

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. Bishop Reg Piper's City Bible Talks** on **Luke's** Gospel have been turned into a Lenten Studies book for 2020 with 40 daily devotions covering all of Luke's Gospel. Reg requested prayer that

"... it might be helpful in looking with Luke to Jesus particularly in the lead up to Easter this year."

[**The things that make for peace**](#) is available from cepstore.com.au for \$11.95 (AUD). Also available as an e-book on [Apple Books](#) and [Amazon Kindle](#) for \$8.99 (AUD).

- 2. Ms Stephanie Cario**, the Safe Ministry Rep for **St Mark's Anglican Church, West Wollongong**, submitted the following for prayer.

"My prayer for this time of the year is that all those who are involved in children and youth ministry throughout the Illawarra will ensure that during January they check their WWCC and Safe Ministry training so that they will be covered to continue pursuing their vital ministry as the year kicks off in February. I thank God continually for those who selflessly volunteer their time each year to work with the young ones in our parishes."

- 3. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is 18-25 January (and in the southern hemisphere, if you are on summer holidays, it can be celebrated the week before Pentecost). This year's theme, "they showed us unusual kindness," is taken from Acts 28:2, and draws on the story of Paul finding safety in Malta after a shipwreck. The resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in Malta (see [World Council of Churches website](#)).

News

- 1. Salt Church**, Wollongong, has announced that **Rev. Michael Plaeye** will become their new senior minister from February. Michael, his wife Natalie and their three daughters come from serving at The Lakes Evangelical Church on the Central Coast.
- 2. Position Vacant (re-advertised position): 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.
- 3. Wollongong Gospel Choir** is taking bookings for 2020. They are available at no charge to sing at fund-raising events, nursing homes, weddings, and church events (Sunday Services may not be possible since all the choir members are involved in their own churches). Contact John Sandercock on 0499 444 151.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Illawarra Prayer Network

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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsals start in School Term 1, 2020.

7:00 pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville. **Due to renovations of the WSC Centre, rehearsals will temporarily be at Cafe Essay at the Salvation Army, 11 Burelli St, Wollongong.**

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

Scripture Union Family Mission – Albion Park – 15th to 22nd January 2020

Venue: All Saints Anglican Church, 253 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park

Directors: Theo Jolliffe and Eden Williams

Contact: Lucy by email lucym@sunsw.org.au or phone 0468 797 445

Four Fields/T4T (Training for Trainers) Basic Training - Mon 20th to Tues 21st Jan,

Speakers: Ying and Grace Kai

Details: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. NewDay Church, 25 O'Brien's Rd, Figtree

Cost: free (an offering will be taken up)

Contact: Dave Milne.

Website: <http://noplaceleft.net.au/>

Change the Heart Prayer Service - Thursday 23rd January

These are Services of acknowledgement, lament and prayer as we approach January 26th – a day of mourning for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters.

Details: 7:00 p.m. Keiraview Uniting Church, 34 Fisher St, West Wollongong

Contact: Rev. Annette Hawken minister@keiraview.org

Friday Long Lunch with [Brad and Eden 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)

Childminding available at \$10 per child.

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

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