

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. Rodney Osborne**, the Chaplain of Soldiers of the Cross CMC, Berkeley, and Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club, Jamberoo, sent the following prayer request.

"Soldiers of the Cross Christian Motorcycle Club is an Illawarra based Ministry to the motorcycle enthusiast community. We have an annual charity ride, a community motorcycle workshop, Bible ministries department offering a Christian Biker Magazine, Bible College, Bible Studies, Chaplaincy services to other clubs and regular outreach events. Material and information can be accessed on www.sotc.teamapp.com. Please pray for an increase in hunger for studying the Word of God, and continued growth of all areas of ministry that the Soldiers are involved in."

- 2. Catholic Bishop Brian Mascord** has written a pastoral letter regarding the charging by Police of a Wollongong priest with indecent assault against a 15-year-old boy in 1993 at Fairfield. The matter is distressing to everyone involved and is reported here only to seek prayer support. The bishop's letter said the priest "is not currently involved in ministry or any other church activity". The initial hearing will be at Port Kembla Local Court on 15th May.

Feedback and News

- 1. Scripture Union** in its Autumn Newsletter reported on their **Summer Missions** impact. They mobilised 1,500 volunteers at 37 urban and beach missions. Here is some feedback from the Kiama mission team.

"A little boy named . . . was so hungry for the gospel, he completely understood it and gave his life to Jesus. Through his eagerness, his whole family opened up to Jesus and they look like they are heaps closer to being saved! They weren't even supposed to be in Kiama but their car broke down, and they liked it so much they stayed a few days – and said they're keen to come back next year to see us!"

- 2. Salvation Healing Church** has changed its name to **River of Life Church, Dapto**. The church meets at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre 4:00pm every Sunday unless advertised.

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](#) 0499 444 151

Open Doors - Forbidden Obedience - Thursday 28th March

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.](#)

Songs of Praise - Saturday 30th March

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

Paddle Against Poverty - Saturday 30th March

Christian Surfers is hosting the 19th annual paddle to raise money for Compassion children. Paddle from either Wollongong Harbour or Stanwell Park (depending on wind direction, check their website) to Thirroul starting 7:00 a.m. to about 10:00 a.m.

Contact: [Brett Davis](#) 0421 399 484

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

Taizé Prayer - Sunday 7th April

Ecumenical Service using Taizé prayer and songs.

Venue: 6:00 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

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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

VMTC Healing Training School - Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April

Venue: Chittick Lodge, Gerringong

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

Contact: [Andrea Gibbons](#) 0407 169 708.

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Orthodox Easter Sunday 28th April

Kiama HymnSing - Sunday 28th April

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.