

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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July 2025

How to Live in a Troubled World – July Teaching Series

Join us this July as we explore Jesus' wisdom for uncertain times in our new series, Living in a Troubled World. Through the Gospel of John, we'll reflect on how Christ offers peace, purpose, and courage even when the world feels chaotic. From the Upper Room to the Cross, John's Gospel speaks directly to our fear, our grief, and our hope. Whether you're seeking comfort, clarity, or deeper connection, this series invites you to walk with Jesus and rediscover what it means to live by faith, not fear.

All are welcome—bring a friend!

Pastor Peter Watson

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July Preaching Theme

Do not let your hearts be troubled. John 14:1

How to live in a
troubled world

Marette Hennessy

Marette who worshipped with us in 2024 passed away Monday 30 June 2025. Marette was in Wollongong while she received medical treatment and returned to be with her immediate family in Melbourne. Our thoughts are with her family and in particular her uncle Dick Young.

DRASTIC
6-10 OCTOBER

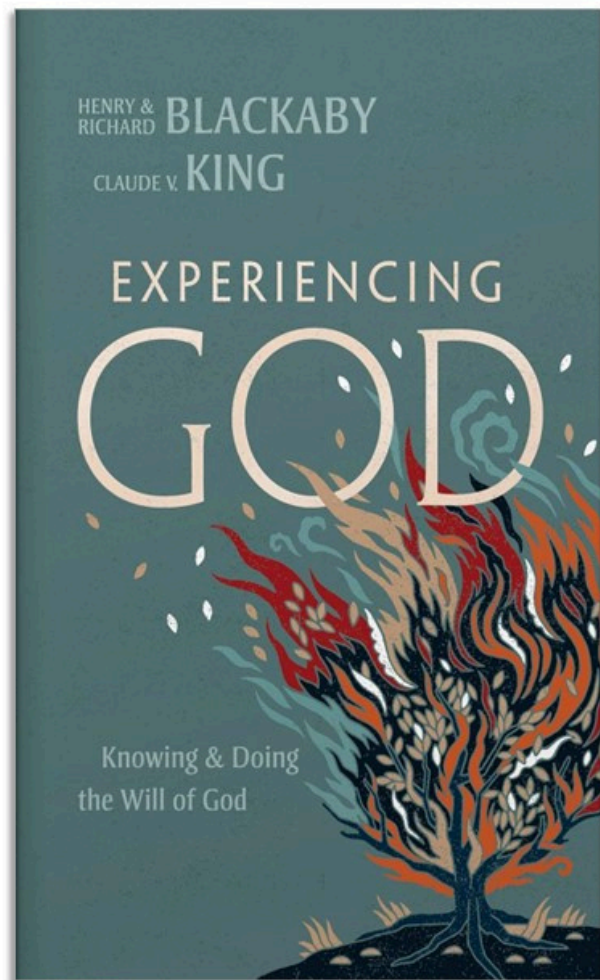
2025

DRASTIC
YOUTH CAMP

THE TOPS
CONFERENCE
CENTRE

Support YOUTH

Drastic Youth Camp for Yrs 7-12 happens in October & costs \$470 per attendee. If you'd like to support someone to attend you can make a donation to the church account and put in description 'youth'. More info on the camp can be found at <https://ccnswact.org.au/events/drastic-2025/>



Want to have a deeply personal and impactful relationship with God?

- Learn to hear from God
- Discover your purpose in life
- Know God more intimately

For more details about this course talk with Pastor Pete

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COMING EVENTS



**Soup Sunday 1st
Sunday of
Month**

**Free but any
donations go to
support Mercy
Ministries**

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Saturday 26th July

3-5pm at Balgownie Community Centre.

Trivia Master Ben Charters has planned an interesting afternoon of not-so-useful facts!

Put together a table of 8 people or just turn up and join a table.

Sign-up on the sheet on the resource table at church or text us on 0407-278-175 to let us know you are coming.

There is a suggest \$10 donation (so no obligation) that can be paid on the day. Any profits will go to our Mercy Ministries budget.

SEA SUNDAY



You Are Warmly Invited to

SEA SUNDAY

“Mission At Our Doorstep”

Join us as we acknowledge, celebrate and pray for the hard working men and women of the sea in our annual Sea Sunday service

2:00pm at St Michael's Anglican Cathedral
74 Church Street, Wollongong

Followed by afternoon tea



Please join us on
SEA SUNDAY
13 July 2025

Join churches worldwide to pray for and support the brave seafarers who navigate life's most challenging storms. Help us bring Peace in the Storm, as we reflect on how Christ's calming presence brings hope and assurance, both on the high seas and in our daily lives.

For more information on our work visit missiontoseafarers.org/sea-sunday



LAUGHTER



This month we have some Doctor jokes:

- A man walks into a doctor's office. He has a cucumber up his nose, a carrot in his left ear and a banana in his right ear. "What's the matter with me?" he asks the doctor. The doctor replies, "You're not eating properly."
- A guy suffering from a miserable cold begs his doctor for relief. The doctor prescribes pills. But after a week, the guy's still sick. So the doctor gives him a shot. But that doesn't help his condition either. On his third visit, the doctor thinks for a beat, then says, "Okay, this is what I want you to do. Go home. Take a hot bath. Then throw open all the windows and stand in the draft." The patient protests, "But I'll get pneumonia!" The doctor nods, "I know. And that I can cure."
- A rich businessman starts choking on a fish bone at a restaurant. Fortunately, a doctor seated at a nearby table springs up and performs the Heimlich maneuver to save his life. "Thank you, thank you!" said the businessman. "Please, allow me to pay you for this.. Name your fee." The doctor considers this, then says, "How about half of what you'd have offered when the bone was still stuck in your throat?"
- Our nephew was getting married to a doctor's daughter. At the wedding reception, the father of the bride stood to read his toast, which he had scribbled on a piece of scrap paper. Several times during his speech, he halted, overcome with what I assumed was a moment of deep emotion. But after a particularly long pause, he explained, "I'm sorry. I can't make out what I've written down. Is there a pharmacist in the house?"
- I'd just come home from my sixth medical appointment of the week with one more to go, so I was in a lousy mood when my daughter called. I griped to her, "Is there anything worse than seven doctors?" My daughter said, "Yes. One coroner."

PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN

To be added to the church prayer chain send your name and mobile to Peter on 0407-278-175. The prayer chain is a list of people willing to be sent a text about important prayer issues.

LOCAL PRAYER

We are committed to working with and praying for other churches and ministries in the Illawarra:

This month we are praying for:

St Thomas Syrian Orthodox Church, at 78 Central Rd, Unanderra. The senior minister is Rev. Fr. Abdelahad Zitoun. In April 2013, Syriac Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim and Greek Orthodox Archbishop Boulos Yazigi were abducted while traveling in Syria. Their driver, a Syriac Orthodox deacon, was killed in the attack. Both bishops have remained missing since then.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

To learn and pray about the needs of Christians around the world might like to check out:

Operation World at <https://operationworld.org/prayer-calendar>

Open Doors at www.opendoors.org.au

The Voice of the Martyrs at www.persecution.com

Global Mission Partners at www.gmp.org.au/

MISSION

PHILIPPINES 2026

Find out how
to support or
participate by
talking with
**Catherine
Green**



Financial Support



One of the ways that regular church attendees support the work of the church is through their financial contributions. You can do this by:

- Giving cash during the offering time in the Worship Service.
- Giving online contributions via our bank account. The details are as follows: Bank Account Name: 'Northern Beaches Church of Christ'*; BSB: 112879; Account Number: 477353233

* Our bank account is still under our old church name.

ROSTERS

www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/about-rosters



Date	Speaker	Bible Reader	Communion	Prayer	Morning Tea	SUNDAY SCHOOL
06/07/2025	Peter Watson	Pat Langlands	Iwan Jones	James Magispoc	Soup Sunday	Linda and Anne
13/07/2025	Peter Watson	Allie Clark	John Piper	Brian Healy	Catherine and familiy	Kids in service
20/07/2025	Peter Watson	Shirley Magsipoc	Catherine Green	Anne Trezise	Di and Lorraine	Narelle and Bron
27/07/2025	Linda Watson	Dave Morton	Beth Robinson	Stephen Corry	Sue & John Piper	Kids in service
03/08/2025	Alan Watson (testimony)	Lee Pring	James Magsipoc	Linda Watson	Soup Sunday	Sue and John

RECENT SERMONS



Messages are available at

www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/sermons.

If you'd like to listen on your phone then the Podbean app by the QR code.

In the app search for 'Illawarra Church of Christ' in the player.

Like to
leave a
legacy
in your
Will?

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We recommend you contact your solicitor to add appropriate wording such as follows to your will.

"I give \$... for the general work and activities of 'Illawarra Church of Christ'.

Increase Church Profile

You can help increase our church profile by taking a few minutes to give a review on our Google Profile in Google. Positive reviews rank us higher in Google searches for a local church. You can do this by going to <https://g.page/r/Ce6WB6vsY0RPECA/review>

Pastoral Contact

Because I also work in my own business here are my normal contact hours for the church.

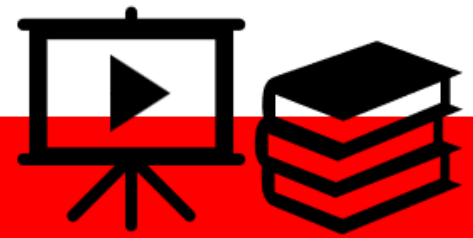
- I'm available anytime to visit in hospital, just let me know if someone is in hospital and I'll drop in.
- Coffee/tea catchup - Tuesday mornings and evenings - call me to arrange a time and convenient venue.
- Tuesday bible study 2pm
- Wednesday bible study 7.30pm
- Sunday lunch
- Other times as mutually suitable. Please don't hesitate to ask to catch-up for any reason.

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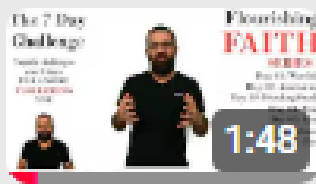
RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



Flourishing Faith

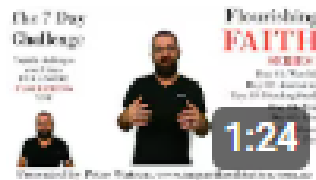
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<https://tinyurl.com/s8fhdrv7>



Flourishing Faith Series 1 01 Worship

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Flourishing Faith Series 1 02 Journaling

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Flourishing Faith Series 1 03 Reading

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Flourishing Faith Series 1 04 Pray

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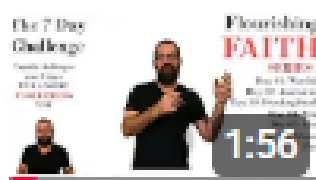
Flourishing Faith Series 1 05 Give

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Flourishing Faith Series 1 06 Silence

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Flourishing Faith Series 1 07 Fast

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**The generous will
themselves be
blessed, for they
share their food
with the poor.**

Proverbs 22:9

Galatians 2:10 "Only,
they asked us to
remember the poor, the
very thing I was eager to
do."

LOCAL RESOURCES

GambleAware

Illawarra & Southern NSW

gambleaware.nsw.gov.au

1800 858 858

Gambling can become an issue for some individuals and families.

Introducing the peer support worker role with Gamble Aware Illawarra. The peer support worker is not a counsellor, it is a person who has lived experience of gambling and is available to talk to you over the phone, online or face to face - for instance to have a coffee or go for a walk. They are someone who may understand what you are going through. Please email pss@missionaustralia.com.au or call GambleAware directly for a confidential conversation 4267 6600.

SPARE ROOM?

Acts 2:44 All the believers were
together and had everything in
common.



David Milne* through his outreach ministry at Wollongong University occasionally has people who require short-term accommodation. (Often a couple of weeks.)

If you are prepared to go on a list of potential availability let David know via 0402-600-044 or dave.milne061@gmail.com.

If something comes up you will be contacted, given specific details (who, when, how long) and then you can decide whether it is something you can help with.

(* Brother of Anne Trezise, Son of Ross & Ruth Milne)

GROUPS

DISCUSSION & GATHERING



www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/activities/

- **Experiencing God:** This is a one-to-one foundational course working Pastor Peter Watson, 0407278175.
- **Conversations.** Venues and times vary. Catherine Green 0427038640.
- **Monday 5pm:** Online women's study. Beth Robinson 0412047146.
- **Tuesday 2.00pm:** Bible Study. 9 Pendleton Close, Tarrawanna. Peter Watson 0407278175.
- **Tuesday 5pm:** Book discussion. Online. Beth Robinson 0412047146.
- Tuesday evening Fortnightly Youth Bible Study. Catherine Green 0427038640.
- **Wednesday:** Monthly Social Event. Venue and times vary. Brian Healy 0417296983
- **Wednesday 10am:** 'Knit & Knatter' fortnightly at Balgownie Village Community Centre, 113 Balgownie Rd. Robyn James 0402460795.
- **Wednesday 7.30pm:** Bible Study. 9 Pendleton Close, Tarrawanna. Peter Watson 0407278175.
- **Thursday 10am:** Women's Bible Study. Venue varies. Narelle Blue 0402032547.
- **Friday evenings:** Youth Group. Times and venue varies. Contact: Catherine Green 0427038640.
- **Friday / Saturday Evenings:** Visiting Tribute Bands in the area. Stephen Corry 0402892552
- **Sunday 10am:** Sunday Service. Venue: Balgownie Village Community Centre, 113 Balgownie Rd, Balgownie.
- **Sunday 12pm:** Sunday lunch at Corrimal Bowling Club, 43-47 Francis St, Corrimal.

Groups may not meet every week or may change venues so check with the designated contact for current details. (Many have a break over Christmas.)

Becoming a Church Member



Membership is open to all who have openly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord (Romans 10:9), and who support the church and regularly attend. We recommend that all follow the Bible's teaching and follow Christ in the waters of Believer's Baptism by immersion. (Information below.)

Membership requires that you indicate you wish to be a member which can be done by completing the paper or electronic contact details form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhfZV--vMT7RLJV1Ws8GvQReaA/viewform>

Contact details or updating contact details



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhfZV--vMT7RLJV1Ws8GvQReaA/viewform>

There is also a paper version on the resources table. If you complete the paper version please give it to Pastor Peter Watson or John Piper.

Social Media Links

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist



KEY CONTACTS:



Pastor Peter Watson: 0407-278-175,
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Board Chairperson: Anne Trezise, 0434-350-913, anne@planningplus.net.au

Board Secretary & Treasurer:

John Piper, 0409-808-119, john@piperpiper.com.au

Board Members: Robyn James, 0402-460-795; Bronwyn Halpin, 0402-460-795

Mercy Ministries Coordinator: Catherine Green, 0427-038-640,
shimmerc1@hotmail.com

Safer Kids

We are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone, especially our kids and youth. If you have any questions or concerns regarding keeping our kids and youth safe you can contact either John Piper (Board Secretary) , Anne Trezise (Board Chair) or Peter Watson (Pastor) at the numbers listed above.