

## **Clearing the Way for Jesus**

The newsletter of the Illawarra Prayer Network links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa, promotes prayer and facilitates church unity. A printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF file of this newsletter is available at [www.5icm.org.au/index\\_files/ipn.html](http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html). Please send prayer requests and feedback to [prayer@5icm.org.au](mailto:prayer@5icm.org.au).  
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### **Prayer**

**1. Neville and Gertrude Russell** who attend **Increase Church** at Tullimbah emailed the following prayer request.

From, Neville & Gertrude Russell on behalf of our Pastors Joe & Miranda Riddington we send to members of all the other churches a greeting from our Increase Ministries Church congregation. We are now over 11 years old and have met in the Tullimbar school hall since it opened in 2008. We are very much a Pentecostal Church with emphases on Praise and Worship and the preaching of the truth of the Gospel message. We seek your prayers as we are currently looking for a permanent home to further consolidate our outreach and ministry potential.

Love, Blessings and Peace to you all.

**2.** "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Tim 2:1-2,). Pray for the new **Wollongong** and **Shellharbour City Councils** and **Kiama Municipal Council**. Pray that any unbelievers will be challenged to place their faith in Jesus Christ, for wisdom and discernment in decision making, for integrity to resist temptations, for humility and the ability to listen to advice, and for self-control in disagreements.

**Wollongong:** Gordon Bradbery (Lord Mayor), Ward 1: Janice Kershaw, Leigh Colacino, Mithra Cox and Jenelle Rimmer; Ward 2: David Brown, John Dorahy, Cath Blakey, Tania Brown; Ward 3: Vicky King, Chris Connor, Dom Figliomeni, Cameron Walters.

**Shellharbour:** Marianne Saliba, Nathan Cattell, Kellie Marsh, Robert Petreski, Peter Moran, Moira Hamilton, and John Murray. The two referendum questions (the mayor to be elected by the voters and the area to comprise of wards) were both passed.

**Kiama** (elected in Sept, 2016): Mark Honey, Andrew Sloan, Matt Brown, Mark Way, Warren Steel, Mark Sandifort-Westhoff, Kathy Rice, Neil Reilly, and Don Watson.

### **News**

**1. Rev. Mark Greenlees** is to be inducted as senior minister at **Albion Park Uniting Church** at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday 14th October.

**2.** Congratulations to the **Illawarra Churches Soccer Association Grand Final** winners: Division 1 [Northern Churches A](#), Division 2 Wollongong Baptist A, Division 3 Southern Churches, Division 4 [Port Kembla Baptist Church Football Club](#).

**3. Ps Barry McMurtrie** informed us that **Northern Beaches Church of Christ** is now meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays at the Russell Vale Public School hall.

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

### **Bridge for Peace Healing Meeting - Saturday 30th September**

Ed and Annette Eckart, who head up the [Bridge for Peace](http://www.bridgeforpeace.org) ministry in USA, will be speaking and ministering healing prayer.

*Details:* 10:00 a.m. Coniston United Church, 39 Bridge St, Coniston.

*Contact:* Brad and Jane on 4267 3175 or Frank and Heather 4283 6499.

[Download flyer](#). Download [BfP Background Information](#).

### **Southern Worship - Monday 2nd October**

This is an interdenominational Connect Group for musicians and singers.

*Details:* 7:00-8:00 p.m. 39 Bridge St, Coniston.

*Contact:* Jo-Anne Rushworth 0449 068 984

### **Seminar - Church in 21st Century - Friday 6th to Saturday 7th October**

*Speaker:* Peter McHugh of Stairway Church, Melbourne.

*Details:* 7:00 p.m. Fri, 9:30 a.m. to midday Sat, at Grace Church, 12a, 75 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre.

*Cost:* \$25.

*Contact:* Trisha Hart on 0414 841 621. [Download flyer](#)

### **Full Throttle Ministries Launch - Sunday 8th October**

BBQ and Biker Chapel Service

*Details:* 5:00 p.m. Corrima Community Church, 9 Augusta St, East Corrimal.

*Contact:* Jono Hyratt 0412 174 181.

### **Port Kembla Baptist Church Annual Fete - Saturday 14th October**

Devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, cake stall, white elephant, pre-loved clothes, plants, books, toys and much more.

*Details:* 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 81 Illawarra St, Port Kembla

*Contact:* [Maggie Thomas](mailto:Maggie.Thomas@5icm.org.au) 0417 698 042

### **Taizé Prayer Around the Cross - Friday 27th October**

Ecumenical worship and prayer in the Taizé style.

*Details:* 7:00 p.m. Berry Uniting Church, 77 Albert St, Berry

[Download Semester 2 flyer](#).

### **Global Leadership Summit - Friday 10th to Saturday 11th November**

A range of international speakers at Willow Creek broadcast via videocast for church leadership teams.

*Details:* 6-9pm Friday and 9am-4:30pm Saturday, Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibson Rd, Figtree.

*Cost:* Early bird registration \$129, Student Registration (<30 yrs, enrolled in accredited course) \$79. Optional lunch at venue: \$12.

[On line Registration](#).

*Contact:* [Karen Dixon](mailto:Karen.Dixon@5icm.org.au), FAC 4272 1322.

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