

# HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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## August 2025

### Standing against evil – August Teaching Series

Join us this August as we embark on a powerful new series exploring Ephesians 6:10–18 and what it means to stand firm in faith. The Apostle Paul urges believers to “put on the full armour of God,” equipping ourselves with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Word. In a world filled with spiritual battles, God calls us to be courageous, steadfast, and prayerful. Each week, we’ll uncover how to live boldly and resist the forces that seek to pull us away from Him. Let’s grow together in strength and conviction as we stand against evil.

*Pastor Peter Watson*

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**August 2025: Ephesians 6:10-18**



**God's  
Guidance  
for**

**Standing Against Evil**



# COMING EVENTS

- 3 August: Soup Sunday
- 10 August: Board Planning Event
- 24 August: AGM after service



**Soup Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday of  
Month**

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

**MISSION**

**PHILIPPINES  
JAN 2027**

To find out  
more talk to  
Catherine



**It takes just 13 minutes a day  
to read the whole Bible aloud  
in a year**

**Why not set a goal to read the  
whole Bible in the next year**

- Download the YouVersion Bible App to read or listen to a daily bible reading plan.

OR

- Pick up a Bible Reading Plan from the Resources Table.



**DRASTIC**  
**6-10 OCTOBER**

**2025**

# 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/>



# LAUGHTER



## **This month we have some Doctor jokes:**

- A doctor has this patient who loves Botox, like she can't stop getting the injections. But surprisingly, when the doctor reminds her to get a flu shot, she shudders and says, "I hate needles." The doctor is surprised for a beat, then adds, "Did I mention it will make your arm look younger?"
- After a check-up, a doctor asks his patient, "Is there anything else you'd like to discuss?" "Well," goes the patient, "I'm thinking about getting a vasectomy." "That's a big decision. Have you talked it over with your family?" "Yes, we took a vote... and they're in favour of it 15 to 2."
- Two campers are hiking in the woods when one is bitten on the rear end by a rattlesnake. "I'll go into town for a doctor," the other says. He runs 10 kilometres to a small town and finds its only doctor... but they're delivering a baby. "I can't leave," the doctor says. "But here's what to do. Take a knife, cut a little X where the bite is, suck out the poison, and spit it on the ground." The guy runs back to his friend, who is in agony. He cries out, "What did the doctor say?" "...He says you're gonna die."
- Two doctors and an HMO manager die and line up together at the Pearly Gates. The first doctor steps forward and tells St. Peter, "As a paediatric surgeon, I saved hundreds of children." St. Peter lets him enter. The next doctor says, "As a psychiatrist, I helped thousands of people live better lives." St. Peter tells him to go ahead. The last man says, "I was an HMO manager. I got countless families cost-effective health care." St. Peter replies, "You may enter. But," he adds, "you can only stay for three days. After that, you can go to hell."

<https://www.rd.com/article/doctor-jokes/>

# 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 George Malankara Indian Orthodox Church**, Wollongong currently meets every Sunday from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Albion Park Rail Community Centre.

**“Wollongong Baptist Church** at 330 Keira St, Wollongong holds services Sundays at 9:00am, 10:30am, and 6pm.

## PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

This month we are praying for: Kenya, Kiribati, North Korea, South Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Martinique, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mexico.

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

**Open Doors** at [www.opendoors.org.au](http://www.opendoors.org.au)

**The Voice of the Martyrs** at [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

**Global Mission Partners** at [www.gmp.org.au/](http://www.gmp.org.au/)

# 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](http://www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/about-rosters)

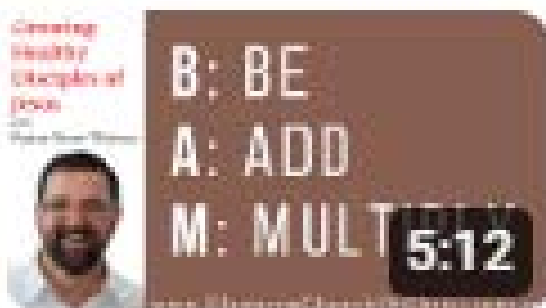


Date	Speaker	Bible Reader	Communion	Prayer	Morning Tea	SUNDAY SCHOOL
03/08/2025	Peter Watson	Lee Pring	James Magsipoc	Linda Watson	Soup Sunday	Sue and John
10/08/2025	Peter Watson	John Piper	Anne Tresize	TBC: Youth	Wilma and Joyce	Kids in service
17/08/2025	Peter Watson	Graham Barker	Brian Healy	John Piper	Robyn and Linda	Linda and Catherine
24/08/2025	Peter Watson	Bron Halpin	Linda Watson	Catherine Green	Catherine and family	Kids in service
31/08/2025	Peter Watson	Pat Langlands	Iwan Jones	Graham Barker	Di and Lorraine	Robyn and Anne
07/09/2025	Youth Service		John Piper			

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



<https://tinyurl.com/s8fhdrv7>





# 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.

**Pastor Peter Watson**

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0407 278 175

**RECENT  
SERMONS**



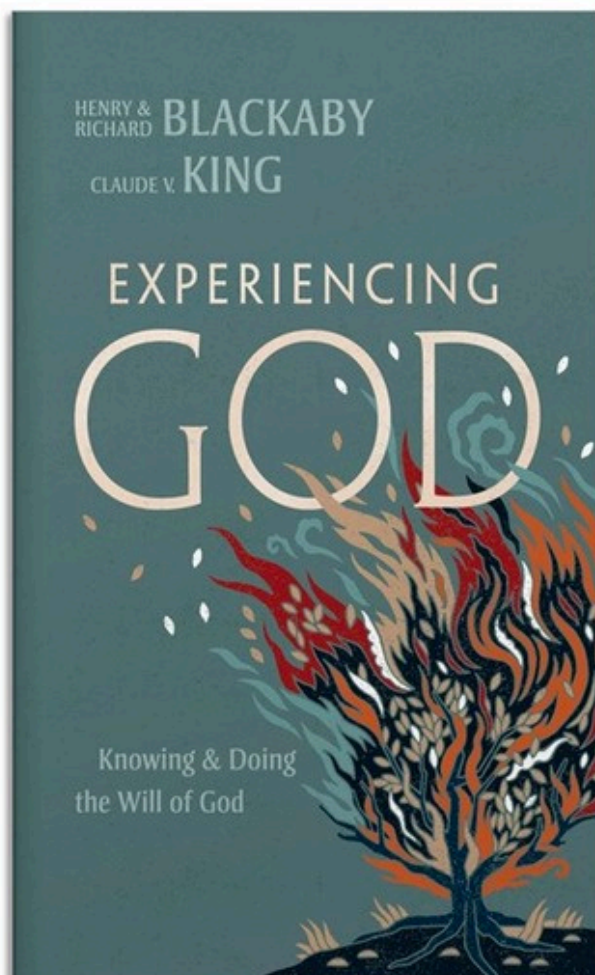
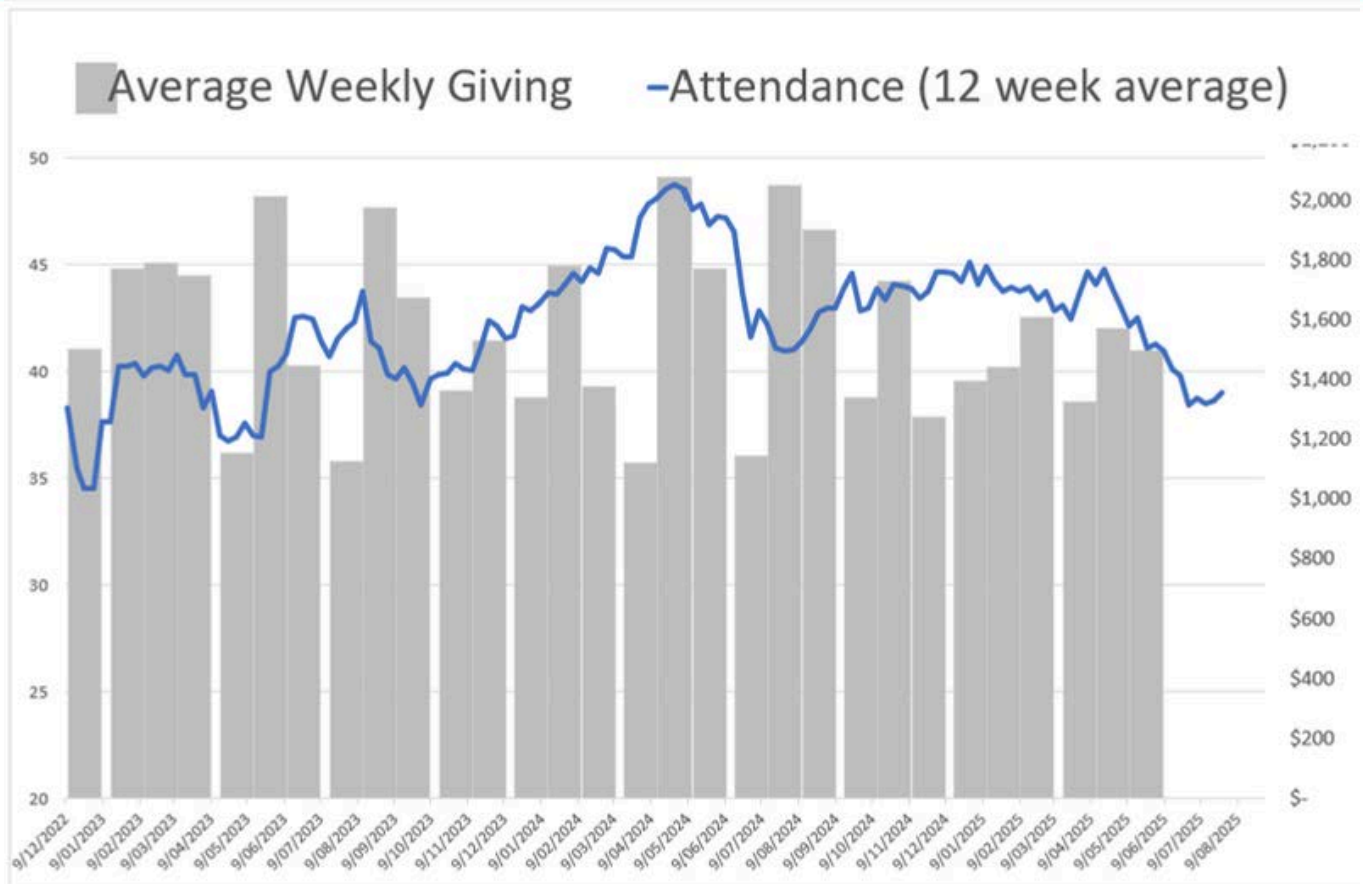
Messages are available at

[www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/sermons](http://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.

# CHURCH STATISTICS



**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**

0407-278-175

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# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



## Flourishing Faith

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<https://tinyurl.com/s8fhdrv7>



### Flourishing Faith Series 1 01 Worship

Illawarra Church of Christ



### Flourishing Faith Series 1 02 Journaling

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### Flourishing Faith Series 1 03 Reading

Illawarra Church of Christ



### Flourishing Faith Series 1 04 Pray

Illawarra Church of Christ



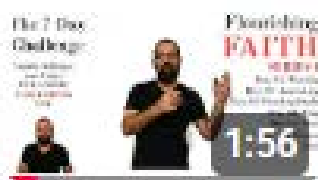
### Flourishing Faith Series 1 05 Give

Illawarra Church of Christ



### Flourishing Faith Series 1 06 Silence

Illawarra Church of Christ



### Flourishing Faith Series 1 07 Fast

Illawarra Church of Christ



# GROUPS

## DISCUSSION & GATHERING



[www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/activities/](http://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/1FAIpQLSc-qpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhFZV--vMT7RLJV1Ws8GvQReaA/viewform>

## Contact details or updating contact details



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-qpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhFZV--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](http://www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/IllawarraChurchOfChristWollongong](http://www.facebook.com/IllawarraChurchOfChristWollongong)

## KEY CONTACTS:



**Pastor Peter Watson:** 0407-278-175,  
[peter.watson@illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au](mailto:peter.watson@illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au)

**Board Chairperson:** Anne Trezise, 0434-350-913, [anne@planningplus.net.au](mailto:anne@planningplus.net.au)

### Board Secretary & Treasurer:

John Piper, 0409-808-119, [john@piperpiper.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.