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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.5icm.org.au/resources.html.

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

Seventh Day Adventist Church, Wollongong is at 30 Victoria St, corner of Young St. The senior minister is Ps. Allen Bierschbach, who also oversees Corrimal and Dapto SDA churches. Allen is assisted by Ps David Lu, an Intern / Youth pastor. The main church service is on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. preceded by Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m. Groups for teens (13-17), youth (18-25) and young adults (26-35+) are held Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Services are live streamed to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

Church of the Week (next week)

St Thomas Syrian Orthodox Wollongong, is at 78 Central Road, Unanderra. The senior minister is Rev. Fr Ablahad Zetoun. The church provides Sunday mass and special services masses, organises fundraising activities, educating children and adults through Bible and language classes, engaging members to participate and socialise.

News.

1. The **Catholic Diocese of Wollongong** celebrates 75 years of faith and mission on Saturday 14th November at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow. Before 1951, the region was split under the Sydney and Canberra Goulburn Diocese.
2. **Ruth Milne** of the **Port Kembla Mission to Seafarers** emailed the following article on the recent concern about the US aircraft carrier spending a long time at sea. [Download here](#).
3. The **Global Week of 24-7 Prayer** last week reported that there were 2,728 prayer rooms in 141 nations offering hundreds of thousands of hours of prayer.
4. The Spring Edition of the Bible Society's **Sower magazine** features an article on **Bike for Bibles** and the work of Shellharbour volunteer, Chris Garvin. The upcoming Kiama & District Bible Society event on Friday 9th October (see Events below for details) will promote the Albury Bibles Ride on 18-24/4/2027. Contact Chris by email bfb@biblesociety.org.au or phone 0401 864 467 if you are interested in joining the ride.
5. [St Francis Prayer for Peace](#).

5icm News

1. **The Healing Retreat Day at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Kiama** went well, The Holy Spirit came in power to let it be known that the healing ministry and unity between Christians are still priorities for Him.
2. The next edition of **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 6th October 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,
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.
Next Concert: 10:30 a.m. 20th October, Blue Haven Terralong, Thompson St, Kiama.

Tuesday 22nd September, Spring/Summer Fashion Parade

Details: 10am at Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry & Russell Sts
Cost: \$10 door donation (includes morning tea). Clothes are for sale.
RSVP for catering: Sue Hudson 0421 038 796

Sunday 4th October, St Petka's Fashion Parade

Details: 1pm St Petka Monastery Kembla Grange
Cost: \$70 per person (food and soft drinks included)
Contacts: Meri 0413 892 557, Mica 0490 770 617, Mara 0416 148 243

Friday 9th October, Kiama & District Bible Society Coffee Event

Speaker: Amy Cruickshanks from Bible Society on Bible Translations & Australian Languages. Some riders from *Bike for Bibles Albury Ride* 18-24/4/27.
Details: 10:00 a.m. at Kiama Baptist Church, 1/3 Brown St, Kiama. There will be a collection for Bible Society.
Contact: Barbara Mathie 0411 212 874

Saturday 10th October, Dapto Uniting Church Op Shop Fashion Parade

Details: 2:00 p.m. Dapto Uniting Church hall. [Download flyer](#)
Cost: \$10 (includes afternoon tea). Clothes can be purchased.
Bookings: [Janet](#) on 0431 410 189.

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](#)

Monday 12th October, Coffee & Dessert Night

Dapto School Scripture fundraiser and information night.
Details: 7pm Dapto Anglican Church
Cost: \$15 per person.

Saturday 17th October, Death in the age of choice and Pastoral Care at the end of life

Speaker: Rev. John McClean, Jericho Road Chaplain Joseph Park
Details: 9am-12pm Kiama Presbyterian Church, 40 Shoalhaven St, Kiama. [Download flyer](#)
Cost: \$20 per family (morning tea included)
RSVP 13/10/26 to [Colin Gauld](#), 0446 419 903

Saturday 14th November, Family Fun Day

St Osthathiose Church, Horsley invites everyone for fun, music, games, stalls, and cultural programs. [Download flyer](#).
Details: 10am to 8pm, Berkeley Community Hall

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