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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. **Lucy Mayer of Scripture Union** sent the program of upcoming **Family Missions** for our prayer support. To help at SUFM contact Lucy by [email](mailto:) or phone 0468 797 445.

Location	Directors	Address	Dates
Albion Park	Theo Jolliffe and Eden Williams	All Saints Anglican Church 253 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park	12 to 20 Jan 2020
Bulli	Martin & Martyne Kennedy, Aaron Cooper	Bulli Beach Tourist Park 1 Farrell Rd, Bulli	27 Dec 2019 to 7 Jan 2020
Corrimal	James & Rebecca Lyle	Corrimal Beach Tourist Park Lake Pde, Corrimal	27 Dec 2019 to 7 Jan 2020
Gerringong	Katrina Low, Tim House	Werri Beach Holiday Park 1a Bridges Rd, Gerringong	27 Dec 2019 to 7 Jan 2020
Gerroa	Bec and Alex Hitchcock Michael Le Mesurier	Seven Mile Beach Holiday Park 200 Crooked River Rd, Gerroa	27 Dec 2019 to 7 Jan 2020
Kiama Summerlife	Ben Cochrane Emma Duffin	74 Manning St, Kiama Yr 7-12	27 Dec 2019 to 7 Jan 2020
Wollongong	Clara and Ryan Wilcockson	Wollongong Surf Leisure Centre, 201 Pioneer Rd, Fairy Meadow	27 Dec 2019 to 7 Jan 2020

2. It's holiday season again. Pray for safety on Illawarra roads and waterways.
3. **Amal Fathallah of St Therese West Wollongong Catholic School** sent this prayer:

"Dear God, we are thankful for your mercy.

Please Lord, bless us, bless our families, our friends, cousins and especially our youth who may be confused at times, lost or lonely. They may lack orientation, they may lack you and your mercy. Please help them find their way to you and help them to welcome you into their hearts, for the salvation of their souls.

We pray for this city, and for the faithful people in it.

Help us love each other, to be happy for each other and to have the team spirit in our work. Please help us accept each other, even if others are not what we want them to be. Allow us to be honest with ourselves before we are honest with others.

Allow us to be merciful and forgiving when we get mistreated."

News

1. If you are changing email address at the end of the year, please let me know your new email so you can continue praying with the Illawarra Prayer Network.
2. **Rev. Andrew Smith** had his closure of ministry service at **Corrimal Region Uniting Church** on Sunday 8th December. **Rev. Sam Pursell** has commenced as senior minister of **Oak Flats Anglican Church** and **Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church** has announced its new senior minister from 1/2/20 will be **Rev. Kath Merrifield**.
3. **Position Vacant: Church and Community Worker** at **Keiraview Uniting Church West Wollongong**. Closing date January 20. For more information go to <http://keiraview.org/> and click on *Work With Us* for more information and the Position Description.
4. **St Michael's Anglican Cathedral** celebrated the 160th anniversary of the church on the hill, which was consecrated on 15th December 1859.
5. My 12-minute slideshow video on **Friendship** for home groups is still available from http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/Restricted.html
In the window that pops up type: *User Name:* Access *Password:* Friendship
If the video starts playing in your browser 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.
6. The next **Clearing the Way for Jesus** ePrayerletter will be on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

God bless and merry Christmas,
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@wollongonggospelchoir.com) 0499 444 151

WGC website: www.wollongonggospelchoir.com

Carols by the Harbour, Shellharbour - Saturday 21st December

Details: 5:00 pm Little Park, Shellharbour Village, 7:30pm-9:30pm for Carols and fireworks.

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.

Friday Long Lunch with Brad and Elen Jersak - Friday 14th February

Details: 12pm-2:30pm Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla

Cost: \$60 (places are limited)

Bookings: <http://centralchurch.org.au/WhatsOn/>

Friday Night Wine and Cheese - An Evening with Eden Jersak - Friday 14th February

Details: 7:30 pm - 9:00pm Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla

Cost: \$10 Tickets available at door or online at <http://centralchurch.org.au/WhatsOn/>

Saturday with Brad Jersak - Saturday 15th February

Details: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla

Cost: \$40 (includes morning tea, but lunch is not provided, BYO or use local cafes)

Bookings: <http://centralchurch.org.au/WhatsOn/>

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