

Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Prayer

1. Julie Pfeiffer emailed the following prayer request.

I would like pray for City Woman Illawarra as they launch and support Rahab, supporting those trapped in the sex industry in the Illawarra.

For Diamond as they launch this support services. Diamond supports woman facing pregnancy alone and in need of support.

for City Woman Illawarra as they witness to students around the Illawarra in Schools through Shine and flourish programs, for protection and strength for all the volunteers that give of their time each week to bless and love these amazing young ladies in our school. For God to bless those girls attending the sessions, that they will feel loved and valued.

2. Linda Pill is a member of Shellharbour City Anglican Church and has been a volunteer chaplain at the Queen Beatrix Nursing Home at Albion Park Rail for the past 16 years. Linda sent the following item for us to include in our prayers.

My passion is to share God's love and gospel message with the elderly residents. I'm asking the Network to pray for all aged care facilities in the Illawarra. That God would raise up an army of Christian Carers and that He would help staff and volunteers in those facilities to always treat the elderly with the compassion and respect they deserve.

News & Feedback

- 1. [Five Islands Christian Ministries](#)** mid-year meeting has successfully been held. Please continue to support its member ministries in prayer: Revival Ministries, Wollongong Gospel Choir, Illawarra Christians Connect and Illawarra Prayer Network.
- 2.** I have launched my new free eBook "**Achieving Atonement**" which presents a new atonement model that is biblical, ethical, reasonable, comprehensive, ecumenical, and avoids the problems of traditional atonement theories while retaining their truths. Impossible? Have a look. The book explains how God is achieving atonement and the place of Christ's violent death on the cross. The book is 170 pages plus 98 pages of hyperlinked Scripture Index. Various eReader formats are available from [Smashwords](#) and other online retailers. A PDF version with numbered pages may be downloaded [here](#). Please let me know of any typos or incorrect hyperlinks that need correcting, but changes to the content will require a new edition.
- 3. Ps Scott Hanzy** announced on Facebook that **Gateway City Church** has a buyer for its Regent Theatre property. **Ps Scott and Rachael Hanzy** have taken on the additional role of senior minister of **Eternity Church** in Canberra.

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

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 and 22nd July

All welcome for Hymn and chorus singing. Wollongong Gospel Choir will sing at the 22nd July event. [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

Healing Service and Mass - Friday 6th July

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

Annual Shoebox Musical Celebration - Sunday 22nd July

Fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes.

Details: 2:00 p.m. Albion Park Uniting Church, Cnr Russell & Terry St.

Cost: \$10 (includes afternoon tea), selection of gifts for sale.

Enquiries: Lyn Brown 4256 1487 [Download flyer](#).

Church luncheon and Concert - Wednesday 25th July

Concert by Illawarra Senior Band. All welcome.

Cost: \$10 for concert, soup & sweets.

Details: start 11:00 a.m. Shellharbour Village Uniting Church, Mary St, Shellharbour.

RSVP (by 18th July) & enquires: Chris White on 0421 881 835.

Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Men's Bootcamp

Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd August

Theme: At the Workbench - tackles success, anger, mental health, community. Accessible for all men regardless of background and whether Christian or not. More details to come.

Venue: Ryan's Hotel, 138 Phillip St, Thirroul

Contact: [Brett Davis](#), 0421 399 484

Wollongong Women's Conference - Saturday 11th August

Greta Gaut speaks from God's Word on finding meaning in an unpredictable world.

Details: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wollongong Salvation Army Conference Centre, 11-13 Burelli St, Wollongong.

Cost: \$30; concession: \$25; 15-18 year olds: \$15 (includes morning tea and lunch)

Register [here](#) by 8th August.

Hymnfest - Sunday 26th August

Featuring Wollongong Gospel Choir.

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

Good News for Israel Conference - Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September

Rev. Fraser J. Harding will speak on the relevance of Israel, Jesus and the church in God's eternal purposes.

Venue: Port Kembla Baptist Church

Program: Friday night: Shabbat Meal; Saturday morning sessions 1 & 2: open to all; Saturday afternoon: invitation only to clergy and leaders; Sunday morning: "Is the God of the OT less loving and kind than the God of the NT?"; Sunday afternoon sessions 3 & 4: open to all.

Cost: free but an offering will be taken.

Bookings and queries: [Gordon Barr](#) [Download brochure](#).

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