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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

All Saints Albion Park Anglican Church at 253 Tongarra Rd, is led by Rev. Robin Vonk, assisted by Rev. Ian Morrison, Youth Minister Steve Inman, and Meagan Ho (Children's Ministry). Services are held on Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. Chapel Services are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30am. Other ministries include various kids and youth ministries, bible studies, and our Preschool and Men's Shed.

For prayer -

Please give thanks for the launch of our new services, bringing all ages together for worship.

Please pray that we would faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus to our growing community in Albion Park, Tullimbar and Calderwood.

We would also like to express our thanks to everyone who reads this and takes the time to pray for us. May God bless you all as you serve Him." Emailed by Robin Vonk

Churches of the Week (next week)

Corrimal Gospel Chapel at 59 Collins St, Corrimal holds Services on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. This is a Brethren church that is a member of [Christian Community Churches of Australia](http://ChristianCommunityChurchesofAustralia.org.au). The contact is Douglass Baly. Information obtained from the CCC Australia website.

Living Hope Baptist Church meets at 135-137 Princes Highway, Corrimal on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The senior minister is Ps Filip Laus. Apart from the usual church Services, children's and youth groups, and Bible Study home groups, the church ministers at a local retirement home. Information obtained from the church website.

News.

1. The **Global Week of Prayer**: "From 6-13 September 2026, we're inviting the global Church to pray non-stop in every nation on earth in the Global Week of Prayer. We sense God's invitation to unite together to lift up the name of Jesus". The Australian website for **24-7 Prayer** is here where you will find resources for running a physical, virtual, or hybrid prayer room.

The **5icm Illawarra Christians** virtual prayer room. is at <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/48f2ab>

2. **Awaken Church, Shellharbour** commenced Sunday services last week at Flinders Community Centre, 12-18 Adam Murray Way. The senior ministers are Darren and Helen Newton.
3. **Northern Illawarra Uniting Church** has welcomed a new part-time Pastoral Assistant, Simon Perini, to assist with the additional tasks the church has accepted by merging with Austinmer Uniting Church and helping to re-plant Wollongong Mission, the Church in the Mall,

which closed last December. Simon wrote, "During our 20 years in Thirroul we have worshipped at Austinmer Anglican, Gateway City Church (now Awaken) and C3 Thirroul (now Anchorpoint)."

4. The **Samaritan's Purse Celebration Event** at **Albion Park Uniting Church** last Sunday was well attended. Rick George, the Samaritan's Purse State Manager, spoke about how the organisation came into being and told stories of how God has used the Operation Christmas child gift shoeboxes. A lady in Wagga Wagga knitted dolls for the shoeboxes which were sent to a refugee camp where a "Made in Australia" label on one of the items in the shoebox encouraged a refugee family to ask to come to Australia. They were eventually accepted into Australia and ended up in Wagga, where they were housed next door to the lady who knitted the doll, which they still had. God having some fun.

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1. Lesslie Newbigin concludes his book *Truth to Tell*, as follows (p. 90), "the chief contribution of the Church to the renewing of social order is to be itself a new social order. ... the Church must be visible and recognisable as the community that embraces the whole city in the Father's love. The word of truth that the Church speaks to Caesar must be, or must aim to be, the word of the whole Church. Splintered, confused, and compromised, the Church seldom sounds worth listening to. But the Church has out-lasting many occupants of Caesar's throne and will outlast many more, for the truth entrusted to her is the truth of God."
2. The next edition of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 8th September 2026**. If you have any church news 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.
Next Concert: 10:30 a.m. 15th Sept IRT Marco Polo, 66-70 Waples Rd, Unanderra.

Saturday 19th September, Northern Illawarra Scripture Trivia Night

Trivia plus a silent auction to raise funds for scripture teaching.

Details: 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. start at Anchorpoint Church, Level 1, 345 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, corner Railway Pde, Thirroul.

Cost: \$20 per person, pay at the door. Tables of 8.

Sunday 4th October, St Petka's Fashion Parade

Details: 1pm St Petka Monastery Kembla Grange

Cost: \$70 per person (food and soft drinks included)

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Monday 12th October, 5icm AGM

Illawarra Christians interested in supporting church unity are welcome to attend.

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

RSVP: [Derek Thompson](#)

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