



## KIAMA JAMBEROO UNITING CHURCH

Sunday, 3 November 2024

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama 2533

Pent 24 [31] Ruth 1:1-18 Psalms 146 Hebrew 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34 G



### Worship Times

**Sunday 3 November - All Saints Day - 9.30am at Kiama**

**Sunday 10 November - Holy Communion - 9.30am at Kiama**

**Sunday 17 November - Commissioning the Church Council - 9.30am at Kiama**

**Advance Notice: On Sunday 24 November the service will be held at JAMBEROO**

### This Week

**Monday 4 November - Craft at Kiama, 9.00am-11.30am**

**Wednesday 6 November - Meditation at Kiama, 4.00pm-5.00pm**

**Thursday 7 November - **Adult Fellowship** 9.30am**

Bring along and show us **a precious item** you have and tell us the story behind it. How you got it or who gave it to you.  
We will also be having a chat about our format and what we might do next year, 2025  
Come along and join us.

**And two services for the whole Presbytery:**

**Saturday 9 November** - A Service to Mark the Closure of Ministry of Rev Grant Bilbey - **2.30pm** at Keriaview Uniting Church

**Sunday 10 November** - A service to Mark the Transition of Wollongong Faith Communities to new locations - 12.30pm at Wollongong Church on The Mall

**Coming Up**

**Shaping a Resilient Future** - online seminar presented by Uniting's Climate Advocacy Network - Thursday 14 November at 7pm - see flyer for details and registration

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# Shaping a Resilient Future

## Community Solutions for Climate Adaptation

Find out how you and your community can respond to the challenges and impacts of climate change !

**ONLINE INFORMATION FORUM**  
THU 14 NOV | 7-8.30PM  
ZOOM

**REGISTER!**

Guest speaker  
Catherine Kerr  
Adapt NSW

**Bondi-Berry Bike Ride Saturday 16 November - Bondi to Berry Bike Ride** – We are hosting the lunch time break for the bike riders who are raising funds for Dementia research on Saturday 16 November. We are looking for a team of people who will greet people and supervise the set up and pack up on the day. **Set up begins around 10am and pack up at around 12.30pm.** It is being facilitated by the Local Council and the Mayor will be in attendance to speak to the riders at lunch. We are not responsible for providing food or drink. The car park and the grounds will be used by the riders and support crew so please use the back car park if attending. Please see Kath or Janice if you are able to assist on the day

**One Music Festival Saturday 16 November** at the Kiama Pavilion and Showgrounds - see noticeboard for details

SCAN ME

SOUTHCOAST CHURCHES AND SCRIPTURE UNION NSW PRESENT

**ONE  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL 24**

**MUSIC. ARTS. HOPE. COMMUNITY**

**KIAMA PAVILION & SHOWGROUND**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2024 ~ 2PM-9PM**

**GET TICKETS AT [WWW.ONEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.ONEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM)**

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## *Advent and Christmas Celebrations*

Our Advent and Christmas celebrations are taking shape. Here are some dates to highlight:

**Sunday 1 December** - Advent begins - service at Kiama, 9.30am

**Sunday 8 December** - Advent 2 (Communion) - service at Kiama, 9.30am

**Tuesday 10 December** - Jamberoo Community Carols (organised by the Combined Churches in Jamberoo) - 6.30pm

**Wednesday 11 December - Songs of Joy** - a festival of choirs and song at Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Church - 6.30pm

**Sunday 15 December** - Advent 3 - service at Kiama, 9.30am

**Sunday 22 December** - Advent 4 - service at Kiama, 9.30am

Christmas Celebration in Song - at Kiama, 7.00pm **(time**

**tbc)**

**Tuesday 24 December** - Christmas Eve (Communion) - service at Kiama, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 25 December** - Christmas Day Celebration - service at Kiama, 9.30am followed by a free community lunch

**Sunday 29 December** - Christmas 1 - a Service of Readings and Carols with an Australian flavour - at Kiama, 9.30am

**Presbytery Lay Retreat Day** - Finding Sabbath - **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday 22 February 2025**, for anyone who attends a Uniting Church or Faith Community in the Illawarra.

A day of reflection and renewal led by Rev Claire Wright. Details on the att flyer.

**Berry Uniting Church. RSVP by 3 February 2025**



### **News**

#### **Thanks from UnitingWorld**

We received a certificate of thanks from *UnitingWorld* recognising our Congregation's contribution to their work:

\$6811.12 for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this vital work. The certificate is displayed on the noticeboard.

The next opportunity to support *UnitingWorld* will be through the **"Everything In Common"** gift catalogue. Why give someone a gift they don't need or want when you can give something that will support people across the

globe to build healthy lives and communities, particularly our Pacific neighbours? More information coming soon.

## Thanks from the Synod Stamp Committee

We received a letter of thanks from the **Stamp Committee** for our ongoing support. This year, they have so far raised **\$21,700** from the sale of stamps, all of which goes to support smaller missional activities across NSW. As Christmas approaches (if anyone receives cards in the mail anymore(!)), don't forget to bring the stamps in. The best way is to simply cut the envelope in half, and then we can trim them with the required margin. So please - don't throw them away - bring them in and leave them in the **bright red box** on the shelf at the back of the church.



## Coming Up

### Walking on Yuin Country



Canberra Region and Riverina Presbyteries

invite you to

Walking on Yuin Country

9-14 November 2024

(six days/five nights departing and returning Canberra)



Deepen your understanding of Aboriginal culture as you walk on Yuin Country:

- + Attend Giiyong Festival (<https://www.giiyong.com.au/>)
- + Share in worship and lunch with Pastor Uncle Ossie Cruse & Aboriginal Evangelical Church Eden
- + Walk the first steps of the Bundian Way (<https://www.bundianway.com.au/story-trail/>)
- + Visit and learn about the Eden Canoes project for young Aboriginal people (<https://www.edencanoes.org/>)
- + Visit and learn the sad history of Bomaderry Children's Home with Uncle Sonny Simms
- + Join in an Aboriginal cultural walk through Booderee National Park



'Path of the Ancestors' by Aboriginal artist Grace Williams, (UAIACC) in lutruwita (Tasmania)

"This piece captures the essence of a journey through the timeless landscapes that have shaped the lives and spirits of Aboriginal people for millennia... (and) highlights the importance of Aboriginal and Christian communities walking together, fostering covenanting relationships built on mutual respect and shared values." Grace Williams

It is our hope in 'walking on country' together we may be open to listen and hear stories – both ancient and recent – that speak to the heart of this land and of the Creator Spirit who informs who we are and to whom we belong.

For expression of interest or to register for the Walking on Country tour experience go to:

<https://murraydarlingbasintours.com.au/walking-on-country/> or  
Ivan on [roberts2505@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roberts2505@yahoo.com.au) for further information

Registrations close 12 October 2024

walking on sacred ground



## Can you help?



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**Bay and Basin Food Pantry** - Janice and David are back at the Food Pantry in St George's Basin and will once again be accepting nonperishable food items to take with them. Tinned vegs or fruit are always welcome, as are pasta and passata, cereal and long-life milk. We are currently assisting an average of 35 households per week. Some of these are people living on their own, but the majority are families who are finding life a challenge. Please continue to pray for this ministry

of the Shoalhaven Central Uniting Church. *We have been overwhelmed with clothing and other items so are only accepting food items for the time being. We do thank you for your generosity.*

## Prayer



## Rejoice in God's Saints Today and All Days.

### Focus Families:

Kay COPE

Irene CURRY

Helen CURRY

John DAVIS and Lavina

Narelle DEMPSTER

Margaret DEWHURST

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.

Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord help us to share.

Some march with events, to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through  
flood:

our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!





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# UCA DAY RETREAT



**9.30AM – 3:00PM Saturday, 22 February 2025**  
**Berry Uniting Church**

**RENEW REFRESH**

Everyone who attends a Uniting Church or Faith Community in the Illawarra is invited to the Presbytery Day Retreat.

A day to encourage and inspire you.

This is an opportunity to recharge and connect.

Join us to share experiences and insights, and make new friends from other Illawarra UCA congregations.

## **RETREAT THEME: FINDING SABBATH**

Consider how the Sabbath can flow through our daily routines, creating sacred moments of rest and renewal.

**Guided Reflection on 1 Kings 19:** Find quiet and listen for the divine in our own lives, engaging with the journey of Elijah encountering God in a still, small voice.

### **Who Should Attend?**

Everyone who attends an Illawarra Uniting Church or Faith Community

## **Facilitator: Rev Claire Wright**

Claire is a retired UCA Minister who will draw on her extensive knowledge of the ancient Biblical concept of 'Sabbath' and how the rhythms of responsibility, rest and restoration shape the Christian life.

[Link to more about Rev Wright](#)

**Details:** Vi Richardson, Illawarra Presbytery Administrator  
Email: [Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:Admin.ip@nswact.uca.org.au)

RSVP Thursday 3 February 2025, earlier is helpful for event organisers.





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**Safe Church Contact Person - Val Mason** phone: 0400 803 747

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

**Kiama UC Giving Direct**

BSB 634 643 A/C No 100026450



## NOVEMBER ROSTER

Date	Day	Leader	Comments	Readings	Musicians	Reader	Prayer	Stewards/ Counters	M/T
03-Nov-24	Pentecost 24	Kath	All Saints Day	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Val	Michele	Julia	B/S Booth <i>BB/HC</i>	R Back
10-Nov-24	Pentecost 25	Kath	Communion	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Kathy	Wendy	Tania	J Lambert <i>RC/DB</i>	M Broad
17-Nov-24	Pentecost 26	Marion or Meredith		1 Sam 1:4-20 1 Sam 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15- 18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	Phillip	Cliff	Rhonda	A/M Broad <i>TMcB/JP</i>	Janice F
24-Nov-24	Reign of Christ	Kath	Jamberoo	2 Sam 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12(13- 18) Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Phillip	Julia	Helen L	J Lambert/G Richardson <i>RB/RC</i>	Jamberoo
01-Dec-24	Advent 1	Kath		Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thess 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Val	Helen C	Meredith	R/J Szulowski <i>RC/DB</i>	