

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. Aby Abraham has started having prayer meetings/services in Malayalam (Indian language) (the focus is on UoW students from India) in his home at 40 Stanley Ave, Farmborough Heights on Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. The new initiative is called [Gilgal Church Wollongong](#). They have a connect group on Fridays at various locations. Give prayer support to this missionary outreach here in Wollongong.

2. Philippa Clark, who works as Sales Specialist, **Uniting Lakeview Village**, submitted the following prayer request.

"I wish to thank our heavenly Father for his answer to prayer in helping to fill our new apartments. We have 8 apartments left and we seek God's answer to prayer to sell those remaining to isolated older people in the area. We pray for the Lord's protection over our residents and staff."

3. Ashleigh Ahearn of **Stella Maris Shellharbour Catholic School** emailed.

"I would like to nominate the victims and those who lost loved one and homes to the bushfires on the south coast of NSW. ... I would like to pray for rain for local farmers."

4. Rev. Jon Thorpe, senior minister of **Shellharbour City Anglican Church**, sent the following:

"This week Jude Stacey, the wife of our evening Pastor Pete Stacey, passed away. Jude had been living with cancer for 2 years. Please pray that Pete and the family might be confident of God's grace at this time. Please pray that her funeral might be a testament to God's grace and Pete might be able to share the hope she had in Christ."

News

1. Michael Plaege will be inducted as Lead Pastor of **Salt Church** on Saturday 29th February, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort - with lunch afterwards at Towradgi Beach Hotel. Friends of Salt Church and the Plaeges are very welcome.

2. From the **Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church's** Facebook page: "**Rev. Katherine Merrifield** has been inducted in a joyous and uplifting service as the Minister of the Word for the Kiama Jamberoo Congregation of the Uniting Church of Australia."

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir - Rehearsals recommence 4th February.

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@wollongonggospelchoir.org.au) 0499 444 151

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

N.B. This event is cancelled.

Saturday with [Brad Jersak](#) - Saturday 15th February

Details: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. C3 Thirroul, 1/345 Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Cnr Railway Pde.

N.B. new venue.

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/>

Prayer Breakfast Lunch - Friday 28th February

Speaker: Ps. Rick Prosser

Details: 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at The Woolshed. [RSVP](#)

[World Day of Prayer](#) - Friday 6th March

Theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk; Service prepared by Zimbabwe.

Illawarra Services:

10:00 a.m. **Keiraview Uniting Church**, 34 Fisher St, West Wollongong

10:00 a.m. **St Paul's Anglican Church**, Town St, Shellharbour Village.

The Service will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Contact: by [email](#) or phone 4295 1321, Wed-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm.

10:00 a.m. **St Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral**, 36 Harbour St, W'gong

10:00 a.m. **Austinmer Uniting Church**, 48 Moore St, Austinmer

10:00 a.m. **CrossRoads Christian Community** Anglican Church, 1 Princes Hwy, Fairy Meadow

10:00 a.m. **Albion Park Anglican Church**, 253 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park

10:00 a.m. **St Paul's Anglican Church**, 12 Town St, Shellharbour Village

10:00 a.m. **St Luke's Anglican Church**, Prince Edward Dr, Brownsville

10:00 a.m. **Gerringong Uniting Church**, Fern St, Gerringong

11:00 a.m. **St Patrick's Catholic Church**, 39 Kembla St, Port Kembla

11:00 a.m. **Bushland Chapel**, 94 Parkes St, Helensburgh

11:00 a.m. **Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church**, 92 Manning St, Kiama

The Word One to One Workshop - Sunday 8th March

Richard Borgonon, co-creator of the resource "The Word One to One" will be presenting a workshop on how to read the Bible one on one and lead people into relationship with Jesus.

Cost: free - [register here](#). [Download flyer](#) for further information.

VMTC Ministry Training School, Gerringong - Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th April

Four days of practical training, worship, & personal ministry

Cost: Live in \$335 pp; Registration fee \$60.

Apply online: www.vmtc.org.au/ministry/training-schools

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