

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. Emanuel Bakenga has launched his [Bakenga Empathy](#) website. Emmanuel, who himself was a refugee from the DR Congo, "aims at providing effective overseas development aid to the most disadvantaged targeted groups in East Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo." The next step is to get approval from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to establish an Overseas Aid Fund in order to be a deductible gift recipient (DGR) so that donors can claim a tax deduction for their gift to the fund. In the meantime, gifts can be made online [here](#). Emmanuel runs the Illawarra Christians Connect ministry which aims to promote a more connected Christian community in the Illawarra. It is part of 5icm. Please pray for the ministry and their endeavours to establish a DGR approved Overseas Aid Fund.

2. Philippa Clarke of **Uniting** is busy organising new retirement accommodation and requests prayer support.

Can I please have included in the next newsletter prayer for success of our new Retirement Village apartments in Wallaroo Drive Shellharbour, we have 78 under construction. Also I would ask for prayer for the builders and their safety whilst construction is under way.

3. The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is co-hosting two presentations entitled "Creating a Safe Catholic church from Within" on 31st Aug and 1st Sept which "will address the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church." Along this line, **Marie Gonzalez**, a school support officer teacher at Ss Peter & Paul's Catholic School, Kiama, emailed:-

My prayer is for every child to feel safe and loved within their school community.

News

1. Clergy Moves. Rev. Keun-il Ko (originally from Seoul, Korea) was inducted as the minister at **Dapto Uniting Church** on Saturday. **Rev. Ron Irving**, the Executive Minister at **Figtree Anglican Church**, will be farewelled this Sunday for West Pennant Hills.

2. C3 Believe Church will officially launch 10:30 a.m. Sunday 16th Sept at Wollongong City Diggers, 82 Church St.

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

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.

Lunch Time Bible Talks - Wednesdays 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 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

Dapto Hymnfest - Sunday 26th August

Featuring Wollongong Gospel Choir.

Details: 2:00-4:00 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](#).

Healing Service and Mass - Friday 7th September

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 turn right out of lifts, Wollongong Private Hospital.

Healing Prayer and Mass - Saturday 8th September

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

Details: 11:30 a.m. Hospital Chapel, Ground floor, Wollongong Public Hospital. The Uniting Church Chaplain will conduct prayer in the afternoon.

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.

Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board

Coffee and Dessert Night - Wednesday 19th September

Details: Northern Illawarra Uniting Church.

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

Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 23rd September

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.

Wollongong Gospel Choir Concert - Sunday 23rd September

Fundraising concert for [Shoalhaven Employers of Christian Education Teachers](#).

Venue: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Berry Presbyterian Church, 83 Victoria St, Berry

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