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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).

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### ***Prayer***

**1. Robyn Gillespie** of **Keiraville Anglican Church** submitted the following prayer request.

"Please pray for Scripture Union NSW beach mission teams as they prepare for the Summer Missions season. There are teams 13 teams from the Illawarra and down the South Coast - Bulli, Corrimal, Albion Park, Kiama, Gerroa, Shoalhaven Heads, Culburra, Currarong, Huskisson, Lake Tabourie, Lake Conjola, Kiola and Bawley Point.

Please pray the church building work at Keiraville Anglican will be finished by Christmas. There have been many delays due to the rainy weather. Pray for Peter and Anna Hutchinson and Jason and Paula McPhail as they lead the church."

### ***Illawarra Church News***

- 1. Jon Secombe**, who attends St Michael's Anglican Church Wollongong, has written a new Christmas carol entitled "**Christmas is Here Again**". It features as the first track on a new CD entitled "Merry Christmas" available in Sanity, JBL Hi Fi, Spotify etc. The song is performed by Mirusia who sings with Andre Rieu. It incorporates part of Bishop Reginald Heber's hymn, 'Brightest and Best'. Jon said he is happy to send the sheet music of this, or any of his carols, to any church. Email him at [arndellmusic@gmail.com](mailto:arndellmusic@gmail.com). [Listen here](#).
- 2. City on a Hill Church Wollongong** has relocated Services to **Lindsay Park Public School**.
- 3. Paul and Annette Bartlett** have handed over the **Lighthouse Church** leadership to a Senior Leadership Team: Andy Flaherty (Spiritual Formation and Teaching), Josh Hammann (Community Engagement and Business), and Elyse Flaherty (Generations and Gatherings).
- 4. Rev Owen and Linda Lukins** are organising a ministry trip to **Norfolk Island** in Sept 2023. Please let them know ASAP if you are interested in going. Further details are on the [5icm Events page](#).

### ***5icm News***

- 1. Wollongong Gospel Choir** (see rehearsal details below) is taking bookings for 2023. Choir bookings are free. For further information, see the WGC [Facebook group](#) or WGC [website](#).
- The **5icm House Church** has been learning to pray for healing and produced a booklet to use with healing ministry. You can download it from the 5icm website [Resources webpage](#).
- The next issue of **Clearing the Way for Jesus newsletter** will be sent on **Tuesday 6th December**. The **5icm AGM** will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday 14/11/22. If you are interested in coming, please contact me. To subscribe to this newsletter please email or message me on Facebook with your email address.

God bless,  
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## **Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra**

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

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

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

### **Friday 11th November, "One Youth" South Meeting**

*Presenter:* Jonathan Harris will give a shortened version of his presentation of the oldest and rarest Bibles in the world and tell the story behind them.

*Venue:* 8:30 p.m. Gerringong Anglican Church

*Cost:* \$5 for each young person attending. *Contact:* [Barb Mathie](mailto:Barb.Mathie@5icm.org.au) 0411 212 874

### **Monday 14th November, 5icm Annual General Meeting**

This meeting is open to any Illawarra Christians who are interested in supporting church unity. Please contact [Derek Thompson](mailto:Derek.Thompson@5icm.org.au) (4256 5780) for more information.

*Details:* 7:00 p.m. 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park

### **Saturday 26th November, Handel's Messiah**

Performed by the Illawarra Choral Society.

*Venue:* 2:00-4:00 p.m. St Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral, 36 Harbour St, Wollongong

Tickets: \$40 each, Concession: \$35, Child: \$15, online through [Humanitix](http://Humanitix.com)

### **Saturday 26th November, [One Music Festival](http://www.onemusicfestival.com)**

A music festival run by local south coast churches and Scripture Union NSW. Includes live music, hope filled messages, food trucks, creative art show, kids shows, family games.

*Venue:* 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Pavilion, 2 Bong Bong St, Kiama

*Tickets:* \$30 adults, \$20 children and youth, \$75 family at [www.onemusicfestival.com](http://www.onemusicfestival.com)

### **Friday 9th December, Shellharbour Carols by Candlelight**

Hosted by [Shellharbour City Council](http://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au).

*Venue:* 6-9p.m. Albion Park Showground

### **Friday 9th December, Lumen Christi Christmas Carols**

*Details:* 6:30 p.m. in Good Samaritan School grounds.

*Registration:* Parishioners and visitors need to register their attendance at

[www.lumenchristi.org.au/Christmas](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/Christmas)

### **Saturday 10th December, Figtree Community Carols**

Figtree Anglican Church is hosting this free event of music, carols, fireworks.

*Details:* 5:30p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Figtree High School

### **Saturday 10th December, Carols in the Burgh**

Helensburgh Combined churches' event.

*Details:* 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rex Jackson Oval, cnr Park Ave & Blackwell St.

### **Wednesday 14th December, Carols in Kiama**

Kiama Combined Churches' event featuring Ss Peter & Paul School and parish choirs, Alchemy Chorus South Coast, Sing Australia Kiama, SingSpace Vocal Ensemble, and more.

*Details:* 6:30-8:00 p.m. Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Manning St, Kiama.

### **Sunday 18th December, Carols in the Carpark**

Hosted by Port Kembla Baptist Church in their carpark, corner of Illawarra & Cowper St.

*Details:* 5:30-7:00 pm children's activities; sausage sizzle 6:15 pm; Carols 7:00-8:30 pm.

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