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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

Port Kembla Anglican Church at 111 Military Rd, on the corner with Church St. The parish includes Warrawong Anglican Church. Services at Port Kembla are held on Sunday at 8:15 a.m. The senior minister is Rev. Mike Turner assisted by Rev. Andy Russell. Their motto is "We Love Jesus." [321 Video-based](#) course for explaining the gospel is held on Friday nights.

Church of the Week (next week)

"**Northern Illawarra Uniting Church** on the corner of Princes Hwy & Point St. in Bulli holds services on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The minister is Josh McPaul. Their mission is to make way for all people to come home to God. Their values are to be "Centred on God, Open to All, Amazed by Grace, Here to Help." The [Chapel on the Hill](#) which is 165 years old, is currently being restored. The church hosts a community meal on Thursdays during school term times." Emailed by Josh.

News

1. **Keiraview Uniting Church** has extended the advertising period for their Ministry Leader position to Tuesday 7th October. You can download the job advertisement [here](#).
2. Church Youth Group Leaders note that the **Day of Global Youth Evangelism** is on Saturday 8th November. Prepare your Youth Group to do an evangelistic outreach to your community by signing up at [Dare 2 Share's](#) inter-denominational ministry website to receive free and trusted training, this event gives you everything you need to prepare your teens for real Gospel conversations, from ready-to-use resources to a simple plan of action.
3. "Catholic **Bishop Mascord** has announced that Deacons **Darren McDowell, Sinh Le, and Joseph Nguyen** will be ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong by Bishop Brian Mascord. The ordination will take place at 10am on Saturday, 13th December 2025 at All Saints Church, Shellharbour." Congratulations to all these ministers who are part of our email network.
4. Rev. Michael Blake and his wife, Alison, who have been ministering at **Helensburgh Anglican Church** for the last 22 months have been farewelled. Rev. Graham Schultz and wife, Naomi, presently at St Jude's, Bowral, will become the Senior Minister from 14th October.
5. At last week's **Samaritan's Purse** presentation at **Albion Park Uniting Church**, there were over 80 people including a dozen students from Illawarra Christian School with their teachers. Rick George, the State Manager, rose to the occasion using a magic trick, a shoe box folding competition and the announcement of the number of shoe boxes that were given by Australia to poor overseas children last year (12.9 million). Rick told the inspiring story of Robert Pierce who founded both World Vision, in 1950, and Samaritan's Purse, in 1970.

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6. It's that time of year when we renew 5icm's Public Liability Insurance. PLI is required when an organisation hires a public or church hall. It is one of the reasons for ecumenical ministries joining together to share running costs. 5icm relies on its investment disbursements to pay the PLI premium, so I will be seeking a lower premium.
7. The next edition of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 14th October**. 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

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.

Saturday 18th October, KBECET Annual Fundraising Dinner

Details: 6:00 p.m. Kiama Anglican Church Point Centre

Cost: \$35 pp pay to 082662, Ac 249030854, quoting "Dinner" and your surname.

Monday 20th October, 5icm AGM

Details: 7:00 p.m. 1 O'Gorman St Albion Park

Visitors and new and old members are welcome. RSVP to Derek Thompson on 4256 5780 or admin@5icm.org.au.

Monday 20th October, Dapto Schools Scripture Board Dessert Night

Details: 7:00 p.m. Dapto Anglican Church, Moomba St, Dapto.

Saturday 22nd November, Lumina 2025 Carol Competition

Hosted by St Osthathiose Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Horsley

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

Sunday 7th Dec, Colin Buchanan's Big Christmas Concert

Presented by Wollongong Salvos Church, Compassion Australia & Sure Thing Agency.

Details: 4:00 p.m. Wollongong Salvation Army, 11-13 Burelli St.

Cost: \$25 per person, babies under one free (but need ticket). Tickets from [Trybooking](#).

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