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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 promote 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

Bulli Anglican Church at 66 Park Rd, Bulli holds Services on Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (family service) & 5:00 p.m. The senior minister is Rev. Michael Williamson, assisted by Youth & Children's minister, Kat Harris, Youth Worker Elliot Boswell, Student Minister Jonny Hann, Trainee Children's Worker Izzy Elery, and administrators Christopher Baldwin and Kathy Nethercott.

Church of the Week (next week)

Jamberoo Abbey (a Benedictine monastery) at 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd, prays the [Liturgy of the Hours](#) 7 times each day. Guests and visitors to the Abbey are welcome to join them at these services. They also make available cottages for people seeking accommodation for a [prayer retreat](#). Their stated vocation is "to be Christ praying on the mountain totally attentive to seeking God."

Church News

- LifeWay Lutheran Church, Wollongong** has temporarily moved Services to 30 Kenny St.
- Fr Daniel Paulose** was ordained at Manjanikkara Dayara monastery of the [Syriac Orthodox Church](#) in South [Kerala](#), India on the 8th May, and arrived in Australia on 16th May, and led a service of **St Osthathiose Jacobite Church Wollongong** at Albion Park Rail Community Centre on 19th May. No point in wasting any time. Welcome to the Illawarra Daniel.
- Jonathan Hyratt**, presently a pastor at **River of Life Church**, had an accident while riding his motorbike in Port Kembla on 29th April. He was flown to St George Hospital where he was operated on and treated. His wife, Nicole, has been told he will probably be hospitalised for another month.
- Hillsong Wollongong**, which meets at The Sage Hotel (level 3), 60-62 Harbour St, Wollongong, celebrated its 7th anniversary last Sunday.

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- 5icm Mid-Year Meeting** was held last week. Due to there being insufficient people interested in singing in an ecumenical choir, we decided to drop this ministry from our group. I introduced my [Gospel F.A.C.T.S.](#) website and played the video. I am presently preparing a second video for the website. The 5icm members present decided to support the Illawarra Seniors' Band ministry by attending their concert at Kiama Uniting Church on 2nd July.
- The next issue of the **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 11th June**. Please email me your church's ecumenical events for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. To subscribe to this newsletter, please [email](#) or message me on Facebook with your email address.

God bless,
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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals are on the third Tuesday of each month from 10.30am at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall. *Contact:* [Jill White](#), the Secretary.
Next Concert: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday 4th June, John Paul Village, 15 The Avenue, Heathcote.

Friday 31st May, Illawarra Prayer Breakfast

Speakers: Leila & Danny Abdallah.

Details: 6:30 - 8:15 a.m. Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow (tickets sold out)

Saturday 1st June, [Gong Men's Day](#)

Theme: Cross-Shaped Man

Details: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree.

Cost: \$55, concession (students/unemployed/retired): \$45.

Booking: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1211361

Saturday 1st June, safeTALK Suicide Awareness Workshop

Sponsored by NSW Health and Livingworks Australia.

Details: 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. Kiama Uniting Church, 48 Manning St, Kiama

Cost: free (includes morning tea) but registration essential.

Bookings: <https://events.humantix.com/safetalk-workshop>

Monday 3rd June, Coffee & Dessert Night & Art Sale

Wollongong Combined Churches Education Board

Details: 7:00 p.m. Figtree Anglican Church

Admission Cost: \$20 (includes dessert, hot drinks, live music)

Wednesday 5th June, [The Alpha Course](#)

An 8-week free course facilitated by Grant Wilson and the Combined Churches of Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo for anyone interested.

Details: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Minnamurra Cafe, 1A Rangoon Rd.

Wednesday 12th June, Dessert and Coffee Night/Meet the teachers

Northern Illawarra Scripture and Chaplain Board

Details: 7:00 p.m. Northern Illawarra Uniting Church Centre

Cost: \$15 adults, \$10 U15, \$40 family.

Tuesday 2nd July, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

Details: 10:30 a.m. Kiama Uniting Church, Manning St, Kiama

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