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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

**"C3 Church Thirroul** at Level 1, 345 Lawrence Hargrave Drive Thirroul is a location of C3 Camden Picton Thirroul, a multisite C3 Church and the Lead Pastors are Rohan and Jill Bell. We would be grateful for your prayers for God's favour as we seek to implement an updated vision this year that we believe will help our church enter into a new phase of fruitfulness for God's Kingdom in the Illawarra region."

### Church of the Week (next week)

**"Warrawong Anglican Church** at 282 Cowper St, Warrawong is part of the Port Kembla Anglican Parish. Services are held on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The senior minister is Rev. Michael Turner assisted by Rev. Andrew Russell. Our motto is "We love Jesus", and it drives everything we do: Since we love Jesus, we love the lost, we love one another, and we love to grow. We have a bustling kids ministry along with a calmer morning church. Please continue to pray for outreach opportunities into Warrawong and Port Kembla."

### Church News

- 1. Meaghan Gates** (not the wife of Liam Shannon as mistakenly reported in the first half of the emails sent last time - sorry about that), has concluded her time as Children's Minister at **St Michael's Anglican Cathedral** and will work with **Youthworks** as the Wollongong Regional Advisor for Children's Ministry and Primary SRE.
- 2. The World Day of Prayer Services** in the Illawarra on Friday 7th March are listed below. These services are written by women, this year being the women of the Cook Islands, but are open to everyone to attend. Information about the Cook Islands, the theme of the Services "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...", and Service resources are available at the [World Day of Prayer website](#).
- 3. "St Francis Xavier Cathedral** is a designated site of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. The Cathedral is open daily from 7am to 5pm during this special time, providing a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and pilgrimage. All are welcome."

### 5icm News

- 1.** I have added my third 20-minute video, [Which Gospel?](#), to the [gospelfacts.au](http://gospelfacts.au) website, the other videos being *Gospel F.A.C.T.S.* and *Which God?*. The video is inspired by the Apostle Paul's statement in Galatians 1:6, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all."

The videos can be used in a home group or youth group as a discussion starter. A point of

interest is the inclusion in the video of an AI-produced song called *Cool Gospel*. If you like it, there is a longer version of [Cool Gospel](#) on the *Which Gospel?* webpage.

2. The next edition of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 4th March**. If you have 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](#).

God bless,

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## ***Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra***

**[Illawarra Seniors Band](#) rehearsals** are on the third Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am at Shellharbour Salvation Army Corps, Cnr Ulster & Leawarra Ave, Barrack Heights.

Contact: [Jill White](#), the Secretary.

Next concert: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 5th March @ Warrigal, Pine St, Albion Park Rail

### **February, Sharing Hope Evangelism Training - Part 1 of 2**

Details: 27th Feb, 7:00pm Shellharbour Community Church, 500 Shellharbour Rd.

### **February/March, Sharing Hope Evangelism Training - Part 2 of 2**

Details: 19th Feb, 7:30pm Wollongong Baptist Church, 330 Keira St, Wollongong

20th Feb, 1:00pm Dapto Anglican, lot 100 Moomba St

20th Feb, 7:00pm Fairy Meadow Anglican, 1 Princes Hwy

22nd Feb, 9:00am Figtree Anglican, 4-10 Gibsons Rd.

22nd Feb, 2:00pm Albion Park Anglican, 253 Tongarra Rd

6th March, 7:00pm Shellharbour Community Church, 500 Shellharbour Rd.

### **Friday 7th March, World Day of Prayer**

Theme: "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Service prepared by the women of Cook Islands.

*Services in the Illawarra:*

11:00 a.m. **St David's Anglican Church**, 3 Roxborough Ave, Thirroul

10:00 a.m. **St Joseph's Catholic Church**, 48-50 Park Rd, Bulli, lunch follows.

10:00 a.m.? **Fairy Meadow Anglican Church**, 1 Princes Hwy

10:30 a.m. **St Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral**, 36 Harbour St, Wollongong

10:30 a.m. **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**, 48-50 Princes Hwy, Unanderra

11:30 a.m. **Henry Brooks Estate**, Community Rm, 260 Kanahooka Rd, Kanahooka

10:00 a.m. **Dapto Baptist Church**, 93-97 Emerson Rd, Dapto

11:00 a.m. **All Saints Catholic Church**, 19 College Avenue, Shellharbour. Lunch follows.

10:30 a.m. **Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church**, 94-112 Manning St, Kiama

10:00 a.m. **St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church**, 166 Fern St, Gerringong

### **Friday 28th March, [Hope for the Illawarra](#) - Youth Outreach**

Speaker: Dave Jensen. Tickets available [online](#).

Details: 7:00 p.m. WIN Entertainment Centre, cnr Crown & Harbour Sts, Wollongong.

### **Saturday 29th March, [Hope for the Illawarra](#) - Children's Outreach**

Featuring: Adam Jolliffe, Colin Buchanan. Tickets available [online](#)

Details: 11:00 a.m. WIN Entertainment Centre, cnr Crown & Harbour Sts, Wollongong.

### **Saturday 29th March, [Hope for the Illawarra](#) - Celebration**

Speaker: Dr Michael Youssef. Tickets available [online](#).

Details: 7:00 p.m. WIN Entertainment Centre, cnr Crown & Harbour Sts, Wollongong.

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