

## **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**

I visited **Hope Church 2508** at Helensburgh on Sunday and was pleased to hear Emmanuel Bakenga preaching. Emmanuel heads up *Illawarra Christian Connect* which is one of the 5icm group of ministries. Hope church is taking over the Port Kembla soup kitchen ministry from **Fairy Meadow Citylife Church** with a view to planting a church in Port Kembla. I asked Ray Robinson, a well-known local intercessor who attends this church, for a prayer request for the church, expecting him to ask for prayer support for this venture of the church, but instead he requested prayer for a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the their midst. So here is a prayer to use from Andrew Murray's [\*Pray Without Ceasing, First Day\*](#).

Pray for the fuller manifestation of the grace and energy of the Blessed Spirit of God, in the removal of all that is contrary to God's revealed will, so that we grieve not the Holy Spirit, but that He may work in mightier power in the Church, for the exaltation of Christ and the blessing of souls.

God has one promise to and through His exalted Son; our Lord has one gift to His Church; the Church has one need; all prayer unites in the one petition – for the power of the Holy Spirit. Make it your one prayer.

Andrew Murray also quoted these Scriptures for meditation: Eph 3:16, Acts 1:4 and Luke 11:13.

### **News & Feedback**

- 1. SOTC Bible Ministries** is taking applications for the Diploma in ministry course starting 3/9/18. Alternatively, applications for starting in 2019 is available. Contact Rodney on 0410 911 097 for more information. [Download flyer](#).
- 2. In the last newsletter, I mentioned that I was preparing my new eBook, "Achieving Atonement"**, for printing. Andrew Jones of *Creative Visions Print and Design* at Warrawong offered to help. They are a short run printing specialist and give discounts to churches and ministries. As a result, my book is now in printing and the free PDF version now has a subject index and its own ISBN (available from the [5icm Resources page](#)).
- 3 Fr George Condookala** is commencing regular prayer meetings at **Wollongong Public Hospital Chapel** every second Saturday of the month. He will conduct a mass for Catholics at 11:30 a.m. and pray for healing. All are welcome. There will be opportunity for other denominations to continue prayer in the afternoon. Both patients in the hospital and people from outside are welcome to attend. This service is in addition to that held in the **Wollongong Private Hospital** at 10:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month.

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,  
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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

### **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](#).

### **Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 22nd July**

All welcome for Hymn and chorus singing. Wollongong Gospel Choir will perform at this event.

*Details:* 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Centre, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St

Kiama. [Further details](#).

### **Church luncheon and Concert by Illawarra Senior Band - Wednesday 25th July**

*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. All welcome.

### **"Sea Sunday" Photo Exhibition and Lunch - Friday 27th July**

An exhibition of photos of the lives of seafarers taken on board different vessels whilst at Port.

*Details:* 2:00 p.m. Mission to Seafarers 55 Darcy Rd, Port Kembla

*RSVP by 24th July:* to the Mission to Seafarers 4274 6498.

### **E.F.E.C.T. Seminar hosted by Salvation Church, Dapto - Saturday 28th July**

*Speaker:* Paul Harb on Effective, Friendship, Evangelism, Complete, Teaching on soul winning.

*Venue:* Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto

*Cost:* free (includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea). To register phone 0478 754 919.

### **Heart Coming Home - Day of Reflection - Saturday 28th July**

Jamberoo Carmelites invite you to a day of reflection facilitated by Noel Davis.

*Venue:* 9:30a.m. to 3:00 p.m. St Matthew's Catholic Church, Jamberoo

*Cost:* \$20 single, \$25 couple (includes morning tea and light lunch)

*RSVP:* Mary Clarke on 4232 2970 [Download flyer](#).

### **Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Men's Bootcamp**

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

*Theme:* At the Workbench - tackles success, anger, mental health, community.

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

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

### **CMS Meet the Missionaries Day - Thursday 2nd August**

*Speakers:* missionaries who have been in the field and also some new missionaries.

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

*Contact:* [Beverly Defty](#). BYO lunch & mug, tea & coffee provided.

### **Wollongong Women's Conference - Saturday 11th August**

*Speaker:* Greta Gaut 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. Register [here](#) by 8th August.

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

### **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**

*Speaker:* Rev. Fraser J. Harding on the relevance of Israel, Jesus and the church.

*Venue:* Port Kembla Baptist Church. *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.