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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week

[Corrimal Uniting Church](#) in Russell St, Corrimal. The minister is Rev. Graham Anson, and the other members of staff are Family and Community Worker, Kim Darby, and Administrative Assistant, Mark Burns.

Corrimal Uniting is a community of faith who see their part in God's mission as 'Growing connection and community for all'. They have a number of activities, core to their life, that are community-based and volunteer-led. These include their weekly community lunch, an Op Shop, Living English classes, Community Garden, and social gatherings. They also have a strong relationship with the Corrimal Men's Shed, which is on-site.

They approach all who come as people to be met, not problems to be solved. They aim to uphold the value of each person, no matter their story or journey, in the hope that all are drawn to life together in the Spirit of community, following in the way of Jesus.

Services are held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and also on their [YouTube channel](#).

Church of the Week (next week)

[Croatian Catholic Church](#) (Mary Queen of Croats) which meets at the Croatian Centre, 7-9 Bellevue Rd, Figtree. The senior minister is Fr Ivo Tadic. Services are held in Croatian on Sundays 10am, Wednesdays 6pm, Thursdays 10am, Saturdays 6pm (except the first Saturday of the month). "The Croatian Catholic Centre in Figtree serves as a gathering place for Croatians for religious, cultural, social, sporting and entertainment events. ... The Centre also hosts a Croatian language school and religious education for children."

Church News

1. **Phillip McKerrow**, a member of Figtree Anglican Church, has published a book on faith in Jesus from the perspective of a person who makes things. "**Faith of a Maker, Reasons for believing in Jesus**" is a Christian apologetic that is written in a creative non-fiction style and includes a mix of stories, quotations and discussions about faith in Jesus. It is based on his experience when discussing making and faith with university students, making it relevant to students of STEAM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). "Faith of a Maker" has been published by Ark House Press. You can find out more about it including where to purchase it online via this link: <https://www.arkhousepress.com/faith-of-a-maker-reasons-for-believing-in-jesus/>." Emailed by Phillip McKerrow.
2. **Rev. Ian Barnett**, former senior minister at Figtree Anglican Church (2008-2021) has become the Acting Rector of **Dapto Anglican Church**.
3. **Mother Hilda Scott** has called for financial help to fund urgent renovations to **Jamberoo Abbey** costing over one million dollars. A fundraising appeal webpage has been opened [here](#).

Sicm News

1. My 20-minute video entitled "**Which God?**" explores the many gods on offer, the no-god option, and Jesus as God in human form. You can find it on the www.gospelfacts.au website and on [YouTube](#). There is a discussion guide on the [Resources page](#).
2. The next issue of the **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 20th August**. If your church is coming up for a special event or anniversary, please let me know more than two weeks in advance so I can make your church a *Church of the Week* for prayer focus. If your church has any ecumenical events for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra, please email me and I will add them to the Sicm Events page. 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 6th August, Men's Well Meeting

A group for men who are separated (e.g., estranged/widowed) or divorced from their ex or current partner. Next meeting on 27/8/24.

Venue: Northern Illawarra Uniting Church

Contact: Mark Beaton on Mob: 0430 209 195 or email: mark.beaton2@gmail.com or visit ["The Men's Well" on Facebook](#)

Wednesday 7th August, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert

Details: 10:30 a.m. Marco Polo Aged Care, 11 Watergum Way, Woonona

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th August, [Basecamp Men's conference](#)

Details: Livestreamed from Katoomba to **Kiama Presbyterian Church**, cnr Terralong & Shoalhaven Sts, 7:30pm-9pm Friday, 8:45am-3pm Saturday. [RSVP on Facebook](#).

Saturday 24th August, Op Shop Fashion Parade

Northern Illawarra Uniting Church Ladies Fellowship present a Dapto Uniting Church Op Shop fashion parade, Op Shop clothing sale, and afternoon tea.

Details: 1:30 p.m. Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, 191 Princes Hwy, Bulli

Entry Cost: \$10

Wednesday 4th Sept, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert

Details: 11:00 a.m. Warrigal, 50 Harbour Blvd, Shell Cove

Saturday 21st Sept, Calderwood Christian School Fair

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Northern Illawarra Scripture and Chaplain Board

Details: 6:30 p.m. C3 Thirroul Church Centre

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