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# Clearing the Way for Jesus

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### Church of the Week

Awaken Church Wollongong Central at 39 Ellen St, Wollongong. The location pastors are Jared & Allisa Hanzy under the senior minister Scott Hanzy. Services are held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and live online on Youtube. Also Awaken Church is located in Canberra, Lake Macquarie and Launceston.

### Church of the Week (next week)

<u>Seventh Day Adventist Church, Wollongong</u> at 30 Victoria St, cnr Young St. The senior minister is Ps Allen Bierschbach. Services are held on Saturdays with Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

#### Church News

**1**. There are currently two job vacancies in local high schools:

**Corrimal High School Chaplain.** 

Woonona High School SRE teacher.

- 2. Gerringong Anglican Church is looking for a part time Children & Youth Worker.
- 3. The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is seeking a **Safeguarding Support Officer**.
- **4. St Osthathiose Jacobite Church, Wollongong** has requested prayer support as they prepare to move into their new building at Horsley. The completion of the building has been delayed and they don't have a firm date for occupation.

#### 5icm News

- **1**. The <u>Illawarra Seniors' Band</u> is still seeking a saxophonist, a drummer and additional trumpet players. Email <u>i.s.band@hotmail.com</u> for more information.
- **2.** The <u>Illawarra Christian Choir</u> is considering its options for next year. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact <u>Jessica Soden</u> to assist her in planning.
- **3.** The next issue of *Clearing the Way for Jesus* newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 28th November**. Email me your church news for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. Please let me know of any church or Christmas events that are open to the community and other churches. To subscribe to this newsletter, please <a href="mailto:emai

God bless,

Derek Thompson,

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### Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

<u>Illawarra Seniors Band</u> **rehearsals** are once a month on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am (these vary, <u>contact ISB</u>) at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall.

#### **Illawarra Christian Choir** Rehearsals

Details: 4:00 p.m. Saturdays at 3/10 George St, Warilla. Contact: Jessica

#### Wednesday Lunch Time Bible Talks - to 29th November

Speaker: Bishop Reg Piper on King & Kingdom, Mt 8:23-9:8 Venue: St Michael's Church Hall Cnr Church & Market Sts Times: 12:45 to 1:15pm sharp, doors open 12:30pm. Contact: Reg Piper, regpiper@bigpond.com Download flyer

#### Saturday 19th Nov, Bands in the Round

Six Salvation Army brass bands in a fundraiser for the Salvation Army music ministry in Kenya East Territory.

Details: 2:00-5:00 p.m Wollongong Salvation Army, 13 Burelli St

Cost: \$15/\$5 (afternoon tea included). Download flyer

#### Saturday 25th November, One Music Festival

A music and arts Festival run by local churches and Scripture Union on the South coast.

Details: 2pm-9pm Kiama Showground and Pavilion

Cost: tickets available online. Contact: onemusicfestival.sc@gmail.com

#### Saturday 25th Nov, Masquerade Ball

Keiraview Uniting Church fundraiser for Agape Children's Home in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Ballroom dancing, music, auction, nibbles, BYO snacks.

Details: 6pm to 9pm, 34 Fisher St, West Wollongong. Download flyer

Cost: \$15 per person / \$50 per family

#### Saturday 2nd Dec, Illawarra Seniors Band at Jamberoo Carols

Details: 7:00 p.m. Jamberoo rotunda, main street Christmas Tree Lights

## Sunday 3rd December, First Sunday in Advent, Carols & Markets - Bulli Anglican Church

Details: open 4pm, Carols from 6:30pm, BYO rug/chair, at 66 Park Rd, Bulli

#### Saturday 9th Dec, Figtree Community Carols

Details: 5:30pm - 9:30pm at Figtree High School Oval

Cost: free entry, \$8 per ride or \$40 for 6 rides, food vendors, donations for RFS.

#### Saturday 9th Dec, Carols in the Burgh

Combined Churches event

Details: 6pm-9pm, Carols start 7:30pm Helensburgh Park, cnr of Park Ave & Blackwell St, Helensburgh

#### **Tuesday 12th Dec, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert**

Details: 10:30 a.m. HammondCare, Shone Avenue, Horsley.

## Sunday 17th Dec, Illawarra Christian Choir at Albion Park Anglican Church Carols by Candle Light

#### Sunday 17th Dec, Port Kembla Christmas Carols

Hosted by Port Kembla Baptist Church, at 81 Illawarra St, Port Kembla in their church hall. All welcome.

*Details:* From 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, 6:15 p.m. free sausage sizzle, 7:00 p.m. Carols, finish 8:30 p.m.

See the **5icm Events page** for more events and the **Regular Events** list.