



Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 31 March 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama

Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 Psalms 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18
or Isaiah 25:6-9 or Acts 10:34-43 or Mark 16:1-8 W



A Note from Kath

Happy Easter!

The celebration of Easter is fundamental to who we are as followers of Christ. The story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and death is confronting and deeply challenging. The joy of the risen Christ on Easter morning transforms the tragedy of Good Friday and renews our hope in life in all its fullness. As we enter this special time of remembering and celebrating, may we encounter the depth of God's love for the world in a way that strengthens, nourishes and inspires us to be about the work that Jesus calls us to in the world, work that is about sharing God's love and grace so that all may know God's love for themselves.

I look forward to sharing with you in these special times of worship over the coming days.

Worship Times

Worship

Maundy Thursday - 28 March 2024 - 6.30pm at Kiama - a service of reflection and Communion.

Good Friday - 29 March 2024 - 9.30am at Kiama.

Easter Sunday - 31 March 2024

Dawn Service - 7am at the Kiama Blowhole - bring a chair and a hot drink (hot cross buns will be available)

All-Ages Celebration - 9.30am at Kiama (includes Communion)

Dinner and Conversation - 5.30pm at Jamberoo Bowling Club

Sunday 7 April - 9.30am at Kiama

This Week

Tuesday 2 April - Property Committee meeting at Kiama, 3.30pm

Wednesday 3 April - Meditation at Kiama, 4pm-5pm

Thursday 4 April - Adult Fellowship at Kiama, 9.30am

Coming Up

Easter Family Fun Day – Today, Sunday 24th March

Good morning, Uniting Church,
We would love to invite the Uniting church family to the upcoming free family *Easter Fun Day* on Sunday, 24th March, from 1 pm to 4 pm, at Kiama Anglican Church, 2 Terralong Street, Kiama.

There will be lots of free fun things for the family to do at the *Easter Fun Day*, including:

- Pony rides
- Easter crafts and activities
- Face Painting
- Family games
- Giant Easter Egg Hunt starting at 3:15 pm

And much more

The free *Easter Fun Day* is being sponsored by Kiama Anglican Families @ 4.



Free car parking will be available on-site, and attached is a flyer to let people know about this great free family event.

If you would like to know anything more about the upcoming *Easter Fun Day* please give me a call on 0412 677 232 or email marcanthonymclaren@gmail.com

Marc McLaren

Adult Fellowship

Our next Adult Fellowship meeting will be Thursday, 4th April in the Lecture Hall, commencing at 9.30am with the general meeting. This will be followed by morning tea with Hot Cross Buns.

Then our very own Rev. Kath will lead us in an after Easter reflection. Please come along and join us in fellowship.

Glenice

Samaritan's Purse Light Lunch and Talk

When: Thursday, 4th April

Time: Light lunch at 11.30am & talk at approx. 12:30 pm

Where: The work shed at the back of the **Albion Park Uniting Church**, corner Terry & Russell Streets Albion Park.

Speaker: Rick George, Operation Christmas Child State Manager, will share with us his background, facts of where Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes were distributed last year & his vision for continuing this beautiful project.

RSVP by Monday 1st April for catering purposes to
Lyn Brown Ph. 0425 219 233



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

Many thanks - Ian Yabsley

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 23rd 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 16th 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

Mission Planning Workshop

ILLAWARRA PRESBYTERY

SATURDAY 4 MAY

AT CORRIMAL UCA
RUSSELL STREET, CORRIMAL

FACILITATED BY
REV GRAHAM ANSON &
REV DR MATTHEW WILSON

9:30-12:30 WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION
1:00-3:00 OPTIONAL STAY AND WORK ON YOUR MISSION PLAN
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESENTERS.
BYO LUNCH (OR PURCHASE FROM NEARBY CAFES)

COME:
If you want to know more about Mission Plans, what they are, how to put one together, and how you might use it to shape the life of your Church Council meetings and Congregational life.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
You will get the most out of the session if you bring 3-5 people from your congregation.
You will get time to start work on a plan on the day, and to work further if you want to.

BRING WITH YOU:

- Any previous/current Mission Plan
- Documents or thoughts that will help you think about your congregation's values, what they are good at, what are their skills
- Documents or thoughts that help you understand the flavour of your congregation and community

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: ADMIN.IP@NSWACT.UCA.ORG.AU

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 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 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

News from Illawarra Presbytery

The Illawarra Presbytery newsletter can be read here: <https://kiama-jamberoo.unitingchurch.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Newsletter-IP-Mar-2024.pdf>

Or see Kath if you would like a printed copy.

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 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

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

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.

PRAYER



On this Easter Day we are rejoicing that all Jesus predicted has come to life in his resurrection from the dead. Thank you for the promise this brings to each of us as we start a new week and a new month.

Amen

Focus Families

Eleanor and Ron Thompson

Carole Viellars

Pam Waters

Matthew Wilson

Karen, Alan and Abel Woodward

Meredith and Ian Yabsley

April Roster

Date	Day	Leader	Comments	Readings	Musicians	Reader	Prayer	Stewards/ Counters	M/T
07-Apr-24	Easter 2	Kath	<i>Daylight saving ends</i>	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1 - 2:2 John 20: 19-31	Val	Pam W	Julia	J Lambert/ G Ricardson <i>BB/HC</i>	<u>A</u> Ambrose
14-Apr-24	Easter 3	Kath	Communion	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Kathy	Geoff	Tania	R/J <u>Szulerowski</u> <i>RC/DB</i>	S Booth
21-Apr-24	Easter 4	Meredith		Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Val	Jessica Sz	Rhonda	Wendy/Tom <u>TMcB/JP</u>	V Milas
28-Apr-24	Easter 5	Kath		Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Phillip	Helen L	Zoe	R/D Back <i>RB/RC</i>	J Parker



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BSB 634 634 A/c No. 100018657