

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. Anatine Falevai**, an Illawarra Prayer Network member, was visiting Tonga last week when she sent the following prayer request.

"The first thing to pray for is the Pacific Ocean as you all know about the Measles. As we had nearly 42 people die and still haven't had one in Tonga. But a few have been sick here, also Fiji and New Zealand.

Also pray for the leaders of our nation and Proclaim this verse over them:

'He breaks the spirit of rulers; he is feared by the kings of the earth.'

Psalms 76:12 NIV

Pray for awakening of us all; being ready for the day he comes to take us all."

- 2.** I visited the new **True Spirit Church** last Sunday. It meets at **Towradgi Congregational Church's** building on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month. The Congregational Church now has only one meeting each month, on the 2nd Sunday. The two churches are working together to add children's play equipment and refurbish the toilets. They are also combining for a Christmas Day Service at 9:00 a.m. Pray that the efforts of both of these churches to attract new members will be fruitful.

News

- 1.** Last month, we prayer for **Zach**, the 3-year-old son of **Glaucio and Lara Tomaz**, who was having tests for a blood problem. The result was that Zach has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL), a form of cancer of the blood, and will have to undergo two years of treatment commencing with eight months of chemotherapy at Sydney Children's Hospital. **Ps Bec Choat** of **C3 New Hope Church, Kiama** has started a fund-raising webpage at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-tomaz-family>.
- 2.** I have prepared a 12-minute slideshow video on **Friendship** for use as a conversation starter for a church Connect Group, Youth Group or Kid's Church. Suggested questions for an adult group are available, but kids will enjoy the cute animal photos. It is available from a link on the 5icm website Resources page pointing to:

http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/Restricted.html

Due to the terms of the copyright music licence, video distribution is restricted to persons with a password. In the window that pops up type:

User Name: Access

Password: Friendship

If the video starts playing in your browser but you want to download the file to save it, right mouse click on the video image and select "Save Video As..." You can save the file on your computer or a flash drive to play on a TV.

3. Ps Barry McMurtrie retired as the senior pastor of **Northern Beaches Church of Christ** on 1st December. The church welcomes its new senior minister, **Ps Jeff Deuble** and his wife **Pam** on 8th December.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Illawarra Prayer Network

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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir **There are no more Rehearsals until School Term 1, 2020.**

Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

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. [Download flyer](#)

Details: 4pm-9pm Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto

Cost: Entry free. [Facebook Event Page](#). Contact: [Yomon Raju](mailto:Yomon.Raju@5icm.org.au) 0469 407 701.

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

Hosted 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).

Figtree Community Carols - Saturday 14th December

Hosted by Figtree Anglican Church, free entry, carols and fireworks.

Details: 5:30pm-9:30pm at Figtree High School oval.

Santa Fest - Wollongong Christmas Carols - Sunday 15th December

Food trucks, coffee, rides and face painting with a big finale of fireworks.

Details: 5:00 pm Lang Park, Marine Drive, Wollongong.

Christmas Carols and the "Fair World Cup of Games" - Sunday 15th December

Venue: Hosted by Keiraview Uniting Church, 34 Fisher St, West Wollongong.

Details: 5-7pm Family games; 6-7pm food & BBQ; 7-8pm Carols Service.

Berkely Carols & Moonlight Movies - Sunday 15th December

Details: from 5pm children's activities & food stalls; 7pm Carols; 8pm "Rise of the Guardians" movie. *Further Information:* www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/events

Carols by the Harbour, Shellharbour - Saturday 21st December

Details: 5:00 pm Little Park, Shellharbour Village.

Carols in the Car Park - Port Kembla Baptist Church - Sunday 22nd December

Petting Zoo, a visit by Santa Claus. L.E.D candles will be available on the night.

Details: from 6:15pm Animals of Bethlehem petting zoo; 7:00 p.m. sausage sizzle; 8:00 p.m. Carols at cnr Illawarra and Cowper St, Port Kembla.

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