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## Clearing the Way for Jesus

The newsletter of **Five Islands Christian Ministries** links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa to promote church unity. Printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF files of the newsletter may be downloaded from [www.5icm.org.au/resources.html](http://www.5icm.org.au/resources.html).

Please send news items, prayer requests and comments to [admin@5icm.org.au](mailto:admin@5icm.org.au).

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### For Prayer

#### **1 Corinthians 1:10 (NRSV)**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

### Illawarra Church News

- 1. Jo Parkinson** is the new Missions administrator at Scripture Union NSW (SUNSW) and a long-term Mission Team Member at Kioloa. Jo emailed the information for the upcoming SU Family Missions in the Illawarra area for our prayer support (see below under Events). You can contact Jo on 0417 284 383 or by emailing [missions@sunsw.org.au](mailto:missions@sunsw.org.au).
- 2. Rev. Sandy Grant** was farewelled from St Michael's Cathedral on Sunday as he moves to his new position of Dean of St Andrews Cathedral in Sydney.
- 3. The Samaritan's Purse [Operation Christmas Child](#)** continues to collect shoeboxes of toys hygiene items, school supplies, fun gifts and clothing for children in need around the world. A donation of \$10 per shoebox is requested to cover shipping costs. Do not include toothpaste or lollies. Illawarra churches can drop off shoeboxes at **Albion Park Uniting Church** by arrangement with [Lyn Brown](#) (4256 1487 or 0425 219 233).
- 4** The **[2021 National Church Life Survey](#)** period has been extended from November until February 2022 due to delays caused by Covid.
- 5.** The State Government has further relaxed **[Covid-19 restrictions](#)** so that from 8<sup>th</sup> November singing will be allowed for the vaccinated and the 4 sq m rule is relaxed to 2 sq m. Most churches have recommenced Services and may allow anyone to attend regardless of vaccination status. Face masks still need to be worn inside at church until 15th December. Anyone who might have Covid-19 should not attend.

### 5icm News

- 1.** The **5icm Annual General Meeting** held last night discussed its financial statement for submission to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, the Risk Register in view of the requirements for Covid safety plans, and heard reports from each ministry in a year of challenges presented by Covid lockdowns.
- 2. Wollongong Gospel Choir** has hardly been able to rehearse this year and could not give any performances. They will recommence rehearsals in the first school term of 2022. Details will be provided on their [website](#) and [Facebook group](#).

3. [Albion Park Community Church](#) has celebrated its first anniversary. The church had ten guest speakers from other churches to promote church unity. **Capt. Robyn Black of Tarrawanna Salvation Army Corp** will be the guest speaker on 20th November. Robyn will tell us about the history of the Salvation Army. Visitors from other churches are welcome. Meetings are on Saturdays 5-7pm and include a free community dinner.
4. **Gary Hetherington's Revival Ministries** has grown since he has been forced online. He now holds five Zoom meetings each week: Two prayer meetings for Canowindra and the central west of NSW, one prayer meeting for the nation, a teaching class on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a supernatural power of Communion service on Sundays at 11: 00 a.m. Visit [Gary's Facebook page](#) for meeting details. I will put the details on the 5icm website.
5. The [5icm website](#) has been optimised for devices of different sizes ranging from a mobile phone to large desktop PC screen. Let me know of any problems you find. Now I have to work on optimising this newsletter.
6. The next issue of the monthly **Clearing the Way for Jesus newsletter** will be sent on **14th Dec**. Please email me any items for the next newsletter prior to that date.

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,

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## Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

### **Wollongong Gospel Choir –Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays during school term times.**

7:00 pm. At Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville.

Contact: [John Sandercock](#) 0499 444 151

### **Scripture Union Family Missions**

Location	Directors	Address	Dates
Albion Park	Theo Jolliffe Eden Williams	Albion Park Anglican Church Terry Street & Russell Street Albion Park	27th Dec, 21 - 6th Jan, 22
Bulli	Martin & Martyne Kennedy	Bulli Beach Caravan Park 1 Farrell Road, Bulli	27th Dec, 21 - 6th Jan, 22
Corrimal	Andrew & Rachel Dawson	Corrimal Beach Tourist Park Lake Parade, Corrimal	27th Dec, 21 - 6th Jan, 22
Gerringong	Tim House	Werri Beach Caravan Park Pacific Avenue Gerringong	27th Dec, 21 - 6th Jan, 22
Gerroa	Kate Ryan Luke Hammond	Seven Mile Beach Holiday Park & Discovery Holiday Park 200 & 107 Crooked River Rd Gerroa	27th Dec, 21 - 6th Jan, 22
Kiama Summerlife	Rosie Campbell	Coronation Park, Kiama	28th Dec, 21 - 3rd Jan, 22
Wollongong	Caitlyn Herne Sam Wheeler	Wollongong Surf Leisure Centre 201 Pioneer Road Fairy Meadow	27th Dec, 21 - 6th Jan, 22

See the [5icm Events page](#) for more events and the **Regular Events** list.

