

## **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. Jonathan Hann**, a maths teacher at **Calderwood Christian School**, suggested we pray in support of Special Religious Education in high schools.

"Ask that God would provide faithful new teachers in our high schools. Pray that many of the students who have heard the gospel in our schools might be prompted to join of a youth group or church."

**2. Adam and Sarah Walkerden** run "**The Storehouse**", a ministry of **Increase Church**. The Storehouse opens twice each week, 4:30-6:30p.m. at 87 Terry St, Albion Park offering free food and essentials for anyone in need, with no questions asked. They would like support from local churches in the form of donated food items. Adam asked for prayer for the 30 regular users of the service.

**3. Anne-Marie Esler** of **Kiama Catholic Church** raised the following item for prayer.

"I have not contributed a prayer request before and I wasn't going to suggest one however I have had a recent experience of two people that are close to me having suicidal thoughts (one is a father and husband with 5 children and the other a single young female). I would like to pray for people in the Illawarra community that are feeling that they have no hope and that they are not worthy of living. I would like to pray that God helps them to see that they are loved by those around them and that their life is worth living."

### **News**

**1. At the Five Islands Christian Ministries Inc AGM** the member ministries reported what they are doing. Wollongong Gospel Choir has maintained its numbers at 25 singers and performs for fund raising events, weddings, and nursing homes. Gary Hetherington has now retired and will have more time for Revival Ministries. Illawarra Christians Connect has not held any events because Emmanuel Bakenga is now planting a church in Port Kembla. The Illawarra Prayer Network continues to connect 3,500 Illawarra Christians in prayer on a fortnightly basis.

**2. Mgr Bryan Jones**, the Parish Priest of **All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City**, is retiring from parish ministry. Mgr Jones was ordained in 1964 and served as parish priest at Fairy Meadow, Campbelltown and Shellharbour City. Fr Joseph Nguyen will commence as Administrator at Shellharbour from 12th December.

**3. Another church plant in the Illawarra: Magnetic Church**, which meets at Tarrawanna Public School hall, 9:30 a.m. Sundays, with senior ministers **Ps Jim and Pat Primossich**. You can read their report on the [CRC Churches International](http://CRC Churches International) website.

**4. Ps Barry McMurtrie**, the senior pastor of **Northern Beaches Church of Christ**, is going to retire to Glen Innes after 54 years of ministry. His last Sunday is on 1st December.

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@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

### **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 closed* 11/11/19.

*Contact:* [Lionel Rattenbury](mailto:Lionel.Rattenbury@5icm.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.

### **Shellharbour Carols by Candlelight - Friday 6th December**

*Details:* 5:30pm-8:30pm Reddall Reserve East, Lake Illawarra.

### **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

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### **Carols in the Street (Augusta St, East Corrimal) - Sunday 8th December**

Hosted by Corrimal Community Church. The street will be closed to traffic, park at either end or on Pioneer Rd. Coffee Van, Sausage Sizzle, Pop Up Market. BYO chair or blanket.

*Details:* 5:30pm-8:30pm 9 Augusta St, East Corrimal.

### **Albion Park Community Carols - Tuesday 10th December**

Hosted by Albion Park Combined Churches.

*Details:* 6pm-9pm, 7:30pm carols, Albion Park High School 120 Church St. BYO chairs/blankets. BBQ, drinks, candles, glowsticks available for purchase.

### **Carols in the Park, Kiama - Wednesday 11th December**

Arranged and presented by the combined churches of Kiama, featuring Colin Buchanan and Santa.

*Details:* 7-9pm Hindmarsh Park, Terralong St, Kiama (in case of wet weather, it will be held in Kiama Pavilion).

See the [5icm Events page](#) for more events and the **Regular Events** list.