

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. Julie Pfeiffer, who works as a chaplain at Wollongong High School, sent the following information of a new support service being launched in the Illawarra.

Diamond Women Support supports and equips women facing an unexpected pregnancy every step of the way with the information they need to make the best, most empowered decision possible for themselves.

We need prayer not only for the women in our city, who are facing unexpected pregnancies but also for their families and support network.

We also would love prayer for support in finding a suitable office to enable us to meet, face to face with the women and their families, this would also allow us to offer support face to face. Enabling us to bless them with connections with other organisations in the Illawarra that can support them through this journey. Diamond women are a not for profit and funding via donation in order to maintain the focus on the women and supporting them as long as they need support. We offer counselling, mentorship programs, family support, etc.

If anyone would like further information or would like to support us, I have included the website and am happy for anyone to contact myself or head office. My details are Julie Pfeiffer mobile: 0411060722. The website is <https://diamondwomensupport.com/services/>

2. Roe Kitchin of **Kiama Anglican Church** requests prayer for their ESL classes.

"We are offering English Conversation Classes from Monday 8 April at Kiama Anglican with a choice of Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. ... Please pray about this and for wisdom, insight and energy for the team from Kiama Anglican Church and that we can be salt and light to those who engage in our classes." [Download flyer](#).

3. Grahame & Patty Scarratt of **Kiama Anglican Church** are "retired" missionaries to South America and are now involved in a Spanish book ministry. Here is their prayer request.

"Please pray for the new Scripture teacher at Kiama High School, **Wycliffe Ochieng**, who started this year, that he will be sensitive to the culture of the school and get to know the students and staff promptly. Pray that God will use Him for the extension of His Kingdom."

News

1. Rev Rob and Thea Buchan, the Senior pastors at **Kiama and Jamberoo Uniting Church**, will be farewelled on Sunday 28th April.

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

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](mailto:Andrea.Gibbons@5icm.org.au) 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)

CMS Illawarra Connection Meeting - Thursday 2nd May

Speakers: Martin & Julia Field on *Ministry Amidst Frustration*. They have ministered amongst University students for 11 years in Cordoba, Argentina.

Details: 12:30-2pm St Mark's Anglican Church, 429 Crown St, West Wollongong. BYO lunch and mug, tea/coffee provided. Park in grounds.

Contact: [Beverley Defty](mailto:Beverley.Defty@5icm.org.au)

[Illawarra Prayer Breakfast](#) - Friday 24th May

[National Day of Thanks](#) - Saturday 25th May

A day for all Australians to pause as a nation and say thank you to God, and to each other for those many things we often take for granted – those things that really make our lives worth living.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th June

The theme for the week of prayer in 2019, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20. The resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in Indonesia.

For details and resources see the [National Council of Churches in Australia](http://www.nationalcouncilofchurchesinaustralia.org.au).

South Coast Mental Health Discovery Day - Saturday 15th June

Hosted by C3 Church Shellharbour with clinical psychologist Krystiyna Kidson focussing on managing stress and preventing burn out.

Venue: Albion Park Bowling Club, 32-52 Taylor Rd, Albion Park

Cost: \$19.50 Tickets from www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=475812

Contact: Ps Jason Kent jasonkent@c3churchshellharbour.com.au

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