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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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### Church of the Week

"**Living Hope Baptist Church**, 135-137 Princes Hwy, Corrimal. Pastor Matt Douglas is stepping down this year and assistant Pastor Fil Laus will take the church. We are a church of the **Australian Fellowship of Bible-believing Churches** (AFBC). We focus on knowing who God is and what He is like so that we can impact our world with Hope and Compassion. Sunday Services are at 10:00 a.m." Emailed by Ps Matt Douglas.

### Church of the Week (next week)

**True Spirit Church**, meets at 4 Lake Entrance Road, Warilla. The senior ministers are Ps Paolo & Kerry Dicembre. Sunday Services are at 10:00 a.m. Paulo emailed:

"We have a Servants Conference coming up later this year and would appreciate prayer for wisdom, protection, guest speakers, resources, finances and volunteers.

Also, we have a huge ex-McDonalds playground ([image attached](#)) we'd like to donate to a church. We no longer need it. It has served us well. It's free but it's big. They will have to come dismantle and take it away. Could you put the word out as it would be a great blessing for a growing church who has space outdoors or indoors."

### Church News

- ICentral316 Church of Christ** is to close on Sunday 31st March after 18 years of meeting together at Kanahooka. There will be a [celebratory afternoon tea](#) on Sunday 24th March.
- Phil Guerin** used to live in the Illawarra and has moved to the Gold Coast where he found three Messianic Churches. Phil was in the Illawarra in January, and asked if there are any Messianic Jews in the Illawarra? If there are, Phil thought the first step would be to set up an "Illawarra Messianic Community" Facebook group. Please [email me](#) if you are interested.

### 5icm News

- Revival Ministries.** Gary is planning on starting a home group at his place. Message Gary on [Facebook](#) or [email](#) him if you are interested in joining.
- Illawarra Senior Band** is still looking for new members. Prospective members will need to supply their own instrument (brass) and be fairly competent. Contact Jill White, the band's Secretary.
- Illawarra Christian Choir.** If you are interested in singing in an informal choir with this group of Christians, please contact [Jessica Soden](#). The details of rehearsal times and location are yet to be decided. The youth choir will start in Term 2.

4. The next issue of the ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 5th March**. Please email me your church news for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra and tell me of any church events that invite Christians from other churches. To subscribe to this newsletter, please [email](#) or message me on Facebook with your email address.

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

**Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals** are on the third Tuesday of each month from 10.30am at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall. *Contact:* [Jill White](#).

### **Illawarra Christian Choir Rehearsals**

*Details:* To be confirmed. *Contact:* [Jessica](#)

### **Friday 1st March, World Day of Prayer**

*Host Country:* Palestine.

*Illawarra Services:*

**St Luke's Anglican Church**, Prince Edwards Dr, Brownsville

Morning Tea from 10:00 a.m., Service starts at 11:00 a.m.

**Wollongong Seventh-Day Adventist Church**,

11:00 a.m. at 30 Victoria St, Wollongong

**Keiraview Uniting Church** at 10:30 a.m.

34 Fisher St, West Wollongong

**St Patrick's Catholic Church** at 11:00 a.m.

42 O'Donnell St, Port Kembla

**Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church** at 10:00 a.m.

47 Balmoral St, Balgownie

**St Michael's Catholic Church** at 11:00 a.m.

325 Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Thirroul

**Shellharbour Village Uniting Church** at 11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. for morning tea followed by Service.

49 Mary St, Shellharbour

**Kiama Anglican Church** at 10:00 a.m.

2 Terralong St, Kiama

**Gerringong Anglican Church** at 10:00 a.m.

103 Fern St, Gerringong

### **Tuesday 5th March, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert**

*Details:* 10:30 a.m. Warrigal, Pine St, Albion Park Rail

### **Thursday 7th March, Illawarra Prayer Breakfast Launch**

*Details:* 6:30-8:15a.m. at Shellharbour Community Church, 500 Shellharbour Rd.

*RSVP:* <https://bit.ly/PrayerBreakfastLaunch2024>

### **Holy Saturday 30th March**

#### **Figtree Community Easter Egg Hunt**

NewDay church are hosting a family day and Easter egg hunt kids aged 0-10 years, with over 9000 eggs, Matilda's Farmyard, and much more, A great for the whole family!

*Details:* 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 25 O'Brien's Rd, Figtree

*Cost:* \$10 per child

*Register:* [www.newdaychurch.com.au/events/](http://www.newdaychurch.com.au/events/)

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