

## **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](http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html). Please send prayer requests and feedback to [prayer@5icm.org.au](mailto:prayer@5icm.org.au).  
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### **Prayer**

**1. Ken Kirwood of The Crossway Church** at Dapto emailed.

Please pray that post-Corona virus our church will bear more fruit in the community as our outreach groups reach out with the Good News of Jesus. Today is the day of salvation.

**2.** An Illawarra Prayer Network member suggested the following for prayer.

"The prayer I have is that tithes and offerings continue especially as the business of keeping a church going must be great with ongoing programmes and people in ministry needs. The church in the Illawarra is vital and essential to the wellbeing of the people here. There must be many who have lost employment, so that greatly increases the need. Lord Jesus it is you who we look to supply our needs for these ministries."

**3. Rev. Steve Stanis** senior minister of **Kiama Anglican Church** submitted the following contribution to our prayers.

"We would travel in prayer around the world starting from home, like Acts 1:8.

We would care in prayer as our hearts and minds opening up God's truth, strength, assurance and hope.

We pray for complete trusting in God's authority as we may be tempted to fill God's plans and purposes within ourselves.

We pray that opening Church doors afresh will remind us of the thankfulness in our Churches that we can do this with safety and peace.

We seek to learn in God what He is showing us at this unique time in our very recent history.

We seek to practice an all member ministry approach within all Churches.

We ask God to fill us with the restored confidence that can only come from Christ's victory in our lives.

We ask for wisdom as we build upon the opportunities, structures, and financial capacity within your strength Lord.

We give thanks for all God has been doing in our homes, technological capacities, and varied new opportunities to share Jesus.

We give thanks for the recovery in our region, state, country and seeking full recovery around the world in His time of healing.

Grace and peace,

Steve"

## News and Feedback

**1. Five Islands Christian Ministries** accepted **Albion Park Community Church** as a member. This is a new church plant that will open later in the year. The church is not affiliated with any church denomination and will seek its own incorporation, charity status, etc next year after getting established.

**2. Tony Willis**, the Anglican Bishop of Wollongong's assistant, has been farewelled after 12 years of service in the position.

**3. Rodney Osborne** submitted the following news item.

"**Soldiers of the Cross CMC** is here to reach and influence the motorcycle enthusiast world by building a Christ-centred, Bible-based Club. A big part of reaching and influencing the motorcyclist enthusiast is by welcoming riders or those with an interest in motorcycles to our local rides and/or Bible studies.

Soldiers of the Cross meet every Monday night for Bible studies or rides. We also go on a local ride every Monday morning. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone that rides a motorcycle or has an interest in what we do to attend these events.

For more information contact:

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We can also be found on our App: <https://sotc.teamapp.com/> and [Facebook](#)."

**4. Covid-19 restrictions on church meetings** changed since 1st June with only the following allowed.

- Up to 5 visitors may visit another household at any one time,
- Weddings can have up to 20 people including the celebrant and couple,
- Funerals can have up to 50 mourners.
- Religious gatherings and **places of worship can have up to 50 worshippers**. Places of worship are asked to find alternatives to practices that might spread the virus like singing, sharing books and passing around the collection plate to reduce infection risks.

Note that these guidelines require 1.5m distancing, and more than 4 sq m/person in a room for indoor gatherings, good hygiene practices, contact tracing provisions, and if you are at all unwell you must stay at home.

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.**

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

**Wollongong City Bible Talks - Thursdays to 25th June**

Bishop Reg Piper will be teaching on 2 Corinthians.

Details: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. All welcome.

Contact: [Reg Piper](mailto:Reg.Piper@5icm.org.au) 0408 029 379 or 4284 1128.

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