

## **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](http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html). Please send prayer requests and feedback to [prayer@5icm.org.au](mailto:prayer@5icm.org.au).  
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### **Prayer**

- 1. Dianne O'Dwyer** of **Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Parish, Kiama** is the [email contact](#) for the ecumenical **Homestead of Hope** ministry, along with Mary (President/Secretary on 4232 2279) and Sheelagh (Vice President on 0409 562 830). Dianne sent in the following prayer request.

"Heavenly Father we thank you for your generous providence for the Homestead of Hope NSW Inc, a local not-for-profit charity in Kiama to assist the homeless and disadvantaged in our area and south of Wollongong to Nowra. We pray especially for the grace and resources to be able to offer emergency relief accommodation to women over 50 who are in need and homeless. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen"

- 2. C3 New Hope Church, Kiama** commenced services at Kiama Downs Neighbourhood Centre last month. Ps Bec Choat has moved to the Illawarra to lead this church plant from the Mount Annan C3 New Hope Church. I visited the church on Sunday and immediately found a need for prayer. The three-year old son (Zac) of the couple leading worship, Lara & Glaucio Tomaz of Albion Park, is in hospital having tests for a blood disorder. Other prayer needs of the church include connecting with people living in Kiama Downs, where there is presently no other church.
- 3. Jill Duran** requested the network to pray about the plight of older women in the Illawarra who are struggling with housing affordability, finding employment, or receiving an adequate government pension. Jill is looking for support to organise a protest to raise awareness of the problem. Contact her on [Facebook](#).

### **News**

- 1. Five Islands Christian Ministries Inc AGM** is on 11th November. **5icm** is a group of local ministries that benefit from shared incorporation, charity status (return of GST), and public liability insurance. The member ministries are Wollongong Gospel Choir, Revival Ministries, Illawarra Christians Connect and the Illawarra Prayer Network. Other ministries are welcome to join. The AGM would be a good time to do so. [Contact me](#) for membership information. Membership is free. Just as church unity is facilitated by doing ministry across church boundaries, so also is the ecumenical ministry strengthened by mutual support.

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.  
**Due to renovations of the Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, rehearsals are temporarily at Cafe Essay at the Salvation Army, 11 Burelli St, Wollongong.**  
Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@salvationarmy.org.au) 0499 444 151

**Kairos Prison Ministry Craft Stall - Wednesday 6th November**  
Fundraising for a ministry to relatives of people in prison.  
Details: from 9:00 a.m. Warrawong Plaza (Cowper St end of Food Court)

**CMS Illawarra Mission Meeting - Thursday 7th November**  
Speaker: Kingsley Box on "Preaching to the choir-boy in Central Europe" and the ups and downs of preaching the gospel in post-communist, post-Catholic nations with a small protestant church.  
Details: 12:30pm - 2pm, BYO lunch & mug, tea/coffee provided  
Contact: Beverley Defty [bgdefty@bigpond.com](mailto:bgdefty@bigpond.com)

**AFES Partnership Dinner - Saturday 9th November**  
Speaker: Richard Chin (AFES National Director)  
Details: 5:30pm Salvation Army Centre, 13 Burelli St, Wollongong  
Cost: \$35 (includes 3 course meal and drinks)  
RSVP: [Online](http://www.afes.org.au) or email [Tim Lowth](mailto:Tim.Lowth@afes.org.au) by 4th November.

**[River of Life Church](#) Fete - Sunday 10th November**  
A fete where everything is free to bless the community and help the needy. Goods include clothes, toys, jewellery, books, sausage sizzle etc.  
Details: 11a.m. to 3p.m. Koonawarra Community Centre, 36 Fowlers Rd.  
Contact: May Housler 0413 488 496

**5icm AGM - Monday 11th November - Remembrance Day**  
See the [About webpage](#) for details of 5icm.  
Venue: 7:30 pm 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park  
RSVP: [Derek Thompson](mailto:Derek.Thompson@5icm.org.au) (Public Officer) or phone 4256 5780 - All welcome to find out what the member ministries are doing.

**Kiama HymnSing - Sunday 24th November**  
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)

**Victory Summer School for Young Adults and School Leavers - Wednesday 27th November to Thursday 27th February 2020.**  
Five-fold ministry teaching, prophetic & evangelism activation, Silence Breakers evangelism training - 2 days per week  
Cost: \$380  
Registration closes 11/11/19.  
Contact: [Lionel Rattenbury](mailto:Lionel.Rattenbury@vss.org.au) 0404 803 055. [Download flyer.](#)

**First Sunday in Advent - Sunday 1st December**  
**Taizé Prayer**  
Ecumenical Service using Taizé prayer and songs. [Download flyer.](#)  
Venue: 6:00 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

**Lumina 2019 - Carol Competition - Saturday 7th December**  
Hosted by St Osthathiose Jacobite Syrian Church, Wollongong.  
Details: 4pm-9pm Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto  
Cost: Entry free  
Contact: [Yomon Raju](mailto:Yomon.Raju@lumina.org.au) 0469 407 701 or [Geevarghese John](mailto:Geevarghese.John@lumina.org.au) 0449 190 956  
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