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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.

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Church of the Week

This week, pray for [The Potter's House Christian Fellowship, Wollongong](#) which meets at 3 Gladstone Ave. The senior ministers are Darryl & Carol Munckton. Services are on Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Darryl emailed the following items.

1. Establishing and strengthening of new believers.
2. Continuing development of an outreach Sat/Sun music night of which the youth are involved to see people get saved.
3. Revival in Wollongong.

Church of the Week (next week)

For prayer next week, is [St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Dapto](#) which meets at 24 Jerematta St. The Parish Priest is Fr Francis Tran OAM who has recently celebrated the 28th anniversary of his ordination. Fr Francis arrived in Australia speaking no English as a boat person fleeing persecution in communist Vietnam in 1987 and in 2018 was awarded the OAM for service to the Catholic church and community.

Church News

1. **Brad Weightman** works for the [Christian Media Hub](#) in Business Development & Community Engagement. The Christian Media Hub was set up to provide resources to regional Christian radio stations (at Wagga Wagga, Orange, Illawarra, Dubbo, Bathurst, and Albury Wadonga ([download flyer here](#))). Brad spends most of his time working in the Illawarra since **Pulse 94.1 fm** has a larger listening audience than all the other stations put together.
2. **Gary Hetherington** has advised that **Dr Wayne Gwilliam** is considering holding an evangelism tent outreach in the Illawarra next summer. If your church is interested in participating in the outreach, please email Ps Wayne at drwaynegwilliam@aol.com. See his website www.igniterevivals.com for further details about his ministry.

5icm News

1. The new [Illawarra Christian Choir](#) led by **Jessica Soden** choir launched on Saturday at [Illawarra Vocal Academy](#) in Warilla. Jessica is assembling two choirs, an all-age choir and a choir for young people (14-30 years). The all-age choir meets 4-5pm Saturdays, and the youth choir follows from 5-6pm.
2. Microsoft has donated to 5icm 10 free licences for **Microsoft 365 Business Premium** (Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, Access etc), each of which has 1TB storage and can be used on up to 5 devices. So now there is another benefit of free membership for Illawarra ministries joining 5icm. [Email me](#) for more information.

3. The next issue of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 8th August**. Church news items, prayer requests, and combined church events can be included in the newsletter for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Five Islands Christian Ministries Inc., a registered charity.

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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals are once a month on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am (these currently vary) at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall.

Illawarra Christian Choir Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at 3/10 George St, Warilla. Contact: [Jessica](#)

Wednesday 26th July, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

Details: 10:30 a.m. Marco Polo Aged Care, Wollongong. Contact: i.s.band@hotmail.com

Wednesday 26th July, Lunchtime Bible Talks

Every Wednesday to 14/9/23. Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. A 30 minute talk for office workers and anyone else who wants to come.

Speaker: Bishop Reg Piper on the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-7-28)

Details: 12:45-1:15p.m. (doors open 12:30pm) at St Michael's Anglican Cathedral Hall.

Wednesday 26th July, YWAM Winter Worship Nights

Details: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (includes 1hr worship + a cuppa) at Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla. [Download flyer](#).

Thursday 3rd August, CMS Meet the Missionaries

Adam & Avril Friend and W. & S. preparing to serve as missionaries.

Details: 12:30-2:00 p.m. Fairy Meadow Anglican Church, cnr Princes Hwy and Jardine St. Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided.

Friday 11th August, [The Last Days Seminar](#)

A free 3-hour workshop of HammondCare delivered by an experienced Palliative Care Nurse to help navigate a dying person's last days. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 11:00 a.m. 116 Shone Av, Horsley or online.

[Registration required](#) for catering purposes.

Saturday 12th August, Sozo Basic Training

Bethel Sozo Basic training in inner healing and deliverance ministry.

Details: arrive 8:45 am for 9:00 pm start, finish at 4:30 pm at Increase Church, 1/7 Hargraves Ave, Albion Park Rail.

Cost: \$80 (includes manual, morning, and afternoon tea, but BYO lunch). [Register here](#).

Sunday 13th August, [Listen to the Heart, Justice Workshop](#)

Larissa Minniecon of "Christians for Voice & Justice" will lead a workshop on the upcoming referendum on the Voice to Parliament. Larissa will also speak at **Central Church** Service

Details: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla, Service at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 19th August, [Wollongong Women's Conference](#)

Speaker: Clare Deeves, Assistant Minister at Kallaroo Anglican Church, Perth.

Details: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. University Hall, University of Wollongong, Northfields Ave.

Cost: \$75 (\$60 concession) until 10/8/23 (includes morning tea and lunch).

[Register online](#) by 10th August.

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