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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week

Corrimal Anglican Church (formerly St Albans) at 121 Princes Hwy, Corrimal is part of the St Michael's Anglican Parish. Rev. Liam Shannon looks after the church under the oversight of Rev. Canon Mark Smith, the Senior Minister of the St Michael's Parish. Services are held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The parish office messaged the following prayer request.

"... pray for our Church Day Conference this Sunday 22 Sept, as we will meet offsite with members from our 6 congregations! You could also pray for our Playtime group on Tuesdays at Corrimal, and Anglicare's Mobile Community Pantry which visits Corrimal fortnightly on Mondays. Thanks!"

Church of the Week (next week)

Wollongong Korean Presbyterian Church meets at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Corrimal Community Centre, 15 Short St, Corrimal. The church started ministering to a group of Koren students at the University of Wollongong, but now involves many other families and children. The senior minister is Ps Seongdeuk Choo.

Church News

1. **Jamberoo Abbey** has raised just over \$291,000 so far towards their goal of \$1m for urgent repairs to the Abbey.
2. **Northern Illawarra Uniting Church** is fundraising for the restoration of Bulli's historic chapel on the hill that is still used for weddings and community events.
3. **Jodie McNeill**, the senior minister of **Jamberoo Anglican Church** has been appointed as the Global Operations Manager of GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference), a movement within the Anglican denomination to resist the recognition of same sex marriage. Jodie will be part-time in the new position until he concludes his appointment at Jamberoo Anglican Church at the end of the year.

5icm Matters

1. **Lesslie Newbigin** in "**The Household of God**" said of church unity "The true character of this union of believers with one another in Christ is disastrously distorted when it is conceived of in terms of doctrinal agreement. The effect of such distortion is to break the Christian fellowship up into rival parties, each based upon some one-sided doctrinal formulation, and eventually into completely separated bodies" (p. 62- 63). Newbigin said this has come about because of "the over-intellectualising of the content of the word 'faith'." (p. 60).

"If we begin by saying the Church exists where the word is truly preached and the sacraments rightly administered, we are immediately involved in the attempt to answer the

question, 'What is correct doctrine and correct administration?' ... The natural result of this position is that the question of doctrinal correctness becomes the all-important one." (p. 60). [to be continued in the next edition]

2. The **5icm website** has not been working for the last few days. I am working with our web hosts, fluccs, to rectify the problem.
3. The next issue of the ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 1st October**. If your church has any ecumenical events for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra, please email me and I will add them to the 5icm 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.*

Saturday 21st Sept, Calderwood Christian School Fair

Carnival rides, stalls, food trucks, entertainment. Free entry.
Details: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 234 Calderwood Rd, Calderwood

Saturday 21st Sept, Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Northern Illawarra Scripture and Chaplain Board
Details: 6:30 p.m. C3 Thirroul Church Centre

Tuesday 1st October, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert

Details: 10:30 a.m. Blue Haven Terralong, 55 Thomson St, Kiama

Sunday 13th October, Music and Song Festival

Featuring Sing Australia and Korean band and song.
Details: 2-4pm at Dapto Uniting Church hall, 122 Princes Hwy Dapto
Cost: \$10 each, children free (includes afternoon tea)

Monday 21st October, 5icm AGM

Details: 7:00 p.m. at 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park
RSVP to [Derek Thompson](#) 4256 5780

See the [5icm Events page](#) for **more events** and the **Regular Events** list.