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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 facilitate 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***

**Corrimal Gospel Chapel** (Brethren) meets at 59 Collins St, Corrimal on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and meeting for prayer and Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. The senior minister is Douglass Baly.

### ***Church of the Week (next week)***

**Wollongong Church of God (Spanish)** at Cnr Daisy St & Elliotts Rd Fairy Meadow. The senior pastors are Walter & Lillian Alvarez. Services are held Sunday 10:00 am (Spanish), 11:00 am (English).

### ***Church News***

The **Church of Christ, Dapto** is a house church that is considering planting a church. Anthony Row, and elder of the church emailed the following.

"Church of Christ Dapto has been meeting since 1968, originally at the Kanahooka and Thirroul Road building, but for the last 20 years as an independent home church. We are not aligned to any denomination. We have been given the desire to develop an independent, Bible-based Church in Dapto. We do not wish to compete with the existing Churches but see much scope for such a work. God has shown us the need to progress in the work He has given, but we will need the assistance of like-minded Christians to do so. If you are challenged by God to be part of this work in any way, we would be blessed by your contact and look forward to it. Our email address is churchdapto@exemail.com.au".

### ***5icm Matters***

- 1. Leslie Newbigin** in "**The Household of God**" concluded, "In so far as the church is disunited her life is a direct and public contradiction of the Gospel, and she is convicted of substituting some partial or sectional message for the good news of the one final and sufficient atoning act wrought in Christ for the whole human race. ... In so far as we, who share that faith and that baptism, prove ourselves unwilling or unable to agree together in one fellowship, we publicly proclaim our disbelief in the sufficiency of that atonement."  
"The Household of God" can be downloaded for free from the [Internet Archive](#).
- 2.** The next issue of the ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter is due on **Tuesday 12th November**. If your church has any 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. The recent reduction in the distribution numbers is due to the closing down of ISP mailboxes and subscribers changing email addresses.

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.

### **Wednesday 30th October, Lunch Time Bible Talks**

Bishop Reg Piper will be speaking on 1 Peter this term.

*Details:* 12.45 pm to 1.15 pm sharp at St Michael's Church Hall, corner of Church and Market Sts, Wollongong. [Download flyer](#)

### **Wednesday 30th October, "The Surfer's Bible" book launch**

A new evangelistic surfers Bible by Christian Surfers.

*Details:* 6pm food trucks and live music, main event 7pm at Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibson Rd, Figtree, and on [Facebook](#).

### **Wednesday 6th November, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert**

*Details:* 10:30 a.m. Marco Polo Aged Care, 70 Waples Rd, Unanderra.

### **Thursday 7th November, [Global Leadership Summit 2024](#)**

Hosted by NewDay Church for anyone in leadership.

*Details:* 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at NewDay Church, 25 O'Briens Rd, Figtree. Register [online](#).

*Cost:* Registration \$60; Registration including lunch \$80; Group registration including lunch (min 3 people) \$70.

### **Thursday 7th November, CMS Illawarra Meeting**

Kelly Nicholas will speak about her work in Japan.

*Details:* 12:30-2:00 p.m. Fairy Meadow Anglican Church. BYO Lunch and mug; tea and coffee provided.

### **Monday 11th November, Remembrance Day**

#### **Illawarra Seniors Band playing**

*Details:* 10:30 a.m. Lakeside Memorial Park, Kanahooka

### **Saturday 16th Nov., [One Music Festival](#)**

An interdenominational Christian music and arts Festival for all ages.

*Details:* Kiama Showground and Pavilion.

### **Tuesday 19th Nov. Discipleship Training - Connection Class**

Associated with the Hope for the Illawarra Outreach event next March.

*Details:* 6:30-9:30pm Figtree Anglican Church

[Book here](#) Choose one session.

### **Wednesday 20th Nov. Discipleship Training - Connection Class**

Associated with the Hope for the Illawarra Outreach event next March.

*Details:* 6:30-9:30pm Shellharbour Community Church

[Book here](#) Choose one session.

### **Saturday 23rd Nov. [Lumina 2024 Carol Competition](#)**

Hosted by St Osthathiose Jacobite Syrian Church, Wollongong and open to carols singers from all churches.

*Details:* 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto.

*Contacts:* 0468 843 219 or 0469 407 701

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