

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. Lent** begun last week for western Christians and **Great Lent** started yesterday for eastern orthodox Christians. Either way, it is the 40-day period leading up to Easter. The forty days are reminiscent of the time Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. Hence, many Christians give up something for Lent to help them focus on God. The National Council of Churches in Australia website says, "Lent gives us an opportunity to renew our faith, refocusing on what we most deeply desire and long for. We place our lives again before God. We renew our quest to be true to God, true to ourselves and true to those we serve."
- 2. Greg Schubert**, the Property Manager at **Cedars Christian College** for the past 8 years, has 6 volunteers who work in his maintenance team. Greg and his wife, Lynne, are members of **Hillsong Wollongong** and lead the Kids Church. Pray for their ministry to the kids and their parents as well as the following prayer request of Greg's.

"Dear Heavenly Father we pray for an increased number of volunteers within the Illawarra to connect within churches and organisations of need, for them to gain strength in being valued for who they are and their hearts in giving of time. Pray for Hillsong church to connect further within the Illawarra community and make an impact in all areas God opens doors."

News

- 1. Helensburgh Baptist Church** will be relocating its Sunday Services to the **Bushlands Chapel**, 94 Parkes St Helensburgh, from 7th April. They will have a thanksgiving Service at the Helensburgh Community Centre on the 31st March where they have held Services for the last 28 years. The Uniting Church, which still owns Bushlands Chapel, no longer holds services there.
- 2. C3 Believe Church** is adding a morning service from 31st March and the new Services times will be 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The church is still meeting at Level 3, Events Centre, University of Wollongong Innovation Campus, Quires Way, North Wollongong.
- 3. Gateway City Church** has changed its name to [Awaken Church Wollongong Central](#).
- 4. National Day of Thanks** (Saturday 25th May) information for schools is on their [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](mailto:John.Sandercock@wollongonggospelchoir.org.au) 0499 444 151

Friday 15th March

An Evening with Wendy Richardson, OAM

Renown local playwright and author, Wendy Richardson, will perform "Four Kembla Women".

Details: 7:00 p.m. at St John's Anglican Church, cnr Moore & Eastern Sts, Gwynneville.

Cost: \$15 (includes coffee and dessert) from www.trybooking.com/BAXNF. [Download flyer](#).

Friday 22nd March

Christ for the Coast Illawarra-wide Youth Event

The program includes a BBQ dinner, organised games and activities, worship songs, interviews, and a Bible talk by guest preacher, James Grady.

Details: 6:30pm - 9:00 pm Figtree Anglican Church

Cost: \$5 single, \$45 for group of 10, \$85 for group of 20. [Buy tickets online](#).

Contact: info@christforall.org.au

Saturday 23rd March

Brett Lindner Healing Masterclass

Healing ministry teaching hosted by C3 Church Shellharbour

Venue: 11am-4pm Albion Park Community Centre, Russell St, Albion Park

Cost: \$25 (includes workbook). [Download flyer](#).

Contact: Inge Garvan on 0404 980 947 or Jason Kent 0413 772 006

Thursday 28th March

Open Doors - Forbidden Obedience

Smuggling Faith To The Millions - From China to Iraq, North Korea to India, hear stories of radical obedience from a man who dared to serve the persecuted church. Join us for a night of prayer and praise as we explore the realities of living a bold faith in the face of suffering.

Details: 7:30-9:00pm Wollongong Baptist Church, 330 Keira St, Wollongong

Speaker: Dean Keaney, founder of Open Doors Australia. [Facebook Event page](#).

Saturday 30th March

Songs of Praise

Rehearse and sing Songs of Praise under Ross Cobb, musical director St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 9:30 a.m. rehearsals; 3:00 p.m. Service. Berry Uniting Church, 77 Albert St Berry.

Cost: \$35. Contact: Naomi Spencer 4422 4166, www.rscmaustralia.org.au

Sunday 7th April - End of Daylight Saving Time (1 hour backwards)

Friday 12th April - School Term 1 Ends

Good Friday 19th April

Easter Sunday 21st April

ANZAC Day 25th April Public Holiday

Orthodox Good Friday 26th April

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April

VMTc Healing Training School

Venue: Chittick Lodge, Gerringong

Cost: \$260 for meals & accommodation, \$60 registration.

Contact: [Andrea Gibbons](mailto:Andrea.Gibbons@vmtc.org.au) 0407 169 708. [Download flyer](#).

Orthodox Easter Sunday 28th April

Kiama HymnSing

Hymn and chorus singing followed by afternoon tea.

Details: 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts.

Contact for song requests: Reuben (4233 2490) or Gail (4232 1630)

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