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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week

"**Kiama Anglican Church** at 2 Terralong St, Kiama has Services on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. A Traditional Prayer Book Service in the Christ Church, 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm Contemporary Services in the Church Point Centre, 4pm Families @ 4 in The Hub. Also a Community Service at 8:30am at St Paul's Minnamurra. Fortnightly we conduct Lord's Supper Services at [Bonaira](#) on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and alternative Lords Supper Services at [Blue Haven](#) on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. we host a themed outreach Seniors lunch at the Church Point Centre. The senior pastor is Steve Stanis and associate pastor is Cameron Webber."

Church of the Week (next week)

[Citylife Church](#) is a Pentecostal church belonging to the ACC denomination and meets at 2/129 Jardine St Fairy Meadow for Services on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The senior ministers and founding pastors are Ron & Heather Thomas who have led the church for 30 years.

Church News

1. [Fr George Condookala](#), who is a Supply Priest to the Illawarra Catholic churches, is presently on a missionary trip to China and has requested prayer support. He left on 26th March and will be away for one month.
2. [Port Kembla Baptist Church](#) has released its first CD "In Jesus' Name".
3. "Commencing on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 @ 7-8:30pm at Northern Illawarra Uniting Church fellowship hall, **The Men's Well**, which is a group for men who are separated, divorced, or widowed and are finding life challenging. We meet to discuss and provide ways to help regulate emotional and uncomfortable feelings so peace and self-management can prosper. The group through support, topical themes and personal tools will strive to better your reactions in these difficult times. A goal of the group is to improve relationships with women in general. Through the wisdom of the group, ways are sought and adopted that will provide fruitful outcomes enhancing confidence and happiness in hard times. If you are or know someone that this group might help, please contact Rev Mark Beaton on Mob: 0430209195 or email: mark.beaton2@gmail.com or visit "[The Men's Well](#)" on Facebook."
4. **Rick George**, the [Operation Christmas Child](#) State Manager, is coming to the Illawarra this Thursday to provide feedback on the delivery of shoe boxes (see details below).
5. [Scripture Union Autumn Edition news](#) is out now with lots of inspiring stories from the recent Family Missions, including those in the Illawarra.

5icm News

1. **Illawarra Seniors' Band** needs new members. Prospective members will need to supply their own instrument (brass) and be fairly competent. Contact i.s.band@hotmail.com.

3. **Jessica Soden** has informed me that she will not be continuing as leader of the **Illawarra Christian Choir**. Please email me if you are interested in leading the choir.
4. The **Gospel F.A.C.T.S.** outline of the gospel is available at gospelfacts.au. The website contains resources and a 20-minute video which can be viewed or downloaded. The video is also now available on [Vimeo](https://www.vimeo.com), [GodTube](https://www.youtube.com) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).
5. The next edition of the **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 16th April**. If your church would like to be a Church of the Week for prayer on a particular week, just let me know. Also, please email me any local church news or ecumenical events for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. 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.

Wednesday 3rd April, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert

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

Thursday 4th April, Operation Christmas Child Gathering

Rick George, the new State Manager, will provide feedback on the delivery of shoe boxes. Details: 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Albion Park Uniting Church Hall in Russell St, Albion Park followed by a talk and videos at 12:30pm.

RSVP for catering: phone Lyn Brown 0425 219 233

Sunday 7th April, Daylight Saving Time ends

17-20th April, VMTC Prayer Ministry School

Live-in training school for Christians with a heart to minister healing and wholeness. Further information 0480 459 822.

Venue: Chittick Lodge, Gerringong

Cost: \$360 for accommodation and meals, plus \$60 registration.

Apply at: <https://vmtc.org.au/ministry/training-schools>

Orthodox Good Friday 3rd May

Orthodox Easter Sunday 5th May

Wednesday 8th May, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert

Details: 11:00 a.m. Kiama Anglican Church, 2 Terralong St, Kiama

Wednesdays 8th May to 26th June - Lunch Time Bible Talks

Bishop Reg Piper will speak about Jesus and his many disciples travelling to the holy city of Jerusalem. Our Bible talks follow that journey and their entry into the city.

Details: 12:45-1:15 pm St Michael's Church Hall, cnr Church & Market Sts, Wollongong.
[Download flyer.](#)

Thursday 9th May, Ascension Day

Sunday 12th May, Mother's Day

Sunday 19th May, Pentecost

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