

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. Maria Baden of Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Parish, Kiama is involved with an upcoming Christian meditation day (see Events below). Maria writes:

"In a world of many confusing, conflicting voices and super-inflated egos, we desperately need periods of silence and stillness. John Main OSB, composed the following prayer in 1976 when he began his public teaching on meditation."

"Heavenly Father, open our hearts to the silent presence of the spirit of your Son. Lead us into that mysterious silence where your love is revealed to all who call - MARANATHA. Come Lord Jesus."

2. Jackie Haines is a new member of the prayer network. She attends the Lighthouse Church and has been praying for salvation in the suburb of **Mangerton** even though she does not live there. She was challenged by the Holy Spirit to do this while she was praying for one individual who lived in Mangerton. Let's join with her and pray for the residents of Mangerton to be awakened by the Holy Spirit. As Jackie says:

"I want to see addictions broken, blind eyes open, people healed, not only in Mangerton, but in the whole Wollongong area. I want to see God move, like he's never moved before."

News

1. The new Christian movie "**Overcomer**" is being screened at Shellharbour Greater Union Cinemas today and tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. (confirm [online](#) after that) and will also be shown on Wednesday 28th August at 6:45 p.m. Tickets: \$12.50. This is the latest movie from the Kendrick Brothers, the creators of Fireproof, Courageous and War Room. The film's producer Stephen Kendrick said, "Our heart's desire is that lives will be changed". You can view the trailer on [YouTube](#).

2. Julie Pfeiffer of the [Diamond Women's Support](#) group has drawn attention to the proposed screening of the "Unplanned" anti-abortion movie. The movie will be screened on Monday 23rd Sept from 7:00 p.m. at Warrawong Hoyts Cinema. Go to the [Facebook event page](#) for details.

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

Men's Bootcamp - "Standing Firm" - Wednesday 28 August

Venue: Upstairs "The Deck" at Ryan's Hotel, cnr Phillip & George Sts, Thirroul

Cost: \$10

[Download flyer](#) for topics and speakers.

Gerringong Bible Society Coffee Morning - Friday 30th August

Speaker: Nic Capp, Bible Society National Manager for Donor Care

Details: 10:00 a.m. for morning tea at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 166 Fern (Cnr Jupiter St), Gerringong. There will be a sale table, Koorong Bookstall and a collection will be taken for Bible Society.

Kiama/Jamberoo Bible Society Coffee Morning - Saturday 31st August

Speaker: Nic Capp, Bible Society National Manager for Donor Care

Details: 10:00 a.m. for morning tea at Kiama Uniting Church, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St, Kiama. There will be a Koorong Bookstall and a collection will be taken for Bible Society.

City Women Illawarra 6th Annual United Event - Saturday 31st August

[Download flyer](#). [Download program](#).

Venue: 2-5pm Citylife Church, 2/129 Jardine St, Fairy Meadow

Cost: \$25 per person

Booking: trybooking.com/BEEDZ

Taizé Prayer - Sunday 1st September

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

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

A day of meditation and reflection with Michael Whelan SM - Saturday 7th September

Held by the World Community for Christian Meditation, Australia (NSW).

Details: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Kiama Uniting Church, cnr Bong Bong and Manning Sts, Kiama.

Cost: donation as able, \$15 - \$20 suggested. BYO lunch, tea/coffee, morning tea provided.

[Download flyer](#) for contacts and more details.

Download WCCM "[Instructions: How to Meditate](#)."

Dapto Uniting Church Annual Hymn Festival - Sunday 15th September

Featuring: Wollongong Gospel Choir, Wollongong Wind Band Ensemble and Dapto Uniting Music Team. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 2-4pm Dapto Uniting Church, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto

Cost: \$10 each or \$25 per family.

BWCB Coffee and Dessert Night - Wednesday 18th September

Fundraiser for northern Illawarra school Scripture Teachers.

Details: starts 7:30 p.m. See [BWCB webpage](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Kiama HymnSing - Sunday 22nd September

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 the **Regular Events** list.