

Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Prayer

- Annette Arthur**, the Secretary of **Keiraview Uniting Church Council**, emailed the following information about a church initiative for our prayer support.

Our property adjoins the Wollongong West Public School. While seeking to connect with our local community and talking with school executive, it was discovered that there were no male teachers on staff and many pupils had no strong male role models. For the past twelve months men from our congregation have attended the school each Monday to interact with the children, particularly boys, while playing games, engaging in computer coding and assisting class teachers with various classroom activities. More recently this interaction has extended to involve a female mentor and girl students.

We ask for prayer for this programme that the children will respond well to the mentors and that positive outcomes for improved behaviour will result.

- Pray for the many **Christmas Carol Services** being held over the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours along to hear the gospel proclaimed.

News

- At the end of each year a number of people drop off the distribution list. If you are changing jobs or moving, please let me know of your new email address.
- The **Faith for Life** seminar last Friday presented by **Bible Society** and **HammondCare** explained how the new resources could be used with people suffering from dementia. It was emphasised that Christians declining with dementia are still Christians with the Holy Spirit even though their brains were not functioning properly. Also, those who are not Christians can be reached with the love of God. The "Faith for Life" resources are available on-line for carers and nursing home workers at [Koorong](#) or [HammondCare](#).
- Rev. Jodie McNeil** has announced that he will no longer be the senior minister of both **Jamberoo and Oak Flats Anglican Churches**, but the two churches will each have their own senior minister. Jodie will take on Jamberoo Anglican Church and Oak Flats will seek a replacement senior minister.
- Gary Hetherington** of **Revival Ministries** has made a video of his Christian testimony which can be viewed on the [5icm website](#).

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

Shellharbour Carols by Candlelight - Friday 7th December
Details: 5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. Reddall Reserve, Lake Illawarra.

Berkeley Community Carols - Saturday 8th December
Hosted by Berkeley Life Centre
Details: from 5-8pm at Winnima Way Berkeley

Figtree Community Carols - Saturday 8th December
Hosted by Figtree Anglican Church.
Details: from 5:50 p.m. Figtree High School

Carols by the Beach at Thirroul Beach Park - Sunday 9th December
Hosted by C3 Church Thirroul

Carols on the Lawn - Sunday 9th December
Hosted by [Corrimal Community Church](#)
Details: 5:45 p.m. at 9 Augusta At, East Corrimal

Santa Fest - Wollongong Christmas Carols - Sunday 9th December
Presented by The Disability Trust and the Salvation Army.
Details: 6pm to 9pm, Lang Park, Wollongong.

Combined Churches Albion Park Carols by Candlelight - Tuesday 11th December
Details: from 6:00 p.m. BBQ, face painting, animal zoo;
from 7:30pm Carols (BYO chairs or blankets) at Albion Park High School

Kiama Community Carols - Wednesday 12th December
Featuring Colin Buchanan.
Details: commencing 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Carols at 7:00 p.m. at Hindmarsh Park, Terralong St, Kiama.

Wiseman Park Community Carols - Friday 14th December
St John's Anglican Church, Keiraville and St Brigid's Catholic Church and school, Gwynneville present a family friendly night with BBQ, face painting, etc.
Details: 6 p.m to 8:30 p.m., Carols at 7 p.m., Wiseman Park Gwynneville

Carols by the Harbour - Saturday 15th December
Combined churches family festival with face painting, crafts, etc. closes with fireworks.
Details: starts 5:00 p.m., Carols from 7:30 p.m. at Little Park, Addison St, Shellharbour Village.

Combined Churches Carols in the Burgh - Saturday 15th December
Details: Rex Jackson Oval - Walker St, Helensburgh

Carols in the Carpark - Port Kembla Baptist Church - Sunday 16th December
Details: 6pm children's activities, including petting zoo, 7pm free sausage sizzle, 7-8pm Carols, cnr Illawarra & Cowper St, Port Kembla.

Carols by the Sea - Austinmer & Thirroul Anglican Church - Sunday 16th December
Details: 7:30 pm Austinmer Beach Park.

Keiraview Uniting Church Community Carols and the Fair World Cup of Games - Sunday 16th December
Family fun activities, BBQ and carols singalong. [Link for more details.](#)
Details: 5p.m. at Wollongong West Public School, entry via Phillips Ave

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