

Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Prayer

1. The Lord wants us to talk with him. Really. The only prayer request I have received in the last fortnight is the Lord's request for his people to spend time with him in prayer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Psalm 32:5-11 (NRSV)

2. The events advertised below are usually forwarded to me with a request for prayer, so when you are praying please remember to support these activities in prayer even if you will not be attending.

News

1. I have spent the last week trying to get copyright permission to use some illustrations for an eBook I am writing. The images come from the "[Our Mob, God's Story](#)" aboriginal Christian art book published by Bible Society. Bible Society gave me the contact details of the artists, but said it took them five years to get the copyright licences. This involvement with copyright has reminded me that in visiting churches I have noticed many churches using projected words of songs in Services are not including the author or CCLI licence. The [CCLI licence website](#) says, "Licence Holders are responsible for including a copyright notice on all songs reproduced under this licence. The copyright notice should include writer credit(s) and copyright information, for example:

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Also, the songs used under the licence are to be reported on the CCLI's Online Reporting website.

2. Ray Robinson emailed the following information about an ecumenical prayer group.

Interceding for Illawarra & Shoalhaven @ Coniston United Church 39 Bridge Street
Coniston on Tuesday's from 6.00 - 7.00 am. Contact Rod Dennis 0487 335 422.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Illawarra Prayer Network

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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsal – Tuesdays during school terms – all welcome.
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville
Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

Wednesday Lunch Time Bible Talks - Wednesday 2nd August.

"Jesus: Good News in Galilee

Speaker: Bishop Reg Piper

Details: 12:45 to 1:15 pm sharp, Ocean Room, Wollongong Town Hall, cnr Kembla & Crown Sts. All free. All welcome. [Download flyer.](#)

Contact: [Reg Piper](mailto:Reg.Piper@5icm.org.au) 4284 1128

The Mark Drama - Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August

Mark's biographical account of Jesus in a 90 minute, fast paced, theatre-in-the-round stage production. Fully immersed in the action, the audience hears almost all the words of Jesus as recorded in Mark's gospel in a fresh and confronting way. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be astounded.

Details: doors open 7:00 p.m., performance 7:30-9:00 p.m. (followed by supper) at St George Hub, Building 11, University of Wollongong.

Cost: \$5 from [Uni Bible Group](#) (formerly Evangelical Christian Union)

[Download flyer.](#)

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money Course - Monday 7th & 14th August

Learn to create a sustainable budget and prevent unmanageable debt.

Venue: 7:30-9:00 p.m. Hope Church 2508, 3/23 Cemetery Rd, Helensburgh.

Contact: Bronwyn 0431 939 171 or Kevin 0414 975 501. [Facebook Events.](#)

CMS Illawarra Mission Connection Meeting - Thursday 3rd August

"Meet the new Missionaries" going to Buddhist Asia, Tanzania and France. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided.

Venue: 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. St Mark's Anglican Church West Wollongong

Contact: Bev Defty, 4284 2364

Church in Hard Places Workshop - Friday 18th August

A [Vocational Bible College workshop](#) in ministering to the poor of the community.

Speakers: Ps Mez McConnell of Niddrie Community Church and Ps Matthew Spandler-Davidson of Redeemer Fellowship Church, Kentucky.

Cost: \$30 Purchase tickets [here.](#)

Details: 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Crossroads Christian Community Cnr Princes Hwy & Jardine St, Fairy Meadow.

Workshop Sessions: building healthy churches among the poor, understanding poverty, effective evangelism in poor communities, ministering to the addict.

Contact: [Michelle Lee](mailto:Michelle.Lee@5icm.org.au) 0439 595 528

Introduction to Victorious Ministry Through Christ - Saturday 26th August

Details: 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grace Church, 12/75 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre.

[Download flyer.](#) All welcome, no cost.

Contact: Vicki Osten 4297 6608

Coffee and Dessert Night - Wednesday 13th September

The Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board fundraising event for the support of Scripture teachers in Corrimal, Woonona and Bulli High Schools.

Venue: Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Cnr Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli

Contact: [Anthony Cook](mailto:Anthony.Cook@5icm.org.au) 0412 138 564

See the [5icm Events page](#) for more events.