*Date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024*

*Time: 10am Morning Tea followed by Parade.*

*Cost: Door Donation \$10*

*To be held*

ALBION PARK UNITING CHURCH  
CNR. TERRY & RUSSELL STREETS  
ALBION PARK

RSVP: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

To Sue Hudson

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### 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 24 March - Who do we need to be talking with?
- Sunday 14 April - What have we heard?

### NOWRA GATHERING for ADULT FELLOWSHIP.

The Adult Fellowship is well on the way with plans for our Get-together at Nowra on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Advance Offering

The Church Council asked the Presbytery if it was able to advance the Congregation the amount we need to replace the roof on Uniting House, however the Presbytery is not able to assist at this time. So, we are moving to "Plan B" which we floated in January. We are therefore asking church members who are able to, 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'. If you are able to assist the church in this way, you can simply make a deposit to the Building Fund (account details on the back page) and decide for yourself the number of years you will reduce your offering amount for. If you have any questions, please speak with Geoff Boxsell on 02 42360161 or [vboxsell@bigpond.com](mailto:vboxsell@bigpond.com)

### 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**

## 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

The Food Pantry has been operating for a number of years now and the Kiama Jamberoo congregation has been faithfully supporting this mission outreach at St Georges Basin on the South Coast for the whole time.

The purpose of the Pantry is: To provide free groceries for people in the Bay and Basin area who are struggling in difficult economic times and to build relationships with these people. We will also build relationships with organizations and individuals who are able to contribute resources to the Food Pantry.

Values of the Pantry: Empowerment; Hospitality and Generosity

## PRAYER

Lord God, You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen

— Rachel Marie Stone

### *Focus Families*

*Susan and Bruce Morrison*

*Jan Parker*

*Gail and Rob Pickles*

*Heather Powrie*

*Stephanie and Travice Pryor*

*Marian and Reuben Rattray*

*Kathy Reed*

## Kiama High School SRE PRAYER POINTS

### March-April 2024 | Wicky Ochieng' Onyango

Thank God for...

The school setting up the Online Enrolment System. Hopefully, this will greatly help with the 2025 year 7 enrolment.

Praise God for the students who have chosen to do scripture this year (new and continuing). Pray that God will open their eyes to see Him for who He is as we read and discuss the Bible. Pray for...

The 2024 ISCF lunchtime group. It runs every Thursday from 10:47am - 11:37am. Pray that parents will be willing to give permission for their children to attend the group. Since week 3, we have had a number of students pop in who have never been to church or read the bible before. But to continue coming they need parental consent. Please also pray that the students who come may be drawn closer to God.

Pray for...

The Breaky Club students (and teachers) to be touched by the aroma of Christ carried by our volunteers who serve each week. On average we are getting about 100 students weekly come through the doors for something to eat.





**Lids4kids** ( <https://www.lids4kids.org.au> ) 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 small box at the front entrance, and a large container at the back of the Worship Centre to place your donations. They are taken to The Kiama Community Garden who collects them and sends them to Canberra for processing.

## 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	Maundy 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		<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	
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	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	<i>Please volunteer</i>	
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 Richardson



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Donations welcome to either:

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BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100079849

**Kiama UC Transaction Manager Account**

BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100018657