

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. Michelle Ryan** is concerned about "the high number of Christian young people leaving the faith when they attend uni. I have friends who have had a lot of difficulty on uni campuses because of their faith. ... Pray that God grants wisdom and strength of faith to our young Christians at UoW, and that there will be more opportunities for sharing the Gospel and God's love on campus."
- 2. Elaine Newby** of St John's Lutheran Church suggested "prayers for grandparents and parents struggling with difficult life circumstances ... the strength and wisdom necessary."
- 3. Mykl Carlton** of Newday Church requested prayer for **Samantha Scott** who used to be a prayer network member.

Samantha Scott is a Newday member currently at work with YWAM in Cambodia. She has just been diagnosed with Dengue Fever and is in hospital. Prayers for her health and well-being would be greatly appreciated!

News

- 1. Jenny White** of **vennu** emailed information about the new website service that will be useful for Illawarra churches in finding and booking venues.

www.vennu.net

vennu is an easy to use website that gives you access to an abundance of community spaces to hire around the Illawarra and Shoalhaven.

Usually these spaces are hard to find, hard to connect with the owner, or even not available. venu offers a low cost platform where you can see over 50 venues in your local community, and compare their features and costs to find one to suit your needs. venu guests also enjoy coverage from CGU Insurance.

By booking through venu you are giving funds back to your local community, through supporting organisations such as Scouts NSW, Surf Lifesaving Clubs, Uniting Church, Community Centres and Sports Stadiums.

- 2. Gary Hetherington** of **Revival Ministries** recorded his first ministry video yesterday.
- 3. Philpa Clarke** of **Uniting** asked "Could readers of the newsletter share my news below at their church, social groups etc. I would be most grateful."

Uniting Lakeview Shellharbour is making some big changes. We're adding three contemporary buildings to our over 55's village on Wallaroo Drive, with 78 new one, two and two + study apartments available soon.

With low maintenance living, warm homely spaces and connected community areas, Uniting Lakeview is designed to enhance your retirement. There'll be lots to enjoy,

including extensive gardens, a clubhouse with library, gourmet kitchen, bocce lawn, putting green and much more. We celebrate our diversity and welcome people of all faiths.

Our waiting list is free to join, so feel free to call Philippa Clarke, Uniting sales specialist on 0407 250 714 or via email pclarke@uniting.org for more information.

I am also asking for pray for the success of the sales and for safety of our residents and our building contractors during this time.

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](mailto:John.Sandercock@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

Cross Connections Art Exhibition from 2nd to 26th October

Venue: McKinnon Building (Bldg 67) foyer. University of Wollongong. [Download flyer.](#)

Port Kembla Baptist Church Annual Fete - Saturday 13th October

Devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, cakes, pre-loved clothes, plants, crafts, books, toys etc... Local author Hayley Barr will launch and sign copies of her new fantasy novel "Fate's Call".

Details: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Corner of Illawarra & Cowper Sts, Port Kembla

Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board

Annual Fun Run Boardwalk Fundraiser - Saturday 20th October

Details: Start at 9:00 a.m. Bulli Beach Playground. See Board members for sponsorship forms.
Contact: [Graeme Hush](mailto:Graeme.Hush@5icm.org.au) (Chairperson) mobile: 0418 297 504

Arts and Crafts Expo - Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th October

Wollongong Uniting Church Women's Fellowship are running the expo of local artisans.

Details: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wesley on the Mall.

Contact: Anne Gallagher 4229 3051. [Download flyer.](#)

Bible Society Coffee Morning - Friday 26th October

Speaker: John Harris.

Details: 10:00 a.m. Gerringong Anglican Church, 103 Fern St, Gerringong.

Contact: Barbara Mathie 4234 1576 or 0411 212 874.

Fashion Parade Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser - Saturday 27th October

"Footsies" shoes, clothing, handbags, hat, scarves, jewellery.

Hosted by: 2:00 pm Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry and Russell St, Albion Park

Cost: \$10 (includes afternoon tea). Contact: Lyn Brown 4256 1487

CMS Illawarra Mission Connection Meeting - Thursday 1st November - All Saints Day

Speakers: Geoff and Martha Boye, "Maasai Wanderings: Seeing God at Work" in Tanzania.

Details: 12:30-2:00 p.m. St Mark's Anglican Church, West Wollongong. BYO lunch+mug, tea & coffee provided. Contact: Bev Defty 4284 2364

AFES Wollongong Partnership Dinner - Saturday 3rd November

Details: 5:30 pm Salvation Army Centre, 13 Burelli St, Wollongong

Cost: \$35 each for a 3 course meal. Register [here](#).

CAP Money Course - Tuesday 6th & 13th November

Contact: Vicki 0416 751 154 or Angie on 0421 646 725 to register.

Details: 10:00 a.m. Grace Church, Unit 12, 75 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre.

Training for [60th Anniversary Franklin Graham Tour](#) - Tuesday 13th November

Details: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibson Rd.

Cost: free and open to anyone aged 16 or over. Contact: [Langdon Stewart](mailto:Langdon.Stewart@5icm.org.au)

See the [5icm Events page](#) for more events and regular events list.