



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. Please send prayer requests and feedback to prayer@5icm.org.au.
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Prayer

- 1. Karen Rushworth**, who works at the Wollongong Catholic Diocese office, submitted two concerns for prayer: for students sitting the HSC exams and for those dealing with domestic violence.
- The **Five Islands Christian Ministries AGM** is on Monday 6th November. 5icm is the umbrella organisation for a number of ecumenical ministries. Illawarra Christians who are interested in learning about local ecumenical ministries are welcome to attend.

Pray without ceasing

If you tried to pray without ceasing for the first time over the last fortnight you probably found it difficult, if not impossible. It takes months to learn a new habit, so keep at it. Remind yourself of your commitment to come closer to God. Try partnering with someone so you can encourage one another, or email me. The first four week's exercises are now on the [IPN webpage](#).

Week 3

- 1. Study** the following Scriptures on the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians: John 16:7-15; Acts 1:5, 8; 2:4; Rom. 8:9-11, 26; 1 Cor 12:4-11; 2 Cor 3:6, 18; Eph 1:13; 2:18; 5:18; 1 John 2:20, 27.
- 2. Download** [The Practice of the Presence of God](#). **Read** the first part of the book, the "Conversations" with Brother Lawrence.
- 3.** Maintain your regular prayer times throughout the day.

Week 4

- 1. Study** the following Scriptures on persisting in prayer: Mark 14:37-38; Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8; Col 4:2-4; Eph 6:18-20; Phil 4:6-7.
- 2. Read** the "Letters" of Brother Lawrence in *The Practice of the Presence of God*.
- 3.** Talk with the Holy Spirit in your regular prayer times. Try practising the presence of God.

News and Feedback

- 1. Copyright Seminar.** Bruce Fairhall of Dapto Uniting Church has asked me to distribute the [attached letter](#) canvassing interest in a Copyright Seminar run by CCLI. During my visits to Illawarra churches I have noticed that projected song lyrics often do not include the copyright information required, so I think there is a need for this seminar. Please reply to Bruce.
- 2. David Rankin** is undertaking a research project for his Masters of Theology degree and is seeking help with data for his project. The research question is "Effective ecumenicalism in action: Revitalising Christianity through the localised City Serve initiative." If you are interested in helping, download his [Information Letter](#) and contact David.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
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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

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.](#)

Shellharbour Village Uniting Church Market Day - Saturday 28th October

Fund raising event for Helping Hands and Wollongong Wesley Mission.

Morning teas \$5, Home made cakes, books, trash & treasure, craft, cards, etc

Details: 9:00 a.m. - noon Mary St, Shellharbour Village Uniting Church.

Fundraiser Concert for WCCEB - Sunday 29th October

Wollongong Combined Churches Education Board present a recital of classical songs and duets by Janet Morris and Ona Boyd. Funds raised help keep Scripture teaching in high schools.

Details: 2:30 p.m. Wollongong Mission - The Church on the Mall, 116 Crown St Wollongong

Cost: adults \$25, concession \$20.

CMS Illawarra Mission Connection - Thursday 2nd November

Speaker: Kirstin Hawkshaw, an occupational therapist, who has been working in Nepal.

Details: 12:30-2:00 p.m. St Mark's Anglican Church, 429 Crown St, West Wollongong. Tea and coffee provided, BYO lunch. Contact: Bev Defty 4284 2364

Kiama/Jamberoo Bible Society Coffee Afternoon - Saturday 4th November

Speaker: Dr Greg Clarke, CEO, Bible Society Australia

Venue: from 1:30 p.m. Kiama Anglican Church

AFES Supporters Dinner - Saturday 4th November

Wollongong University AFES will share some of their work done on campus this year. Lionel Windsor, a lecturer at Moore College, will be speaking.

Details: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Salvation Army Centre, Wollongong.

Cost: \$35 for a 3 course dinner at Cafe Essay. [Tickets](#). Contact: [James Chen](mailto:James.Chen@5icm.org.au)

5icm AGM - Monday 5th November.

Details: 7:30-9:00 p.m. 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park.

RSVP: [Derek Thompson](mailto:Derek.Thompson@5icm.org.au) 4256 5780

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

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.

Cost: \$139, Students (<30 yrs, enrolled in accredited course) \$79. Optional lunch: \$12.

Contact: [Karen Dixon](mailto:Karen.Dixon@5icm.org.au), FAC 4272 1322. [On line Registration](#)

27th Annual Floral Splendour - Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November

Details: 10a.m.-4p.m. Sat, 12noon-4pm Sun Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry & Russell St

Cost: \$8 (includes refreshments). [Download flyer](#). Contact: Lexie 4256 2112.

Dapto Uniting Church Music Fest - Sunday 19th November

Wollongong Gospel Choir will be performing.

Details: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Dapto Uniting Church, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto.

Mission to Seafarers Annual Dinner - Sunday 26th November

Details: arrive 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. at Mission to Seafarers, Lot 2 Darcy Rd, Port Kembla

RSVP: by 10th November 2017, 4257 6498, tthemisspk@gmail.com [Download flyer](#).

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