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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week

Tarrawanna Salvation Army at 85 Meadow St, cnr Caldwell Ave, Tarrawanna. The senior minister is Major Julia Metcher. Services are held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The church emailed, "We are a busy Church with Sunday services, ladies' weekly group, kids weekly cooking classes & a very healthy youth group. We have new leadership (Julia Metcher) so we are praying that as a Church we work together and listen to what God is calling us to do as we move forward."

Church of the Week (next week)

"**St Peter & St Paul Coptic Orthodox Church**, served by Rev. Fr. Moses Ayad, is a beacon of light set on a hill in the South Coast of NSW, in a suburb called Berkeley. There you will find an ancient Liturgy prayed in English every Sunday from 8:30-10:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us to experience the richness of Orthodox worship in a love language that is universally accepted. Our address is 34 Illawon St, Berkeley NSW 2506." (from the church)

Church News

1. After 37 years, **Rev. Peter Currie** is to be farewelled from **Woonona Presbyterian Community Church** on Sunday 24th March at 10:00 a.m. at Woonona Public School hall. Pete and Sue final day is the following week on Easter Sunday. Rev. Dal Proudfoot will take over as senior minister.
2. I have set up an "**Illawarra Messianic Community**" Facebook group. Phil Guerin and I will be the initial administrators. The group is open to Messianic Jews and other Christians who are interested in learning about the Jewish background to Scripture.
3. Please pray for **Bishop Peter Ingham** (the former Catholic Bishop of Wollongong). He is suffering from a deteriorating lung condition making it difficult to breathe.

5icm News

1. **Revival Ministries.** Following the death of his wife, Gary Hetherington is presently on a break from ministry.
2. **Illawarra Seniors' Band** still needs new members. Prospective members will need to supply their own instrument (brass) and be fairly competent. Contact i.s.band@hotmail.com.
3. **Illawarra Christian Choir.** If you are interested in singing in an informal choir with an ecumenical group of Christians, please contact [Jessica Soden](#). The re-start date for the choir is still to be decided.
4. I am presently working on a Gospel presentation website. It is a work in progress and I will announce it when it is in a more complete state.

5. The next issue of the ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 19th March**. Please email me your church news for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra and submit 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,
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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](#), the Secretary.

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>

Thursday 7th March, CMS Illawarra Meeting

Hear from missionaries about their work. BYO Lunch and mug, tea and coffee provided.

Speakers: Gordon and Ruth Russell who have been missionaries in Nepal for many years.

Details: 12:30-2:00 p.m. Fairy Meadow Anglican Church

Contact: [Mia David](#)

Thursday 14th March, Meet Joshua & Ranjana Immanuel

Joshua was raised in a Muslim family and became a Christian as a teenager. Hear his story of being excluded from his family and planting and pastoring 2 churches near Mumbai, India.

Details: 7:30 p.m. Dapto Baptist Church, cnr Emerson and Burke Rds, Dapto. [Download flyer for more details](#).

Saturday 23rd March, Bands in the Round

A fundraising concert to support the music ministries in The Salvation Army Kenya East Territory.

Salvation Army Bands: Blacktown, Sydney Salvation Brass, Lighthouse Big Band and Wollongong

Tickets: \$15 (includes afternoon tea), under 16 years free - Trybooking.com

Details: 2:30-4:30pm, 13 Burelli St, Wollongong.

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/

Wednesday 3rd April, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert

Details: 2:00 p.m. IRT Woonona Aged Care, 4-6 Popes Rd, Woonona

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