



## Clearing the Way for Jesus

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The newsletter of [Five Islands Christian Ministries](#) links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa to facilitate church unity.

### Scripture Union Family Missions

The upcoming SUFMs are listed below for your prayer support. If you are interested in helping at an SUFM contact Hannah Kidson, Mission Facilitator, at [missions@sunsw.org.au](mailto:missions@sunsw.org.au) or phone (02) 9638 9051.

Location	Directors	Address	Dates
Albion Park	Declan Smith and Elise Pratt	All Saints Anglican Church, Albion Park Presbyterian Church and Albion Park Uniting Church.	26th Dec 2024 to 6th Jan 2025
Bulli	Martin & Martyne Kennedy	Bulli Beach Tourist Park 1 Farrell Rd, Bulli	26th Dec 2024 to 6th Jan 2025
Corrimal	Rachel and Andrew Dawson	Corrimal Beach Tourist Park Lake Pde, Corrimal	27th Dec 2024 to 6th Jan 2025
Gerroa	Kate Ryan and Tom & Sarah Poole	Seven Mile Beach Holiday Park 200 Crooked River Rd, Gerroa	27th Dec 2024 to 5th Jan 2025
Kiama Summerlife	Peter Sherlock	Coronation Park, Kiama	27th Dec 2024 to 6th Jan 2025

Peter Sherlock, the Director of Kiama Summerlife, shared the following story from the last mission.

"A teenage girl, new to Kiama, was walking by our Summerlife tent at the local park. Embraced by our loving crew, she continued to come every afternoon and night session for the rest of the week. On the second last evening session she gave her life to Christ. We gave her a Bible and helped her make a connection with a local church."

### Bible in Basic English

The Bible in Basic English (BBE) version was written for people who have English as a second language. It uses a vocabulary of 850 basic English words, 50 words to help with understanding poetry, and 100 "Bible" words, making a total of 1,000 words. The BIBE is in the public domain and can be found [here](#). The following Christmas verses will show you what it sounds like.



### **Luke 1:26, 31-33 (BBE)**

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee, named Nazareth, ... And see, you will give birth to a son, and his name will be Jesus. He will be great, and will be named the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God will give him the kingdom of David, his father: He will have rule over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

### **Happy Christmas from 5icm**

The next issue of the *Clearing the Way for Jesus* newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 4th February**. 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.

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,  
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### **Luke 2:8-11 (BBE)**

And in the same country there were keepers of sheep in the fields, watching over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord came to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining round about them: and fear came on them. And the angel said, Have no fear; for truly, I give you good news of great joy which will be for all the people: For on this day, in the town of David, a Saviour has come to birth, who is Christ the Lord.



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## Ecumenical Events in the Illawarra

- **Tuesday 10th December, Illawarra Seniors' Band playing at Jamberoo [Carols in the Park](#)**  
*Details:* 6:30 p.m. Reid Park, Jamberoo
- **Wednesday 11th December, [Songs of Joy](#)**  
Presented by Kiama Combined Churches.  
*Details:* 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 112 Manning St, Kiama
- **Thursday 12th December, Carols in the Park**  
*Details:* 7:00-8:30 p.m. in McCabe Park, Wollongong
- **Saturday 14th December, Figtree Community Carols CANCELLED**  
See [Figtree Anglican Church](#)
- **Sunday 15th December, Gezza Family Carols**  
Presented by the churches of Gerringong  
*Details:* 5:00 p.m. Gerringong Town Hall.
- **Saturday 21st December, [Carols at Corrimal](#)**  
Hosted by St Michael's Cathedral Wollongong & Corrimal.  
*Details:* 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 121 Princes Hwy, Corrimal
- **Sunday 22nd December, Christmas Carols at Port Kembla**  
Hosted by Port Kembla Baptist Church  
*Details:* from 5:30pm children's activities, sausage sizzle, Santa visit, Carols from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at 81 Illawarra St, Port Kembla