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## ***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. Lucy Mayer of Scripture Union** sent the program of upcoming **Family Missions** for our prayer support (see details below). If you are interested in helping at SUFM contact Lucy by [email](mailto:) or phone 0468 797 445.

**2. BaptistCare** has purchased a commercial building on the main street of Port Kembla and intends moving its existing centre in Darcy House into it in the first half of 2019. Pray that the Development Application is approved and the relocation to the new premises will continue to provide support for people in need. The new property will be called "**BaptistCare HopeStreet – Port Kembla**" in line with the other BaptistCare [HopeStreet](http://www.baptistcare.org.au) centres.

**3.** Pray for safety on the Illawarra roads and waterways over the holiday season.

### ***Feedback and News***

**1. Hazel Nizbet of Woonona Community Presbyterian Church** emailed the following feedback. Let's keep praying for these people struggling with addiction.

"Thank you so much for praying for our December Overcomers Outreach meeting at Woonona Presbyterian Church. In early December we had the biggest meeting to date with 13 attendees. We had 3 new people and 2 returned after being absent for 6 months. We had the greatest range of addictions and self-destructive behaviours that we have ever had at a meeting in our short 12 months.

We studied Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over our addictions- our lives had become unmanageable. There was such good honest sharing and good support after the meeting over supper and people sharing phone numbers.

Thank you again for supporting us in prayer. We really appreciate it and hope for another opportunity in 2019."

- 2. Clergy Moves.** Fr **Lavrentios Pescar** has been welcomed as the new parish priest of **Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Wollongong**. Fr Pescar comes to Wollongong from Brisbane. Welcome to the prayer network. **Ps Lloyd Ollerenshaw** will be farewelled as senior minister of **Shellharbour City Baptist Church** 3pm, Saturday 12th January.
- 3.** We wish all prayer network members an enjoyable Christmas season praising our Saviour and meeting with his people. The next newsletter is scheduled for Tuesday 15th January.

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

### **Scripture Union Family Missions**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Directors</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Albion Park</b>	Theo Jolliffe and Eden Williams	All Saints Anglican Church 253 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park	13 to 21 Jan 2019
<b>Bulli</b>	Martin & Martyne Kennedy, Aaron Cooper	Bulli Beach Tourist Park 1 Farrell Rd, Bulli	26 Dec 2018 to 6 Jan 2019
<b>Corrimal</b>	James & Rebecca Lyle	Corrimal Beach Tourist Park Lake Pde, Corrimal	27 Dec 2018 to 6 Jan 2019
<b>Gerringong</b>	Katrina Low, Tim House	Werri Beach Holiday Park Bridges Rd, Gerringong	26 Dec 2018 to 5 Jan 2019
<b>Gerroa</b>	Bec and Alex Hitchcock Michael Le Mesurier	Seven Mile Beach Holiday Park 200 Crooked River Rd, Gerroa	27 Dec 2018 to 5 Jan 2019
<b>Kiama Summerlife</b>	Ben Cochrane Emma Duffin	Coronation park, Kiama	28 Dec 2018 to 5 Jan 2019
<b>Wollongong</b>	Clara and Ryan Wilcockson	Wollongong Surf Leisure Centre Wollongong	28 Dec 2018 to 5 Jan 2019

### **31st December 2018 - New Year's Eve Worship Night**

Organised by Keiraville International Church with people from other churches contributing.  
*Speaker:* Myles Elton, Youth & Young Adults Minister, Figtree Anglican Church  
*Details:* refreshments from 9:30 p.m. Worship from 10:15 p.m. Live streaming of fireworks at midnight. At Keiraville International Church, 16-18 Eastern St, Gwynneville.

### **Friday 4th January 2019 - Healing Service and Mass**

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

### **18th - 25th January 2019 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The theme for 2019, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deut 16:18-20. Resources have been prepared by churches in Indonesia (see World Council of Churches [website](#)). In the southern hemisphere this is also celebrated around Pentecost.

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