

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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September 2025

This September we start with a **Youth Led Service** on the 7th September which coincides with our regular **Soup Sunday**. On the 14th we have Ken Bond as a guest speaker. From the 21st September to 12 October we are going to be looking at the role of the 10 Commandments in the life of the people of God. We will be looking at Grace and the Law and how God uses these to help us experience God in a deep and life transforming way.

Pastor Peter Watson

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COMING EVENTS

- 7 September: Youth Led Service
- 7 September: Soup Sunday
- 12 September: Newcomers BBQ



**Soup Sunday 1st
Sunday of
Month**

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

MISSION

**PHILIPPINES
JAN 2027**

To find out
more talk to
Catherine



BIBLE IN A YEAR: September

A Navigators Bible Reading Plan: Each month has 25 readings so you have a few 'free days' in case you get behind. If you read all four readings each day you will read the whole bible in a year.

	New Testament		Old Testament	
	LUKE	HEBREWS	PROVERBS	ISAIAH
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BAPTISM

Have you considered obeying God's command to be baptised as a believer? Check out the **Baptism Resources** on the **Resources Table** or at



www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/believer-baptism

Decided to get baptised then chat with Pastor Peter (0407-278-175) to arrange when and how.

Baptism - the basics of baptism (updated Dec 2024) by Pastor Peter Watson

BAPTISM

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Sermon on Baptism by Pastor Peter Watson

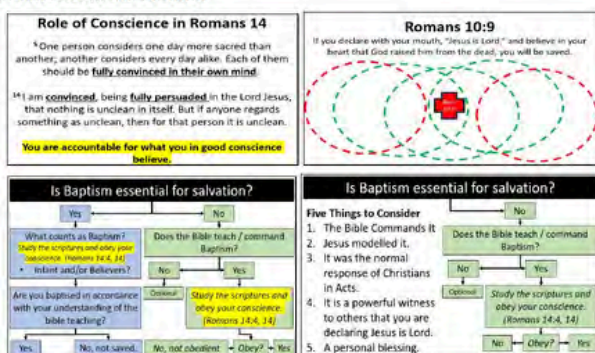


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Key Slides from the sermon



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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:

Wollongong Salvation Army Corps at 11-13 Burelli Street
St Bernadette's Catholic Church at 83 Stanwell Avenue.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

This month we are praying for: Palau, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Western Sahara, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea

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/

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
07/09/2025	Peter Watson / Youth Service				SOUP Sunday	
14/09/2025	Ken Bond	Beth Robinson	Robyn James	Steve Caskey	Wilma and Joyce	Kids in service
21/09/2025	Peter Watson	Allie Clark	Stephen Corry	James Magsipoc	Robyn and Linda	Sue and John
28/09/2025	Peter Watson	Dave Morton	Iwan Jones	Anne Tresize	Catherine and family	Kids in service

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.

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 Music Playlist on YouTube

<https://tinyurl.com/yxr8skmm>

Meaning of our logo

Our logo represents key ideas behind what we believe and are committed to as a church. The colours represent that we are 'a church anyone can come to' because we are not all the same and accept people with different backgrounds, experiences and ideas.

Each triangle represents one of the 5 key practices we invite everyone into.

Grace-filled **Welcome** (Romans 15:7)

Awe-struck **Worship** (Psalm 95:6)

Joy-filled **Wonder** (Psalm 145:5-7)

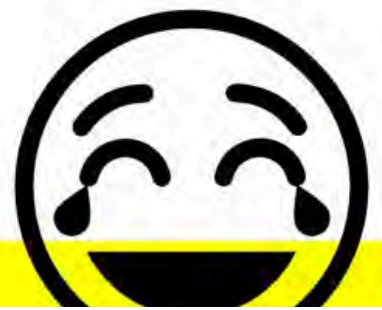
Life-transforming **Word** (Romans 12:2)

Kingdom-building **Works** (Matthew 16:18)



Watch the 5W Explanation Video by scanning QR code or going to
<https://youtu.be/WaqBl3QLiF4>

LAUGHTER

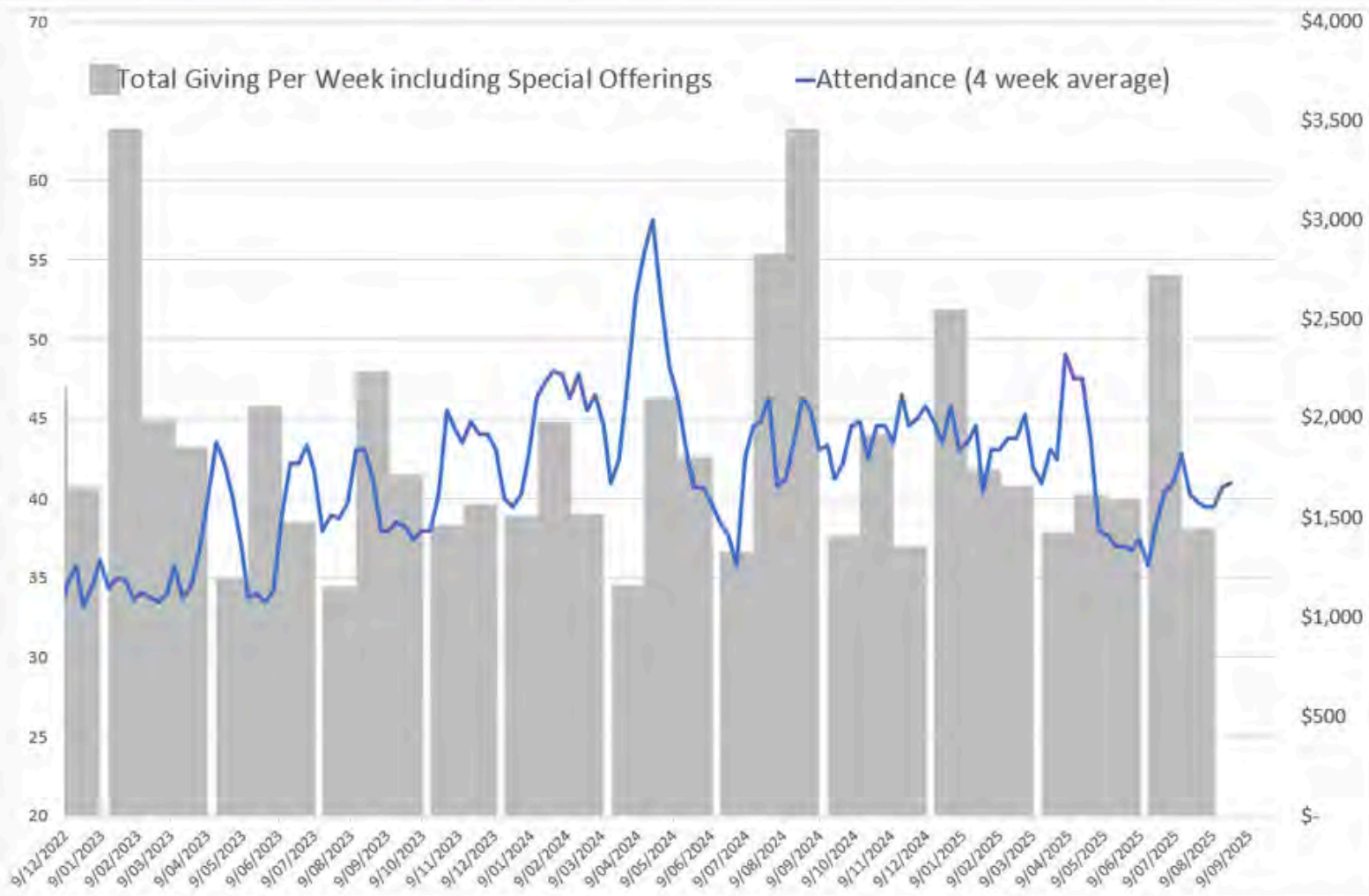


This month we have some Doctor jokes:

- Mrs. Chen goes to her doctor's office with a seemingly incurable case of hiccups. A doctor examines her, and after a few minutes, she is seen running out of the office, screaming. A nurse stops her and asks if everything is okay. After Mrs. Chen explains what happened, the nurse marches back to the doctor and says, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Chen is 63 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her that she was pregnant?" The doctor smiles, "Cured her hiccups though, didn't I?"
- My wife is pregnant, so my doctor asked me if I had ever been present at a childbirth before. I replied, "Yes just once." The doctor asked, "What was it like?" I said, "Dark, then suddenly very bright."
- A man returns to the U.S. after a trip abroad, feeling very ill. He goes to see his doctor and is immediately rushed to the hospital to undergo a barrage of extensive tests. The man wakes up after the tests in a private room at the hospital and finds the phone by his bed ringing. He picks it up; it's his doctor, saying, "We got the results back from your tests and found you have an incredibly nasty virus that is extremely contagious!" The man immediately panics, asking, "What are you going to do, doctor?" "Well, we're going to put you on a diet of pizzas, pancakes and quesadillas." "Will that cure me?" asks the man, hopeful. "No," the doctor replies, "But it's the only food we can slide under the door."
- Right before performing a major operation, the surgeon quietly says, "Relax, Jim. It's just a small scalpel incision. No reason to panic." The patient turns confused and says, "Um, Doctor? My name is not Jim." The doctor replies, "I know. I'm Jim."

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

CHURCH STATISTICS



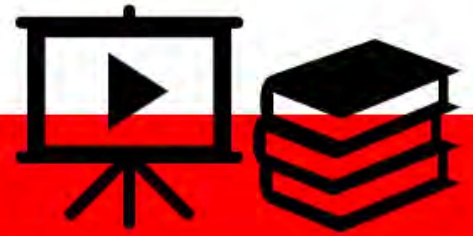
Like to
leave a
legacy
in your
Will?

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'.

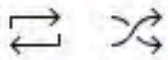
RECOMMENDED RESOURCES




<https://tinyurl.com/4d2uxvaw>


Discipleship: Growing in your Christi...

Illawarra Church of Christ - 1 / 7




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How to ...
BB11
Be still
1 min 29 s
2:06

How to spend time with God
[Developing a devotional prayer...]
Illawarra Church of Christ
- 


How Do I?
Study the Bible
10:29

How do I study the bible
Illawarra Church of Christ
- 


How Do I?
Pray
5:33

How do I pray
Illawarra Church of Christ
- 


How do I
read the
bible in
One
4:58

How do I read the whole bible in
one year
Illawarra Church of Christ
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**B: BE
A: ADD
M: MUL**
5:12

BAM Disciples - Discipleship at
Illawarra Church of Christ
Illawarra Church of Christ
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ILLAWARRA
5:41

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Discipleship
Introduction
6:12

Discipleship Introduction Video
Illawarra Church of Christ

Suicide & Mental Health Support Services

[www.suicidepreventioncollaborative.org.au/assets/Suicide-](http://www.suicidepreventioncollaborative.org.au/assets/Suicide-Prevention/Where-to-go-for-Support-resource-portrait-2024-v1.jpg)

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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



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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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/IllawarraChurchOfChristWollongong

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.