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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. A printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF file 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

[Assemblies of God Slavic Church](#) at The Avenue (cnr Taronga Ave), Mt St Thomas. Its senior minister is Ps Steve Gulevski. Services are held on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in a variety of languages (Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, and Hungarian) depending on who is present.

### Church of the Week (next week)

Please pray for [Dapto Baptist Church](#) which is at 93-97 Emerson Rd, Dapto. The senior minister is Ps Jordan Shanks. Services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### Church News

"Kathryn Martens from Kingdom Leaders is still offering **free** 1:1 Professional Pastoral Supervision sessions for those in ministry. This can include part-time, full-time or volunteer positions, i.e. Church leaders at any level, chaplains, pastoral carers, evangelists What is Pastoral Supervision? It is a safe, confidential and supportive space for those who minister to others to engage in reflective practice under the guidance of a trained professional. Common topics discussed include avoiding burn-out, how to handle conflict, and staying spiritually alive yourself while encouraging others. Sessions can either be face-to-face or online. To contact Kathryn, email: [kathryn@kingdomleaders.au](mailto:kathryn@kingdomleaders.au) (Note: Session will only be free for a limited time)".

### 5icm News

- 1. 5icm Mid-Year Meeting** will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park. This is not a business meeting and is open to any Illawarra Christians interested in ecumenical ministry in the Illawarra.
- 2. Illawarra Christian Choir.** If anyone is interested in leading the choir please contact me and/or come to the 5icm mid-year meeting where the choir's future will be discussed.
- 3.** The next issue of the **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 30th April**. 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,  
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](#), the Secretary.

### **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>

### **Tuesday 23rd April, The Men's Well**

A group for men who are separated, divorced or widowed.

*Details:* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Northern Illawarra Uniting Church fellowship hall, corner Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli. [Download flyer.](#)

### **Thursday 25th April, ANZAC Day**

### **Thursday 2nd May, Illawarra Mission Connection Meeting**

We've got the Tylers (going to Vanuatu) and the Elyards (going to Ethiopia) attending.

*Details:* 12.30 - 2:00 p.m. at Fairy Meadow Anglican (Bring your own lunch), tea/coffee provided. *Contact:* [Mia David](#)

### **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.

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### **Thursday 9th May, Ascension Day**

### **Sunday 12th May, Mother's Day**

### **12th to 19th May, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Further information and Australian resources are available [here](#).

### **Sunday 19th May, Pentecost**

### **Monday 20th May, Sicm Mid-Year Meeting**

This is not a business meeting, but an informal gathering to encourage member ministries.

*Details:* 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park. *RSVP:* [ficm@spin.net.au](mailto:ficm@spin.net.au)

### **Friday 31st May, Illawarra Prayer Breakfast**

*Speakers:* Leila & Danny Abdallah

*Cost:* \$66.70 for a single ticket.

*Details:* 6:30 - 8:15 a.m. Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow

### **Saturday 1st June, [Gong Men's Day](#)**

*Theme:* Cross-Shaped Man

*Details:* 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree.

*Cost:* \$55, concession (students/unemployed/retired) \$45.

*Booking:* [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1211361](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1211361)

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