

## ***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***

**1. Grace Kennedy** from **Keiraview Uniting Church** emailed the following for prayer.

"Keiraview UC is undertaking major building works this year and our congregations are in upheaval. We give thanks for the availability of the alternative venues for worship, meetings and activities. We pray that all members of our congregations will embrace the change and for new people to join us in worship. We also pray for our "Belonging" course, enabling those seeking and preparing for Baptism/Confirmation and those supporting them."

**2. Helen Lothian** of the **Congregational Church Wollongong** and **Edmund Rice College** requested prayer for CCW's pastor, Con Despinidic, who will be undergoing surgery soon.

"Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they need to make decisions and strength for himself and his family. May they experience God's peace throughout all this."

**3. Five Islands Christian Ministries Inc.** has its AGM on 19th November. Pray for the member ministries: Wollongong Gospel Choir, Revival Ministries, Illawarra Christians Connect and the Illawarra Prayer Network; and for more Illawarra ecumenical ministries to join with us.

**4. Scripture Union's** prayer request for 9th November:-

"Praise God for new students at the **Kiama High School ISCF group**, and pray that the many Christian students in the school who don't attend would realise why it's important to commit to coming along."

### ***News***

**1. Fr George Condookala**, the Catholic Chaplain at Wollongong Private and Public Hospitals, was recently found to have a blockage in his heart and was sent to Sutherland Hospital. However, a wave of prayer for Fr George resulted in God intervening. The doctor at Sutherland compared a new CT scan with the earlier scan and said there is no longer a blockage and sent him home. He was back at work praying for the sick last Friday. All glory to God.

**2.** I noticed on **Gerringong Anglican Church's** Facebook page a farewell to their senior pastor **Rev. Andrew Glover** and his wife, Liz, after 20 years of ministry at the church.

**3.** Please email me the details of ecumenical and combined church Christmas events for advertising in the newsletter and on the [5icm Events webpage](#).

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

### **CAP Money Course - Tuesday 6th & 13th November**

Learn to understand your spending and get your finances back on track. Free training material is provided and you will also have access to CAP services, such as debt help.  
*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.

### **28th and final Floral Splendour - Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November Floral Displays with Biblical Themes.**

*Details:* 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat & 12 noon - 4 p.m. Sunday, Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry & Russell Sts, Albion Park.  
*Cost:* \$10 (includes refreshments).  
*Contact:* Lexie Mayo 4256 2112. [Download flyer.](#)

Training for **60th Anniversary Franklin Graham Tour** - Tuesday 13th November  
The Christian Life and Witness Course provides evangelism training and preparation for inviting people to the Franklin Graham tour event in Sydney International Convention Centre on 23rd & 24th February 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Prayer Volunteers at the event must undertake this training.

*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](#)

### **Sicm AGM - Monday 19th November**

Although this is a business meeting required to meet incorporation and charity status obligations, visitors are welcome to find out how the member ministries are going.  
*Details:* 7:30-9:00 p.m. 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park  
*Contact:* [Derek Thompson](#) 4256 5780

### **Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 25th November**

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 afternoon tea.  
*Requests:* Phone Gail on 4232 1630 or Reuben on 4233 2490

### **Taizé Prayer Gathering - Sunday 25th November**

Ecumenical Taizé style prayer and worship open to all. [Download flyer.](#)  
*Details:* 6 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

### **Mission to Seafarers Annual Thanksgiving Dinner - Sunday 25th November**

*Details:* 6:00 p.m. 55 Darcy Rd, Port Kembla. [Download flyer.](#)  
*RSVP by 9/11/18:* 4274 6498 or [tthemisspk@gmail.com](mailto:tthemisspk@gmail.com)

### **Faith for Life Seminar - Friday 30th November**

Bible Society and HammondCare explore faith, dementia and the biblical resources available for people with dementia.  
*Speakers:* David Martin (General Manager of HammondCare At Home), Rev. Andrew Nixon (Head of Pastoral at HammondCare), Lois Haultain (Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator at HammondCare).  
*Details:* 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibson Rd  
[RSVP here by 19/11/18.](#) Morning tea provided.  
*Contact:* Rhiannon Davies on 0417 467 076.

### **Wild at Heart Men's Bootcamp - Friday 30th November to Monday 3rd December**

*Venue:* The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops  
*Cost:* \$450  
Further information and registration [here.](#)

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