

## ***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).

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### ***Prayer***

- 1. Hazel Nisbet** lives in Woonona and is the **Go Co-ordinator** at **Woonona Presbyterian Community Church**.

Please pray for Overcomers Outreach, a fairly new group which meets at Woonona Presbyterian Community Church on the first Thursday of every month 7:30-8:30pm followed by supper. This is for people struggling with an addiction, self-destructive behaviour, or are being affected by someone who is. This is a 12-Step meeting with Jesus as our Higher Power. Please pray for the December meeting (Step 1) to have 15+ attendees and good participation and support.

- 2. Five Islands Christian Ministries Inc.** had its AGM yesterday. Please pray for the member ministries: Wollongong Gospel Choir which is looking for Christmas bookings, Revival Ministries which has launched into video ministry (view them on his [5icm webpage](#)), [Illawarra Christians Connect](#) which is fund raising for the disadvantaged in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Illawarra Prayer Network which continues to link Christians in prayer.

### ***News***

- 1. Carol Stumbles** of **Dapto Anglican Church** emailed an item for the newsletter.

"Just thought that you might like to know that Hilary Brown, who works in Administration at Dapto Anglican Church, is retiring, after 23 years and 2 months as permanent, and before that was a volunteer.

Since Lyndall Bailey died, a couple of years ago, Hilary looks after all the Baptism families, the wedding couples, and families of people who have died. She does most of the orders of services for these people, and helps people to sort out where their loved ones will be buried, if it is at St. Luke's Church and cemetery.

I just thought that it would be nice to recognise the great work that Hilary has been doing at Dapto Anglican. I have been working with her, well, volunteering, every Thursday for ten years. I will possibly be finishing up at the end of the year as I am now 76 and I think that it is time for the younger ones to step up."

- 2. Clergy moves.** **Fr Andrew Joannou** of **Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church** has been farewelled as he leaves for St Therapon Church at Thornleigh, NSW. **Salt Church** is seeking a new senior pastor to replace Dan Godden. **Tom Batty** is finishing up as the assistant minister at **Harbour Church**. The **UoW Uniting Church Chaplain Phil Newton's** closure of ministry service is on at 2pm 1st Dec. at Wollongong Mission (Church on the Mall).

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

### **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:* by phoning 4274 6498 or email [tthemisspk@gmail.com](mailto:tthemisspk@gmail.com)

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

Bible Society and HammondCare present this seminar to explore faith, dementia and the biblical resources available for people with dementia.

*HammondCare Speakers:* David Martin (General Manager of HammondCare At Home), Rev. Andrew Nixon (Head of Pastoral), Lois Haultain (Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator).

*Details:* 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibson Rd

*Contact:* Rhiannon Davies on 0417 467 076. [RSVP here.](#) Morning tea provided.

### **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.](#)

### **Healing Service and Mass - Wollongong Private Hospital - Friday 7th December**

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.

### **Figtree Community Carols - Saturday 8th December**

*Details:* from 5:50 p.m. Figtree High School.

### **Carols by the Beach at Thirroul Beach Park - Sunday 9th December**

**C3 Church Thirroul**

### **Carols on the Lawn - Sunday 9th December**

**Corrimal Community Church**

*Details:* 5:45 p.m. at 9 Augusta At, East Corrimal

### **Tuesday 11th December**

**Combined Churches Albion Park Carols by Candlelight**

*Details:* from 6:00 p.m. BBQ, face painting, animal zoo;

from 7:30pm Carols (BYO chairs or blankets) at Albion Park High School

### **Wednesday 12th December**

**Kiama Christmas Carols**

*Details:* commencing 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Carols at 7:00 p.m at Hindmarsh Park, Terralong St, Kiama.

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