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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.

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

"**Mission Gospel Church** meets at Horsley Community Centre, Bong Bong Rd, Horsley on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. The senior ministers are Ps Ian & Georgina Hamilton. Charlie Harb conducts Arabic Bible Studies on Zoom, while Ps Ian & Georgina conduct the Zoom English Bible Study. Ps Abraham and Stella Harb run a youth group, and we have Zoom prayer meetings every Tuesday." (emailed by Georgina)

Church of the Week (next week)

"**Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church**, at 92 Manning St, Kiama celebrates Mass on Saturdays at 6:00pm and Sundays at 8:00am and 5:00pm (6:00pm during Daylight Savings Time). All are very welcome. Fr Chris Roberts is the Parish Priest and Fr George Condookala is the Assistant Priest. The Parish Secretary is Louise Cobby. The Catechist Coordinator is Gai Delavere. Other churches in the parish which have previously been prayed for, are St Matthew's, Jamberoo and St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong. Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9:30am in these two churches. The parish also has a Primary School and Play Group.

We pray that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels will be embraced by all people; that the Scripture programs in all local primary schools, and Kiama High School via KBECET, will plant and nourish seeds of great faith in our young; that the persecution of Christians throughout the world will cease; and that love and peace will prevail in all places where there is hatred and war." Emailed by Louise Cobby.

Gai Delavere emailed the following about the recent Kiama Board for Employing Christian Education Teachers (KBECET) fundraiser.

"Fr George from Kiama asked me to contact you to let you know about our recent book sale fundraiser for KBECET, the charity which supports the Kiama High Scripture teacher.

We had a very successful weekend, raising \$8,800. We had thousands of books and lots of items of bric-a-brac all donated by our local community and further afield. In fact, one lady from Coledale donated books after reading about it on this site. We had many people come over the weekend to grab a few bargains and it was a great meeting place for many of our locals and visitors who love a good book.

Thanks to the generosity of volunteers from all member churches of KBECET, the setting up on Thursday, helping over the weekend, and packing away on Sunday afternoon was made a lot easier and helped to make the weekend a great success in every way.

Thank you for advertising this event on 5icm, a great ecumenical ministry."

News

1. **The Promised Land** Season 1 begins 1st October with new episodes weekly on [YouTube](#).
2. **Light of the World** animated movie is now showing at [Shellharbour Event Cinema](#).

5icm News

1. **Gary Hetherington** (Revival Ministries) attended the Full Gospel Churches Australia National Conference in Queensland last week. He was inspired to work towards planting a church in rural NSW.
2. The next edition of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 30th Sept**. If you have any items to share with Christians of the Illawarra, just email me. To subscribe to this newsletter, or if your email address is changing, please [email me](#) or message me on Facebook.

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 10.30 am at Shellharbour Salvation Army Corps, Cnr Ulster & Leawarra Ave, Barrack Heights.
Contact: [Jill White](#), the Secretary.

Next Concert: **10:30 a.m. Wednesday 1st Oct**, Blue Haven, Terralong St, Kiama

Friday 19th September, Kingdom Leaders Impact

Hosted by Ps Stu & Rebekah Haack of Sound Church.

Speakers: Ps Grace & Vicky Kabuye from Uganda

Details: 9:30am to 3:30 pm Friday at Sound Church, 1/7 Hargraves Ave, Albion Park Rail

Cost: \$22.49 Reserve a spot at [Eventbrite](#)

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September, Sound of Heaven Conference

Speakers: Ps Grace & Vicky Kabuye from Uganda

Details: 6:30pm Fri., 9:30am to 3:30pm Sat. at 1/7 Hargraves Ave, Albion Park Rail.

Cost: There will be a cost for the Saturday meeting to pay for catering. A collection will be taken up at all meetings for Ps Grace & Vicky. Book at [Eventbrite](#).

Tuesday 23rd September, SU Christian Teachers Connect

Free online event to support Christian teachers in public schools

Guest Speaker: Shanti Clements.

Details: 7:00-8:00 p.m. online, [Register Here](#).

Friday 26 September, Operation Christmas Child

Hosted by Albion Park Uniting Church's Friday Friendship group for supporters of Samaritan's Purse throughout the Illawarra.

Speaker: **Rick George, Samaritan's Purse State Manager**

Details: 10:00 a.m. at APUC (Russell St, Albion Park). *Cost:* \$10 for morning tea and lunch.

RSVP 24/9/25: Lyn Brown 0425 219 233, email ernlynbrown@gmail.com

Sunday 28th Sept to Wednesday 1st October, SU Cricket Camp

Scripture Union is running a Cricket Camp for boys (may stay overnight) & girls (day campers only) in Years 5-9 to improve their cricket skills and learn about Jesus.

Details: Tudor House, Moss Vale. [Download flyer](#).

Cost: \$280 for overnight campers, \$180 for day campers.

Tuesday 14th October, Watoto Children's Choir Live

A free concert of singing, dancing, and sharing stories of restoration and hope.

Details: 6:30 p.m. AnchorPoint Church (C3 Thirroul) Level 1, 345 Lawrence Hargrave, cnr Railway Pde, Thirroul.

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