

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. Bishop Reg Piper has requested prayer for the **Lunchtime Bible Talks** held in Wollongong Town Hall Ocean Room (see details on events list). This is a great opportunity for Christians who work in Wollongong to enjoy fellowship and be inspired from the Book of Acts.

2. Victoria Cowling of St Mark's West Wollongong emailed the following for prayer.

I am the chaplain at Warrawong primary school. I would love prayer for a lunch time Christian group to start at the school. We need the Principal's permission and a passionate believer to run it.

3. Brett Davis asked for prayer for the **Men's Bootcamp**, which starts tomorrow (see details in the events list).

Prayer request for the 11th year of men's Bootcamp for the north Illawarra. This is now a combined churches and community men's event. For the first time hosted by Ryans Hotel Thirroul free of charge Wednesday nights 7:30-9:30 August 1, 8, 15, 22. Pray that many men's needs will be met including those outside of the church. Pray for opening speaker pastor Paul Bartlett, followed by local Woonona doctor Mark Melek, then Catholic ex prison chaplain Dave Harrison, and wrapping up with Christian Surfer's Brett Davis. Pray for Gods favour on the invitations and related community groups connecting with this.

4. Beverley Defty requested prayer for the **CMS Illawarra Mission Connection** meeting to be held this Thursday. Both new and experienced missionaries will be speaking and seeking support and encouragement from the church.

5. Ps Stephen Cathcart of **Southern Illawarra Church of Christ, Albion Park** suggested prayer for the new Calderwood Valley estate.

Please pray for the churches of Albion Park as we come together in prayer for the new housing developments west of Albion Park. Thank God for the people from the different churches who have been faithfully prayer walking the new areas for the past year. Pray that we begin to see a harvest into the Kingdom of God.

News & Feedback

1. After many years of service, **CityLife Church, Fairy Meadow** has handed over the operation of the Community Kitchen ministry at Port Kembla to **Hope Church 2508, Helensburgh**.

2. My new eBook, "**Achieving Atonement**", is now printed and I am freely distributing it to theological college libraries and interested readers (it is somewhat academic). The updated digital versions are available from the [5icm Resources page](#).

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

Lunch Time Bible Talks - Wednesdays from 1st August to 19th September

Speaker: Bishop Reg Piper [Download flyer](#).

Venue: 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. (doors open 12:30 p.m.) Ocean Room, Wollongong Town Hall, cnr Kembla & Crown St.

Contact: Reg Piper on 0408 029 379 or email regpiper@bigpond.com

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.

Healing Service and Mass - Friday 3rd August

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.

Wollongong Women's Conference - What Satisfies? - 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).

Healing Prayer and Mass - Saturday 11th August

All welcome. Mass will be celebrated for Catholics by Fr George Condookala.

Details: 11:30 a.m. Hospital Chapel, Ground floor, Wollongong Public Hospital.

Alpha Course - Tuesdays from 14th August

This course is for anyone who is looking for their meaning in life. It is non secular and all are welcome. Dinner is provided, watch a short film and discuss with new friends your thoughts and feelings or just sit and listen, there is no pressure.

Venue: 7:00 p.m. Parish meeting rm, St Paul's Catholic Church, 249 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

Dapto 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](#).

Taizé Prayer Gathering - Sunday 9th September

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.

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