



## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 3 March 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

### Worship Times

**Sunday - 3 March - Lent 3** - 9.30am at Kiama

Followed by "Listening In Our Community" - why a relational approach to mission matters and how to do it, 11.30am-1.30pm, including lunch

KBECET Commissioning Service - 2pm at Kiama Baptist Church

Dinner and Conversation at Jamberoo Bowling Club, 5.30pm

**Sunday - 10 March - Lent 4** - 9.30am at Kiama (Communion)

Gospel Service at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 12pm  
followed by lunch with Auburn Uniting Church Tongan Choir

### This Week

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

**Wednesday 28 February – Meditation**– 4pm-5pm at Kiama

Note - there is no Living The Questions this week

**Thursday 7 March - Adult Fellowship** at Kiama, 9.30am

As usual the general meeting commences at 9.30am followed by morning tea.

The speaker is Annie Boulton, who will tell us about Dragon Boating and its connection to Breast Cancer. Come along and listen to an interesting talk and enjoy the fellowship. See you there.

### 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

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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## 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** –thank you to all those who attended the working bee last Saturday. It was great to get some cleaning and gardening done.



### **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.



### **Auburn Uniting Church Tongan Choir**

As part of the Kiama Jazz & Blues Festival, we are delighted to be able to have the uplifting voices of the Auburn Uniting Church Tongan Choir. The Auburn Parish has three vibrant congregations in the Auburn/Berala area of Western Sydney, NSW. These three congregational choirs will be combining to share their faith, joy, and Christian witness in song. Come and experience the explosion of rhythmic, melodic and harmonic power in sung prayer.

This information has been sent by Angel Quinn to advertise the Gospel Service on 10 March at 12 noon in Ss Peter and Paul Church. Don't miss it! For our newer members information, we have hosted them before and the tapa hanging at the back of the church was a gift from the Auburn Church. Helen Laidlaw

### **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 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

### 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**

### Hospitality with a smile

Some months ago, in our negotiations with Richard and Lucy and their Slow Dough business, the Church Council agreed to allow their customers to access our bathrooms during the Bakery's operating hours. It is a requirement of Kiama Council that any new commercial kitchens also provide *accessible* bathrooms for their customers. We see this as another way we can provide hospitality to members of the public with a welcoming smile.

The external door closest to the bathrooms has a different lock and the Slow Dough Bakery has a key they can give to their customers who ask for access. At the end of each of their working days, Richard or Lucy will be checking the bathrooms to make sure they are tidy. Please make visitors feel welcome.

## 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	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 Richardso n

## Prayer

### Easter Prayer for Kids

God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see. God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so. Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing. To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there. He died but then came back to life, let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen



### *Focus Families*

Zoe and Rebecca (Becky)  
Falconer  
Helen Laidlaw  
Jill and Phillip Lambert  
Linda and Gary Long  
Melissa and Michael Malone  
Val and Cliff Mason  
Wendy Macdonald



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