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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

International Christian Church, Berkeley is a member of the Foursquare Australia denomination and meets at 1-4/8 Kelly St, Berkeley. The senior ministers are Ps Roger and Joy Lingal assisted by Ps Rolando & Joanna Zita. The services are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Church of the Week (next week)

St Paul's Anglican Church, Minnamurra is at 17 Railway Avenue. This church is part of the Kiama parish whose senior minister is Steve Stanis assisted by Cameron Webber. Services are on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

News.

- Jamberoo Abbey** has announced its Retreat Programs for the year. [See here](#). The Abbey is presently mourning the passing of Sr Ancilla Leech OSB who died from a rare form of stomach cancer only a month after it being diagnosed.
- Scripture Union** has reported on last summer holiday's family missions in NSW. There were 988 volunteers (c.f. 1,220 the previous year), 24 teams (same as for last year), 73 conversions/recommitments (up from 23) and 103 people being followed up or connected to a church (up from 85). SU is looking to restart additional beach missions and add more inland missions (they call the mission held at Albion Park an inland mission).
- Wollongong Salvation Army** is hosting a Dawn Service on Easter Sunday at the Lighthouse on Flagstaff Hill (see details below).

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- Lesslie Newbigin, in his book *Truth to Tell*, p. 41, wrote, "The words 'liberal' and 'fundamentalist' are freely used among us as terms of abuse and contempt. In this mutual hostility, which is so damaging to the Church's witness, we are in danger of evading the real issues on which the gospel must challenge our culture. It is obvious that this damaging split in the life of the Church is only one manifestation of the much deeper split which runs through the whole of our culture." More on this split next time.
- The next edition of **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 7th April 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,
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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 am Tuesday 21st April**, IRT William Beach Gardens, Kanahooka.

Good Friday, 3rd April

Easter Saturday, 4th April, [5th Annual Figtree Community Easter Egg Hunt](#).

Hosted by NewDay Church for the whole family! Centred around an Egg Hunt for ages 0-10 with loads of activities included like Jumping castles, Free coffee, Ken's Cones, Free sausage sizzle, Photos with the Easter Bunny, Craft, Kids tattoos, Easter eggs, Guessing jar, Scavenger hunt, Hot Cross Buns + more. With over 10,000 eggs across the event.

Details: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. New Day Church, 25 O'Briens Rd, Figtree.

Cost: \$12 per egg hunt participant - [bookings by Good Friday](#).

Contact: 4226 5022 or admin@newdaychurch.com.au

Easter Sunday, 5th April, Sunrise Service

Hosted by The Salvation Army and followed by a free BBQ breakfast. All welcome.

Details: 6:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse on Flagstaff Hill, Wollongong.

Friday 17th to Friday 24th April, Evangelism Outreach & Mission Event

Hosted by Wollongong Pentecostal Fellowship for anyone interested in doing missionary work. [Download flyer](#).

Guest Trainers: Raj (New Zealand) and Ryan (Malaysia)

Details: Commissioning Service 7:00 pm 17th April

8:00 am to 8:00 pm 18th to 22nd April Wollongong FO

9:00 am to 5:30 pm 23rd & 24th April Training Sessions

Zoom Training 7:00 pm 23rd & 30th March, 6th & 13 April.

Contact: 0491 700 452

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

Saturday 16th May, Seen - Women's Conference

Hosted by Kiama Baptist Church

Details: 9am-4pm The Pavilion Kiama, 2 Bong Bong St, Kiama

Cost: Adult \$75, Concession \$65, Highschool \$55 [Register here](#).

Contact: contact@kiamabaptist.church

Sunday 17th to Sunday 24th May, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Resources are available on the [World Council of Churches website](#).

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