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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.Sicm.org.au/resources.html.

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Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

"**Believe Church Global** meets at Shellharbour Civic Centre, 76 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour. The senior pastors are Andrew & Janine Kubala. Services are held at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. Once a term, the church hosts a Healing Service, with the next scheduled for Sunday, 22nd November. The church just celebrated its 8th birthday with the announcement that they will be joining the INC family ([International Network of Churches](http://www.InternationalNetworkofChurches.org)) Andrew and Janine have an international [healing ministry](#). Everyone is welcome.

Please pray that we would continue to be a blessing to the Illawarra community through our church services, outreach and community initiatives. We are also faithfully praying and believing God for a permanent building that our church family can call home, a place where we can continue to serve, grow and see God's Kingdom impact our community."

Emailed by Tina Barnes, Communications, Marketing and Events Coordinator.

Church of the Week (next week)

"**Wollongong Baptist Church** at [330 Keira St](#) has Services on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The church also hosts Sunday Services in other languages – Vietnamese (12:30 pm), Karenni (12:30 pm), Burmese (2:30 pm) and Chinese (3:00 pm) and mid-week activities – Playtime (0-5 yrs), English classes, Youth group (high school age), and home groups. Please pray that Wollongong Baptist Church would continue to know Christ and to make him known. Pray that God would use them to see many more people in Wollongong come to know and trust in Jesus. This coming term, Wollongong Baptist will be planning for our Family Carols event and Christmas services, and so please pray that these would provide opportunities to share the gospel with the community."

Emailed by Sarah Grant, WBC Office & Communications Coordinator.

News.

1. The nuns at **Jamberoo Abbey** have proudly announced their [new updated website](#). The Abbey is presently advertising prayer retreat programs for October to December.
2. A Lesslie Newbigin quotation on Western civilisation's move to postmodernism.

"The result has been the very odd situation in which millions of 'enlightened' products of the scientific method have believed that the cosmos can best be understood as a vast machine that, unlike any machine that has ever existed, was constructed by no one for no purpose. It is difficult to imagine a more self-contradictory and irrational belief."
(*Truth and authority in modernity*, 1996, p. 76).

Sicm News

1. Sicm's most exciting meeting of the year, the AGM is next Monday, 12th October. It is also the only Sicm meeting of the year, but that doesn't sound as exciting.

- Getting a newsletter past spam filters is a challenge, so I am trying to include the recipient's name in the newsletter. Let me know if your name is not listed correctly. A pdf copy of the newsletter without a recipient's name is found on the Sicm website [Resources page](#).
- The next edition of ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 20th 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,
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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.

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

Friday 9th to Saturday 10th Oct, Dapto Anglican Annual Quilt, Art & Craft Show

Details: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday & Saturday, Dapto Anglican Church, Moombara St,
Cost: \$6 entry

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

Details: 2:00 p.m. Dapto Uniting Church hall. [Download flyer](#)
Cost: **TICKETS SOLD OUT**. Clothes can be purchased.
Contact: [Janet](#) on 0431 410 189.

Monday 12th October, Sicm 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

Saturday 14th Nov, Port Kembla Baptist Church Market Day

Sausage sizzle, cakes, clothing, white elephant stall, crepes, pancakes, Devonshire tea
Details: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 81 Illawarra St, Port Kembla.

See the [Sicm Events page](#) for **more events** and the **Regular Events** list.