

## **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. Peter Stacey**, of Shellharbour City Centre Anglican Church and a Surf Life Saving Chaplain with [Sports Chaplaincy Australia](#), emailed the following for prayer. He said people are welcome to contact him to find out more about Sports Chaplaincy (mobile 0409 044 077 or [email](#)).

"Please pray that God will raise up many more people to be trained and placed as chaplains in local sporting clubs. Aussies love sport and for many people, a sporting team/club is where they find community. This is a wonderful opportunity to be connected with our local community and to share the faith, hope and love we have in Christ."

- 2. The Hope Centre Illawarra Food Hub** is closing at the end of this week. Ps Jeff Dakers emailed:

"If you could all pray for Gally and myself, we are going through it. We need strength and healing to get through this."

- 3. Graeme Hush**, the senior pastor of **Corrimal Community Church** emailed to say that he is now the Chairperson of [The Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board](#) following on from John Armour, who was the Chairperson for 10 years. There will be a Commissioning Service for the Scripture teachers at 10:00 a.m., Woonona Baptist Church on Sunday 6th May. Graeme emailed the following prayer request.

"Please pray for the THREE (3) Scripture Teachers who are employed through Generate Ministries by The Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board. For Dal Proudfoot at Woonona High School, Leanne Begg at Corrimal High School and particularly for Clara Saddi who is brand new to the role this year. She has been helping Dal at Woonona in Term 1 but commences teaching at Bulli High School in Term 2. This is a front-line missionary calling and so we ask the Lord Jesus for favour for their relationships towards building genuine trust in each school and for appropriate fruitfulness and integrity as they engage with students."

### **News & Feedback**

- The documentary [For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined](#) will launch in cinemas nationally from 9th May 2018. It will be screened in Greater Union Wollongong at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd May provided it gets sufficient [bookings](#).
- C3 Presence Conference** evening meetings at ICC Sydney will be live streamed 6pm to 9pm Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th April on the [Presence website](#), [Facebook](#), and mobile phone App ([iPhone](#) or [Android](#)).
- The new **Salvation Church** started services at Dapto's Ribbonwood Centre last Sunday at 4pm. May was previously running the Friday Encounter Services at C3 Church Thirroul when she felt God calling her to plant a church in Dapto. In spite of May's protests about her age and love for her church, she obeyed. Sunday's service was well attended and the Holy Spirit made his presence known. May said the church would focus on the healing ministry.

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,  
Illawarra Prayer Network

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## **Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra**

### **Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsals – 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

### **ANZAC Day Wednesday 25th April - Public Holiday**

#### **Tuesday 1st May - first day of school Term 2**

#### **Alpha Course - Tuesdays from 1st May for 9 weeks**

Open to all, watch a video, talk in small groups, morning tea (gold coin donation).

Venue: 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at Parish Meeting Room, St Paul's Catholic Church, 249-251

Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

Contacts: [Pene](#) or [Linda](#).

#### **CMS Illawarra Meeting - Thursday 3rd May**

Speaker: Jo, who has been working in a Middle Eastern city reaching out to Syrian Refugees will speak on "Hope in a time of refugee crisis."

Venue: 12:30-2:00 p.m. St Mark's Anglican Church, West Wollongong

BYO lunch, tea/coffee provided, trading table to support work of CMS.

Contact: [Beverley Defty](#)

#### **Healing Service and Mass - Friday 4th May**

All welcome. Mass will be celebrated for Catholics by Fr George Condookala. Prayer for healing by Fr George and Derek Thompson of the Illawarra Prayer Network afterwards.

Details: 10:30 a.m. Level 3, to the right of lifts, Wollongong Private Hospital.

#### **Thursday 10th May - Ascension Day**

#### **Sunday 13th May - Mother's Day**

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May**

[Download prayers](#) from the World Council of Churches website.

#### **Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board**

#### **Annual Fun Run Boardwalk Fundraiser - Saturday 19th May**

Details: Start at 9:00 a.m. Bulli Beach Playground. See Board members for sponsorship forms.

Contact: [Graeme Hush](#) (Chairperson) mobile: 0418 297 504

#### **Pentecost Sunday 20th May**

#### **Taizé Prayer Gathering - Sunday 20th May**

Ecumenical Taizé style prayer and worship open to all. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 6:00 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

#### **Whit Monday 21st May**

#### **Illawarra Prayer Breakfast - Friday 25th May**

Speaker: Liberal Party Senator for Tasmania Eric Abetz

Details: 7:00-8:30a.m. Main Auditorium, Wollongong Salvation Army, 11-13 Burelli St, Wollongong.

Cost: \$50 each or table of 10 for \$450 [Register here](#).

#### **Saturday 26th May - National Sorry Day**

#### **[National Day of Thanks](#)**

For the **Community Focus** this year we are Thanking:

People who contribute in a positive way to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Australia.

People who work in **Schools** across our Nation.

The **Personal Focus** is about the Unsung Heroes in your life and community.

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