

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. Federal Election. Although we do not usually include national or international matters here, we are voting for local representatives in the seats of Cunningham (Wollongong), Whitlam (Kembla Grange, Primbee, Shellharbour, Dunmore, Albion Park and west to Sutton Forest) and Gilmore (Kiama, Gerringong, and south to Tuross Head). The candidates for prayer are as listed on the Australian Electoral Commission website:

Cunningham: Chris Atlee (Liberal), Rowan Huxtable (Grn), Sharon Bird (Labor), John Flanagan (NCP), John Gill (SA), Grace Younger (UAP).

Whitlam: Angelo Cuda (UAP), Frank Nero (CDP), Stephen Wentworth (Nats), Stephen Jones (Labor), Jamie Dixon (Grns), Ken Davis (SA).

Gilmore: Carmel McCallum (Grns), Grant Schultz (Ind), Milton Leslight (UAP), Fiona Phillips (Labor), Serah Kolukulapally (CDP), Katrina Hodgkinson (Nats), Warren Mundine (Liberal).

None of the candidate are members of the Illawarra Prayer Network.

2. Far South Coast SUFM (Scripture Union Family Mission) – Scripture Union would like prayer “that God would continue to open doors and lead people to volunteer on new beach missions in Far South Coast.” Contact [Lucy Mayer](#), the SU Missions Administrator, if you are interested in helping with a family mission on the far south coast after Christmas.

News

1. More Illawarra church changes: **Andrew & Teresa Tainsh**, the pastors of the now closed **Dream Culture Church**, are taking their ministry to Adelaide. **Paolo and Kerry Dicembre** are planting the **True Spirit Church** which meets at 6:30 p.m. Saturday nights at Towradgi Congregational Church, 8 Carters Lane Towradgi. With the coming of C3 Believe Church to Wollongong, **C3 Jubilee Fellowship**, which used to meet in Gwynneville, has closed. The **Tongan Church** is now meeting at 1:00 p.m. cnr Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli.

2. National Day of Thanks. The [Governor General](#) has given his support. For school teachers, a “school gratitude teacher’s guide” can be downloaded [here](#).

3. Services for healing prayer and Mass conducted by Fr George Condookala will from this Saturday be held weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Wollongong Public Hospital in the chapel and on Fridays in Wollongong Private Hospital in Level 3 patients lounge. All welcome.

God bless,
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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

Mother's Day - Sunday 12th May

Kiama Bible Society Branch - Tuesday 14th May

All welcome for part or whole of the day. A collection will be taken up for Bible Society.

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Tea/coffee

10:00 a.m. - noon Prayer led by Nick Cole from Bible Society

noon - 1:00 p.m. lunch (soup and bread rolls)

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. AGM

Venue: Kiama Baptist Church, 1/3 Brown, St Kiama.

Contact: Barb Mathie 4234 1576 or 0411 212 874. [Download flyer.](#)

[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.

National Sorry Day - Sunday 26th May

Reconciliation Day - Monday 27th May

Ascension Day - Thursday 30th May

Origins Education Meetings - Thursday 30th May

Trevor Holt is holding an introductory meeting to explore biblical creation and evolutionary models of origins. Thereafter the meetings will be monthly.

Details: 7:30 p.m. C3 Church Thirroul, 345 Lawrence Hargrave Dr.

RSVP: [Trevor Holt](mailto:Trevor.Holt@c3churchshellharbour.com.au) mobile: 0401 198 140. [Download flyer.](#)

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.ncca.org.au).

Sicm Mid-Year Meeting - Monday 3rd June

This is not a business meeting, but an opportunity for member ministries to talk about what they are doing and to encourage one another. All welcome.

Venue: 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park

RSVP: [Derek Thompson](mailto:Derek.Thompson@sicm.org.au) 4256 5780

Pentecost - Sunday 9th June

Whit Monday 10th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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

Gong Men's Day - Saturday 15th June

Speaker: Sam Chan on knowing and sharing the gospel.

Venue: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dapto Anglican Church, Moomba St

Cost: \$40 (\$30 concession) includes lunch. Book through <https://gongmensday.org/>

Taizé Prayer - Trinity Sunday 16th June

Ecumenical Service using Taizé prayer and songs. [Download flyer.](#)

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

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