



No. 460 14/10/25

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.Sicm.org.au/resources.html.

Distribution of this edition: **3,900**

Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

Keiraville International Church (formerly St John's Anglican Church) is at 16-18 Eastern St, corner Moore St, Gwynneville. Services are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (family service), and 5:00 p.m. (student focus). The senior minister is Rev. Peter Hutchinson, who is presently on leave, assisted by Rev. Jason McPhail. Kathy Watson looks after Pastoral Care and Haebin Lee is the Parish Administrator. They are presently looking for a Children's and Youth Worker to commence ministry in 2026. The church is a mix of newly arrived university students through to grandparents who have been in the church for 50 years.

Church of the Week (next week)

New Wine Life Church is a Pentecostal church meeting at Unanderra Community Centre, Princes Hwy (cnr Factory Rd), Unanderra. The senior pastors are Phil & Joy Berglund. They meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Joy emailed the following.

"We held another outreach last Saturday with some other churches in the Warrawong area. It was amazing. It's called Revival at Peace Park. We will be holding evangelical outreaches every quarter next year. We have a clip of a worship song from the outreach on our You Tube channel called [Revival at Peace Park](#). We are slowly growing a Holy Spirit Empowered evangelism team. God bless, Joy"

Note. Peace Park, Coomaditchie is also called Harry Bagot Park, Parkes St, Port Kembla.

News

1. This week is **Anti-Poverty Week** with **World Food Day** on 16th October and the **United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty** on 17th October. The anti-poverty week website has resources for ideas about what we might do and the facts of poverty in Australia and abroad. More than 13.4% of Australians are living below the poverty line (i.e. more than 3.32 million people, including 761,000 children or 1 in 6). In Australia the poverty line is defined as 50% of the median household income. "The payment for people who are experiencing unemployment (JobSeeker) has been eroded over many years and as of June 2024 it was worth only 68% of the Age Pension, compared with 90% in the mid-1990s."
2. The Holy Spirit dwells with his people (Rom 8:9) and Scripture implores Christians to, "Pray continually" (1 Thes 5:17). The Spirit talks to us all the time but often we do not expect God to speak to the likes of us, or we get distracted by other things, or we don't know how to hear God's voice. For instance, I asked God if he wanted to say anything in this newsletter and that was his reply. So, my job is done. Two books on hearing the voice of God I can recommend are "4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice" by Mark Virkler and "You can hear the Voice of God" by Steve Sampson. I think the Holy Spirit wants to chat with you.
3. **The Promised Land | Season 1** videos for episodes 1 to 3 are available on YouTube now, and episode 4 on 15th October.

5icm News

1. **5icm's AGM** is on Monday 20th October (see details below). This is the only required business meeting each year. You are welcome to come.
2. The next edition of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 28th 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,

Five Islands Christian Ministries Inc., a registered charity.

Website: www.5icm.org.au | email: ficm@spin.net.au | phone: 4256 5780 | 
Email me to [subscribe](#) or [unsubscribe](#) from this newsletter, or if you are [changing email address](#).

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 Concerts: **10:30 a.m. Wednesday 5th Nov**, Tarrawanna Salvation Army.
10:30 a.m. Tuesday 11th Nov, Remembrance Day Lakeside Memorial Park, Kanahooka

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 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, Moombara St, Dapto.

Fri 7th - Sat 8th Nov, Truth & Freedom Women's Conference

Speakers: Ps Janine Kubala, Ps Leanne Matthesius, Kirsty Neilson, Ana Moir
Details: Fri 7-9pm, Sat 9am-1pm, Sat night 4:00-6:30pm at Shellharbour Civic Centre 76 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre.
Cost: \$120, Groups of 10+ \$85 pp, (includes Sat morning tea), +\$25 for optional leadership lunch session on Saturday.
Tickets: from [Eventbrite](#)

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.