

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. [Five Islands Christian Ministries](#)** has its annual mid-year meeting on Monday 4th June (see events list). Please support its member ministries in prayer: Revival Ministries, Wollongong Gospel Choir, Illawarra Christians Connect and Illawarra Prayer Network. Although 5icm is only an umbrella organisation for combined church ministries, the members seek to encourage and help one another as they are able. New member ministries are welcome even if they do not need some of the benefits such as charity status, public liability insurance and incorporation. All ministries need encouragement and prayer support.
- 2. I visited [Generocity Church Kiama](#)** last week. Pray for Pastors Nathan & Melanie Battishall as they establish this new church plant. So far, a dozen churches have been planted out of the [Wagga Wagga](#) mother church.
- 3. John and Jill Hanna** sent the following prayer request.

Every second Tuesday of the month we have a prayer meeting for Christians that are members of the suffering church. Most of that grouping are overseas living in Muslim countries. We have in this country quite a large Muslim population as well, and this month the Muslim community is fasting for the month of Ramadan. In the past during this month, while they pray and seek God, many Muslims have divine encounters with the real Saviour of their lives, Jesus Christ. We have prayed and continue to pray for the Muslim communities both here in Australia and overseas that they would discover the true Saviour of their lives.

Please pray for those Muslim people that are around you that this month miracles would happen around them and they would come to faith in Jesus Christ.

News & Feedback

- 1. Hours of Grace** prayer meeting held in **Wollongong Public Hospital Chapel** on Saturday 12th May prayed for the hospital staff and patience. The Catholic Jesus Youth covered most of the day in prayer. About 60 Catholics attended the 11:00 a.m. mass.
- 2. I can recommend a 15 minute video for Bible Study home groups called "Don't Hold Your Breath"** where Rick James describes the Spirit-filled life. Use it as an introduction to a study on the Holy Spirit, repentance, or living the Christian life. Download or watch [here](#).

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](#) 0499 444 151

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](#).

National Day of Thanks - Saturday 26th May - National Sorry Day

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.

Albion Park Community Fun Day - Sunday 27th May

Organised by C3 Church Shellharbour. There'll be a sausage sizzle, a variety of market stalls, a petting zoo, jumping castle, great coffee, and an auction - all to celebrate community and support our ongoing community work locally and in Bushwarra, Papua New Guinea!

Details: from 12 noon at Albion Park Community Hall, 8/10 Russell St.

Cost: gold coin entry per person, and for some activities

Healing Service and Mass - Friday 1st June

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.

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

National Grandparent Conference - Saturday 2nd June

Details: 9am to 4:30pm, Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree

Cost: \$35 per person, \$60 per couple. [Book here](#).

Sicm Mid-year Meeting - Monday 4th June

This is not a business meeting, but a time to find out what the member ministries have been doing and plan for the future.

Details: 7:30-9:00pm at 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park

Contact: [Derek Thompson](#) 4256 5780

WCCEB Coffee and Dessert Night - Monday 4th June

Wollongong Combined Churches Education Board's annual fund raiser.

Cost: \$15 (includes dessert, hot drinks, live music, hear what's happening in the schools.

Details: 7-9pm, Wollongong Baptist Church

Monday 11th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Gong Men's Day - Stand. Focus. Run - Saturday 16th June

Speaker: Ps Tim Baldwin from central coast EV Church on Hebrews 12 & 13.

Details: Either 8:30am to 2pm or 5pm to 9:30pm. Dapto Anglican Church, Moombara St, Dapto.

Cost: \$35, conc. \$25 (includes lunch or dinner) [Book here](#).

Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board

Trivia Night, Silent Auction & Pie Drive Launch Fundraiser - Saturday 23rd June

Details: 6:30 p.m. C3 Church Thirroul, 345 Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Thirroul.

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

Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 24th June

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 Kiama. Sing for one hour then have afternoon tea.

Requests: Phone Gail on 4232 1630 or Reuben on 4233 2490

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