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## Clearing the Way for Jesus

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### Prayer

- 1. Church unity** needs prayer again. Some churches in the Illawarra are finding it difficult to accept other churches with differing views on homosexuality. It will be interesting to see how *Together for the Illawarra* deals with this disunity given the anti-same-sex marriage stand some of its members have previously taken.
- 2. ANZAC Day**, 25th April, will be on a Sunday this year. The Anzac Day ceremonies at the [Australian War Memorial](#) will be broadcast live across Australia on ABC TV and iView (5:30 a.m. for Dawn Service, 10:30 a.m. for National Ceremony and 4:45 p.m. for the Last Post Ceremony).

There will be no ANZAC Day march in Wollongong. The Wollongong Town Hall Service has been cancelled with a members-only event to be held indoors in Wollongong RSL sub-branch. There will be a march and dawn service at Corrimal in Cove Memorial Grove in Railway St. [Shellharbour City Council](#) will hold a dawn Service at the Shellharbour City Memorial but due to the restrictions on numbers the Service will be livestreamed on their Facebook page. HARS will conduct a fly over during the service. Albion Park RSL Club will hold a dawn service in their car park at 4:30 a.m. The Jamberoo march and services are planned for Saturday 24th April starting at 10:30 a.m. In Kiama, there will be a dawn service on 25th April at the Blowhole Point and a march at 10:30 a.m. from the old council chambers to the Memorial Arch on the corner of Terralong and Collins Sts.

### Feedback

- 1.** The [World Council of Churches](#) held a global online prayer service in the time of the **Covid-19 pandemic** on 26/3/21, one year into the pandemic. The prayers commenced with lament at the suffering experienced by many, but in hope drawn from the way the world has worked together in response to the crisis.
- 2. Easter Church Services** in the Illawarra were well attended as people were allowed to sing praises to their resurrected Saviour.

### Illawarra Church News

- 1. Rev. Michael Williamson** has become the Rector of **Bulli Anglican Church**. He must like the Illawarra because he used to be the Rector of Shellharbour City Anglican Church.
- 2. Awaken Church, Wollongong Central** is moving from 197-199 Keira St to 39 Ellen St, Wollongong at the end of May.

3. The Seventh Day Adventist denomination has extended its **Faith FM** radio broadcasting network to the Illawarra on **87.8 MHz**. There is no local news or content. Station content is also available online at [faithfm.com.au](http://faithfm.com.au).
4. **Kiama Uniting Church** has re-commenced their "Hymnsing" meetings with songs of Freedom on Sunday 2nd May at 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St, Kiama. Hymnsing will be followed by afternoon tea.
5. The **Illawarra Prayer Network** now comes under *Together for the Illawarra*. You may subscribe to the upcoming *Together for the Illawarra* newsletter here: <http://eepurl.com/daSM1r>.
6. The NSW Government's [Covid-19 requirements for places of worship](#) continue to be amended, so please check with the website. The current NSW regulations restrict the number of people at a church service to the 2 sq m rule and recommends 1.5m physical distancing between people you don't live with. Singing is allowed. Face masks are not mandatory but recommended if it is hard to maintain 1.5 metres of physical distance from others or if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

Churches need to have a registered Covid-19 Safety Plan and keep an attendance record by QR Code, electronic or paper sign in.

Weddings and funerals are no longer limited to a maximum number of people but must have a Covid-19 Safety Plan.

## **Sicm News**

1. **Wollongong Gospel Choir** will recommence rehearsals on 20/4/21 at the Wollongong Seniors Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps St Gwynneville. Please check their [Facebook group](#) for details. The choir's next proposed concert will be at Albion Park Community Church for a Christmas-in-July community outreach.
2. **Albion Park Community Church**, baptised 8 people and confirmed one (as a non-denominational church we do both infant and adult baptism) over Easter. The church meets at the Albion Park HACC Centre for its 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening Service and free community dinner. The guest speaker on Saturday 24th April is Rev. Kath Merrifield, the senior minister at Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church. All welcome (and that includes homosexuals). To help the church know the numbers for catering, if you are coming with a group of people, please let [Mel Moore](#) know.
3. **Gary Hetherington** of **Revival Ministries** is still planning ahead for his mission trip to Canowindra.
4. The next issue of the monthly **Clearing the Way for Jesus newsletter** will be sent on **11th May**. Please email me any items for the newsletter prior to that date. I still include prayer points that are submitted to me, but I no longer have the time to actively seek them, hence the transfer to the *Illawarra Prayer Network* to *Together for the Illawarra*.

God bless,  
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