

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. Elaine Newby of St John's Lutheran Church, Wollongong, emailed for prayer:

For women and girls, wives, partners, mothers and mothers-to-be who are struggling with alcohol addiction or misuse/abuse that Christ grant them strength to resist this temptation, that they find in Him and His church no condemnation but rather love and support for a new or greater life in Him I think especially of C. and her family.

2. Alison Lo Surdo of TIGS emailed the following prayer request.

I work in Learning Support and would like to make my prayer request around the issues that students face who are leaving the supported school environment. May the students (with the assistance of family and community groups) find the pathways that will allow them to shine. Pathways that will keep developing the students to be the best they can be. May we all see the blessing that these students are to our lives as we help them on their journey.

Pray without ceasing

The first eight week's exercises are now on the [IPN webpage](#). This series started in Newsletter No. 297 and will go through to the end of this year.

Week 7

1. Meditate on the following Scriptures on the character of God the Father: Psalm 37:28; 51:1; 2 Corinthians 1:3; 6:18; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 3:1.
2. Tell someone about your experiment in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit what he thinks of your commitment to prayer. Record the Holy Spirit's reply in your prayer journal.
3. Download Andrew Murray's [Pray Without Ceasing](#) tract. Read the introduction in preparation to follow the 31-day prayer guide.
4. Continue to use your prayer journal in your daily prayer time and pray at other times through the day and as matters arise.

Week 8

1. Study the following Scriptures on the use of spiritual gifts from the perspective of prayer ministry: Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31; 1 Peter 4:7-11.
2. Ask someone for permission to pray for them for healing.
3. Commence using Andrew Murray's *Pray Without Ceasing* daily prayer guide.
4. Continue prayer journaling in your regular prayer times. Talk with God throughout the day.

God bless,
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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

Sons of Korah Concert - Thursday 23rd November

Details: 7:30 p.m. Dapto Anglican Church, Moombara St, Dapto
Cost: \$25, concession: \$20, family: \$80. Tickets available online & at door.

Taizé Prayer Advent Gathering - Friday 24th November

Ecumenical worship and prayer in the Taizé style.
Details: 7:00 p.m. St Patrick's Catholic Church, Berry. [Download flyer.](#)

Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 26th November

All welcome for Hymn and chorus singing. [Further details](#)
Details: 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Centre, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St.

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.](#)

Dapto Anglican Church Christmas Festival - Saturday 2nd December

Market stalls, Carols, carnival food, family activities, fireworks.
Details: 5:00 pm to 8:30pm Dapto Anglican Church, Moombara St.

Carols by Candlelight - Friday 8th December

Kids concert 5:30-6:15pm, carols 6:30-8:30pm, fireworks 8:30p.m.
Details: 5:50-8:30p.m. Reddall Reserve, Lake Illawarra.

Handel's Messiah - Saturday 9th December.

Details: 2:00 p.m. Wollongong Town Hall. Choir conducted by Meryl Jackson-Kew
Cost: \$30, Children under 16: \$10, Students: \$25, Con. Pen. Sen.: \$25.

Berkeley Community Carols - Saturday 9th December

Details: 5pm family activities, 7pm Carols, afterwards an outdoor Christmas movie, at Community Park, Winnima Way, Berkeley. Hosted by Berkeley Life Centre.

Figtree Community Carols - Saturday 9th December

Details: 5:30-9:30p.m. Figtree High School. Hosted by Figtree Anglican Church.
[Facebook Events page.](#)

Santa Fest - Sunday 10th December

Hosted by the Salvation Army and the Disability Trust. Featuring Trent Bowater, Wollongong Brass Band, and the Salvos Band - family fun, carols, fireworks.
Details: from 3pm, carols at 5:30pm, Lang Park, Wollongong

Albion Park Combined Churches Carols - Tuesday 12th December

Details: 6:00 p.m. family activities and BBQ; 7:30 p.m. Carols.
Venue: Albion Park High School, 120 Church St.

Carols in the Park @ Kiama - Wednesday 13th December

Featuring Collin Buchanan
Details: 7-9pm, Hindmarsh Park, Terralong St, Kiama (wet weather venue: the Pavilion, Kiama Showground)

See the [5icm Events page](#) for more events and a list of regular events.