



## Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

Sunday, 1 November 2020

Postal Address: PO Box 140 Kiama 2533

**Bible Readings for 1 November 2020**

**All Saints Day**

**Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10,22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12**

### Worship

**Sunday 1 November:** We are excited to be able to begin worshipping together in-person again more regularly. Join us at 9.30am at Kiama for a celebration of All Saints Day!

If you are unable to attend, worship resources will also be available, after the service, online and in print.



### Sunday 8 November:

Communion at Kiama at 9.30am, led by Marion Haigh.

### Minister's Musing

For all things Luther, Halloween and All Saints, see Kath's latest musing on the church website:

<https://kiama-jamberoo.unitingchurch.org.au/ministers-musings/>



Rev Kath Merrifield

Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church

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### CAP Money Course



We are offering 'CAP Money', a free budgeting course, at Kiama on Friday afternoons on 20, 27 November and 4 December starting at 4.00pm. The CAP Money Course is a money management course

that teaches budgeting skills based on timeless principles. This course will help anyone get more in control of their finances, so they can live within their means, manage or prevent debt and save for the future. Flyers will be available soon. Please be praying about who you might want to invite.

For more information, please contact **Marion Rattray** on 4233 2490.

### Communion Table and two Elders Chairs

**Two Elders chairs** have been taken to Jamberoo Church for their use, particularly for weddings.

**William Campbell Foundation** have offered to take the **Communion Table**. The size of the table allows an opportunity for a number of children to gather in activities together. They aim to keep families together, foster children and accommodate others.

**The Foundation Vision Is: Through Christ-centered care they are committed to supporting and creating positive opportunities to empower children, young people, individuals and families.**



## Bible Society Gathering

When : Saturday 31st  
October at 10.30am

Where : Kiama Baptist Church  
Details : Speaker giving information,  
prayer. Nic Cole to be present.

Your presence and donations (in sealed envelope if not able to attend) would be great. No morning tea. Wearing of masks advised. Please come and support and let me know.

Yvonne Holmes

Kiama Uniting Church Representative

## Women's Fellowship

Join us for a Picnic  
Meeting on **Monday 16  
November**, at Jamberoo  
Park starting at 11am.  
This is instead of the  
usual final meeting for  
the year. BYO everything.



## Homestead of Hope NSW Inc

Homestead of Hope NSW Inc., a local, not for profit charity, is looking to rent a three bedroom Unit or Villa somewhere between Minnamurra and Gerringong inclusive. It is planned that the Unit / Villa be used to continually house (two at a time) over 55 year old women in need of short to medium term accommodation. Ideally, we would like to take out a three year lease with an option to extend for a further three years. This would provide security for Homestead of Hope's work and also for any prospective landlord. Homestead of Hope will guarantee payment of the rent and will ensure the property is kept in good condition.

If you or someone you know can assist, please contact one of the following:-

Mary on 42 322 279

Sheelagh on 0409 562 820

[smabela@bigpond.com](mailto:smabela@bigpond.com) or

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## Roster for 2021

As we look forward to regularly meeting in person, so it is also time to plan for 2021. There are many tasks that help to prepare and provide worship. Every worship service needs someone to:

\*read the bible readings

\*provide music

\*offer the prayers for the people

\*welcome worshippers at the door/ collect the offering (stewards)

\*arrange flowers

\*train to use the new sound desk (not as hard as it sounds)

\*provide the after service COVID cleaning of chairs (spray the chairs with antibacterial)

As part of our COVID 19 Safety Plan, there will be some differences in the way we do things and some training required, particularly for stewards. At this stage there is still a recommendation that we don't provide morning tea and support the local coffee shops but later in 2021 this may change.

The roster begins in February 2021. Please prayerfully consider how we can all contribute to providing worship services. If you are able to help in any of these areas please contact Meredith via email on [meredithyabsley@outlook.com](mailto:meredithyabsley@outlook.com) or 0412636874 (leave a message).

Blessings

Meredith Yabsley

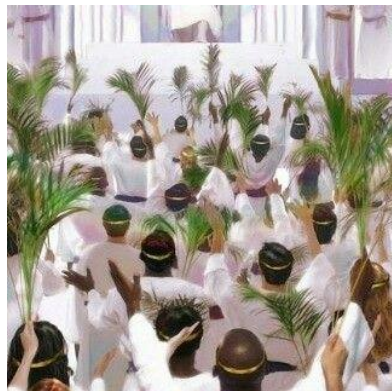


*We draw near to you Almighty God, united as brothers and sisters within your kingdom.*

*Gathered together, we lift our eyes to see your face. Expectant with faith, we lay our lives before you. Lord, may your Holy Spirit transform us, may your light shine upon us and bring peace. We open our ears to hear your good news, we open our eyes to see your truth and we open our hearts to receive your endless love. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

## Bible Reading Commentary :

### Revelation 7:9-17



Chapter 7 is divided into two parts:

- The first part (7:1-8) takes place on earth, and depicts the sealing of the one hundred forty four thousand who were "sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel" (7:4).

- The second part (7:9-17) constitutes our lectionary reading. It takes place in the heavenly throne room, and depicts a future event that seeks to answer the question, "Who is able to stand?" (6:17).

Two questions arise: Who are the one hundred forty four thousand (7:1-8), and who is the great multitude (7:9-17)? While we can't be certain of the answer, it would seem that the one hundred forty four thousand are martyrs and the great multitude is composed of Christians "out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages" (7:9).

REVELATION 7:9-10. A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages" (v. 9a). As noted above, this great multitude is probably Christians from all times and places.

## Focus Families for our prayers this week:

Beryl Batten	Marie Bone
Evelaine & Ron Berry	Val Best
Daphne & John Blackler	



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