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## Clearing the Way for Jesus

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### Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

**St David's Anglican Church** at 3 Roxburgh Ave, Thirroul has services on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The church is part of Austinmer Anglican Parish. The Senior Minister is Nathan Sandon assisted by Jon Clare (Seniors' Minister (p/t) and oversight of St David's), James Massey (Children & Youth Minister), Liz McCoy (Mission Minister (p/t) and Megan Whittington (parish office and administration).

### Church of the Week (next week)

**Corrimal Seventh Day Adventist Church** at 50 Collins St, Corrimal is part of the Illawarra grouping of SDA churches. Services are on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. The Senior Minister is Ps David Lu who completed his internship last year. David emailed:

Currently, I'm looking after the Corrimal church and there are a few things that we would really appreciate prayers for:

- Youth Ministry — we have several youths and young adults our youth leader is working closely with. Prayers for our young adults small group ministry is needed.
- Our aged members — we have several members who are suffering with physical illnesses due to age.
- Serving the Corrimal community — although a smaller congregation compared to Wollongong, the Corrimal members are actively looking for ways to give back to the community and serve the community's needs. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to open doors for us to give back.

### News.

1. **Illawarra Church of Christ** has now relocated to 137 Kanahooka Rd, Kanahooka, which they are renting. I have updated the church lists. If the details on the church lists for your church are incorrect, please email me and I will correct it.
2. **World Day of Prayer Services** in the Illawarra last Friday were well attended. It was good for Christians of many different denominational backgrounds to meet together and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. A number of these services were streamed online and are still available for viewing. Next year, the World Day of Prayer will celebrate its centenary.
3. **Lifeline South Coast** will hold its **Big Book Fair** on 19-22/3/26. Lifeline operates telephone counselling, suicide prevention, and Lifeline shops. Lifeline was started after a Methodist minister, the late Rev. Dr. Sir Alan Walker received a phone call from a distressed man who later took his own life in 1963. Alan Walker was determined that this should not happen again and started 24-hour crisis support line.
4. **Lyn Brown** thanks everyone who donated items, shoeboxes, and money to cover the cost of shipping the Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes last year. I attach a letter Lyn wrote to contributors giving the details in case you or your church did not receive a personally addressed copy ([download here](#)).

## 5icm News

1. The next edition of **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 24th March 2026**. If you have any items or events to share with Christians of the Illawarra, just email me, advertising is free. 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 first 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 18th March**, Warrigal, 50 Harbour Blvd, Shell Cove.

#### **Friday 13th March, Taize Prayer**

*Details:* 7:30pm Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Kiama. Followed by a cuppa.  
*Contact:* Marion 0407 417 389

#### **Sunday 15th March, [King of Kings Concert](#) - Salvation Army New York Staff Band**

*Details:* 4:30 p.m. at Wollongong Salvation Army, 11-13 Burelli St  
*Cost:* \$25 adults, \$10 children under 16  
*Tickets:* [TryBooking](#)

#### **Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd March, Lifeline Big Book Fair**

Thousands of second hand books to choose from.  
*Details:* \$10 Early Bird entry 5pm to 9pm Thursday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday; 9am to 5pm Saturday; 9am to 4pm Sunday. Fri to Sunday Gold coin entry.

#### **Saturday 18th April, Dapto Uniting Church Op Shop Fashion Parade**

*Details:* 2:00 p.m. church hall, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto. [Download flyer](#).  
*Tickets:* \$10, book by contacting [Janet Hyam](#) 0431 410 189

#### **Saturday 2nd May, 9th May, Restoring Foundations Course**

A course presented by Elijah House Ministries for Senior and Assistant Pastors and their spouses (only 18 spaces available). Childcare is not available.  
*Details:* 9:00 am to 4:30pm Anchorpoint Illawarra, Level 1, 345 Lawrence Hargrave Dr, cnr Railway Pde, Thirroul. [Download flyer](#).  
*Cost:* Early Bird closes 28/3/26: \$165, Standard \$185  
Registration: closes 30th April.  
*Contact:* [Adrienne Erwin](#) 0476 325 199

#### **Saturday 9th May, Mother's Day High Tea**

*Details:* 2:00 p.m. church hall, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto. [Download flyer](#).  
*Tickets:* \$20, book by contacting Janet Hyam 0431 410 189

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