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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week

This week, pray for [Helensburgh Baptist Church](#) which meets at the Bushlands Chapel, 94 Parkes St, Helensburgh. The senior minister is Ps Brad Blacker. Services are in the Bushlands Chapel on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. except on the first Sunday when the church gathers in the [Cupbearer Café](#), Shop 10/123 Parkes St, Helensburgh. The café is run by Ps Brad Blacker and church volunteers to build relationships with the community and break down barriers people have with the church and God. Community members are visiting the Café to ask for prayer and not just coffee.

Church of the Week (next week)

For prayer next week, is [Shellharbour Salvation Army Corp](#) which meets at the corner of Ulster & Leawarra Ave. Services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The senior ministers are Cpts Paul & Jess Farthing.

Church News

1. Corrimal Uniting Church is looking for a Family and Community worker. If you are interested in the position, download the advertisement [here](#).

5icm News

1. The [Sydney Veterans' Band](#) is the latest ministry to join 5icm. It seems church insurance policies are now only covering activities under the control and direction of the respective church, both on and off of their properties. Phil Newton, a 5icm member, is the conductor of both the Sydney Veterans' Band and the Illawarra Seniors' Band.
2. **Illawarra Seniors' Band.** If you are interested in joining the band (you don't have to be a senior, just available for day-time performances), please contact [Jill White](#), the Secretary.
3. The [Illawarra Christian Choir](#) had a couple of new members at their launch, but more are wanted. There are 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.
4. The next issue of **Clearing the Way for Jesus newsletter** will be sent on **Tuesday 22nd August**. Email me your church news for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. To subscribe, please email or message me on Facebook with your email address.

God bless,
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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.

Saturdays, Illawarra Christian Choir Rehearsals

Details: 4:00 p.m. at 3/10 George St, Warilla. *Contact:* [Jessica](#)

Wednesdays to 14th Sept, Lunchtime Bible Talks

BYO lunch, tea/coffee provided. A 30 minute talk for office workers and anyone else.

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.

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, Bethel Sozo Basic Training

Tools and information for 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 the Central Church Service at 9:30 a.m.

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

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.

Wednesday 23rd August, 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.](#)

Wednesday 23rd August, Lighthouse Women "The Gathering"

Speaker: Susan Marcuccio is the National Supervision Director at Chaplaincy Australia

Details: 7:00 p.m. The Woolshed 601 Princes Hwy, Yallah

Cost: \$35 (includes grazing table) [Register online.](#)

Saturday 26th August, Geelong Salvation Army Band Concert

Details: 5:30 p.m. Wollongong Salvos, 11-13 Burelli St, Wollongong. [Download flyer.](#)

Sunday 27th August, Geelong Salvation Army Band HymnFest

Details: 1:00 p.m. Wollongong Salvos, 11-13 Burelli St, Wollongong [Download flyer.](#)

Sunday 27th August, How to Talk about Jesus without looking like an idiot

Speaker: Andy Bannister of UK Solas Centre for Public Christianity

Details: 2pm to 4pm Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree; followed by World Missions Conference 4pm to 6pm. [Download flyer.](#)

Cost: free but please register [here.](#)

Wednesday 30th August, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

Details: 10:30 a.m. Marco Polo Aged Care, Wollongong.

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