



## **Clearing the Way for Jesus**

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### **Prayer**

- 1. Annette Arthur of Keiraview Uniting Church Council** emailed the following prayer request.

"Keiraview Uniting Church has a work party travelling to Thailand in March to do some maintenance on the Agape Children's Home in Chiang Mai. The work will include painting bedrooms and providing small individual bedside cupboards for the children to store personal items. Your prayers for this mission would be appreciated."

- 2.** Here is the original version of American Theologian **Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer.**

God, give us grace to accept with serenity  
the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things which should be changed,  
and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.  
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
if I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen

### **News**

- 1. Lyn Brown of Albion Park Uniting Church** is the Illawarra contact for **Operation Christmas Child**. This church is the local collection point for shoe boxes of gifts for children ([download flyer](#)). They also do fund raising events to pay for the transport of the shoe boxes overseas. The next event is a sale of a huge variety of shoes priced from \$15 with afternoon tea available at the church on Saturday 7th March ([download flyer](#)) from noon to 4:00 p.m. Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry & Russell Sts, gold coin entry.

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,  
Illawarra Prayer Network

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## **Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra**

### **Wollongong Gospel Choir - Rehearsals on Tuesdays during school term times.**

7:00 pm **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@wsc.org.au) 0499 444 151

### **Tuesday 25th February**

#### **Spirituality in the Pub - The Diocese of Wollongong – Then and Now**

Speaker: Bishop Brian Mascord

Details: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm Woonona Bulli RSL Club, 455-459 Princes Highway. Woonona

Enquiries: Ann 0427 235 955 or wollsip@gmail.com

### **Prayer Breakfast Launch - 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:

9:30 a.m. **St Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral**, 36 Harbour St, W'gong  
The Service will be followed by morning tea.

9:30 a.m. **St Paul's Anglican Church**, Town St, Shellharbour Village.

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

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.

### **Paddle Against Poverty - Saturday 14th March**

Christian Surfers fundraiser. The paddle takes about 3 hours.

Details: 7:00 a.m. at either Wollongong Harbour or Stanwell Park depending on wind direction. [Check here](#).

### **Port Kembla Baptist Mini Fete - Saturday 14th March**

Devonshire Tea, sausage sizzle, cake stall, white elephant, pre-loved clothes, plants, books.

Details: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Port Kembla Baptist Church cnr Illawarra and Cowper Sts.

### **Day of Evangelism - Together for the Illawarra - Saturday 14th March**

Details: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Living Water Lutheran Church, 15 Burelli St, Wollongong

### **Christians Against Poverty Course - Tuesdays 17th, 24th & 31st March**

Learn how to manage your money

Details: 7:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church, cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts.

Contact: Marion Ratray on 4233 2490

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