

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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October 2025

This October we begin the month with our normal Soup Sunday. In the preaching we will be looking the shortest book in the Old Testament (Obadiah) and then the shortest book in the New Testament (3 John). Mid month we have Ken Bond (19th & 26th October) preaching while Linda and Peter are away for two weeks. (Tuesday 14th - Sunday 26th October.)

Remember this Sunday (5th October) is **Daylight Saving** so spring your clock forward one hour so you aren't late for church.

Pastor Peter Watson

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COMING EVENTS



**Soup Sunday 1st
Sunday of
Month**

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

**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'.

Seeking Granny Flat Accommodation

Cori from our music team is looking for a granny flat or small self-contained unit to rent. (Locations – from Bulli - Shellharbour.)

Background of Cori:

- Has a full time government job
- A nursing background and am happy to negotiate support as needed for the homeowner
- Has a small, friendly, house trained, non-allergenic and non-shedding dog.

If you know of something suitable, please get in touch!

Contact Details:

Cori: 0400 468 555 or corioke64@hotmail.com

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)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



Pray the Bible
every day, with
Lectio 365

FROM 24-7 PRAYER

The Lectio 365 app is a free daily devotional app from the 24-7 Prayer movement that provides guided prayer times for morning and night, inspired by practices like Lectio Divina and the Examen. It guides users through scripture, reflection, and prayer to help build a consistent prayer habit and a deeper connection with God. The app features daily devotionals, themed series, and allows users to read or listen at their own pace.

How it Works

- **Morning Devotional:** Guides you to "Pause" to be still, "Reflect" on scripture, "Ask" for God's help, and "Yield" to His will.
- **Night Devotional:** Uses the "Examen" prayer to help you reflect on the day, rejoicing in God's goodness, repenting, and resting in His peace before sleep.
- **Daily Rhythm:** Designed to structure your day around prayer, with similar morning, noon, and night prayer times that were common in the early church.

BIBLE IN A YEAR: October

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

JOHN

1. ☐ 1:1-18
2. ☐ 1:19-28
3. ☐ 1:29-34
4. ☐ 1:35-42
5. ☐ 1:43-51
6. ☐ 2:1-11
7. ☐ 2:12-25
8. ☐ 3:1-15
9. ☐ 3:16-21
10. ☐ 3:22-36
11. ☐ 4:1-14
12. ☐ 4:15-26

JAMES

- ☐ 1:1-11
- ☐ 1:12-18
- ☐ 1:19-27
- ☐ 2:1-13
- ☐ 2:14-26
- ☐ 3:1-12
- ☐ 3:13-18
- ☐ 4:1-10
- ☐ 4:11-17
- ☐ 5:1-6
- ☐ 5:7-12
- ☐ 5:13-20

1 PETER

13. ☐ 4:27-42
14. ☐ 4:43-54
15. ☐ 5:1-15
- ☐ 1:1-9
- ☐ 1:10-16
- ☐ 1:17-25

16. ☐ 5:16-30
17. ☐ 5:31-47
18. ☐ 6:1-15
19. ☐ 6:16-24
20. ☐ 6:25-40
21. ☐ 6:41-59
- ☐ 2:1-8
- ☐ 2:9-17
- ☐ 2:18-25
- ☐ 3:1-7
- ☐ 3:8-12
- ☐ 3:13-22

22. ☐ 6:60-71
23. ☐ 7:1-13
24. ☐ 7:14-24
25. ☐ 7:25-36
- ☐ 4:1-11
- ☐ 4:12-19
- ☐ 5:1-7
- ☐ 5:8-14

Old Testament

ECCLES.

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2:1-16
- ☐ 2:17-26
- ☐ 3:1-15
- ☐ 3:16-22
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7:1-14
- ☐ 7:15-29
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9

- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 12

SONG OF SONGS

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4:1-7
- ☐ 4:8-16
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 44-46
- ☐ 47-48
- ☐ 49
- ☐ 50
- ☐ 51
- ☐ 52

LAM.

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8:1-7
- ☐ 8:8-14
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4-5

JEREMIAH

- ☐ 1-2
- ☐ 3-4
- ☐ 5-6
- ☐ 7-9
- ☐ 10-11
- ☐ 12-13
- ☐ 14-15
- ☐ 16-18
- ☐ 19-22
- ☐ 23-25
- ☐ 26-29
- ☐ 30-31
- ☐ 32-34
- ☐ 35-38
- ☐ 39-43

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:

"Mission Gospel Church meets at Horsley Community Centre, Bong Bong Rd, Horsley on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

This month we are praying for: Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Reunion, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome & Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Kosovo, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa

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
05/10/2025	Peter Watson	Shirley Magsipoc	John Piper	Linda Watson	Soup Sunday	Catherine and Linda
12/10/2025	Peter Watson	Lee Pring	Catherine Green	Shimmer?	Di and Lorraine	Kids in service
19/10/2025	Ken Bond	John Piper	Ken Bond?	Stephen Corry	Catherine and family	Bron and Narelle
26/10/2025	Ken Bond	Graham Barker	James Magsipoc	Iwan Jones	Wilma and Joyce	Kids in service
02/11/2025	Peter Watson	Bron Halpin	Brian Healy	Catherine Green	Soup Sunday	Sue and John
09/11/2025	Peter Watson	Pat Langlands	Linda Watson	John Piper	Robyn and Linda	Kids in service
16/11/2025	Peter Watson	Allie Clark	Anne Tresize	Linda Watson - meditation on Ps 116	Di and Lorraine	Catherine and Linda
23/11/2025	Shawn Tyler		Iwan Jones	Robyn James	Wilma and Joyce	Kids in service
30/11/2025	Peter Watson	Dave Morton	John Piper	Graham Barker	Catherine and family	Bron and Narelle
07/12/2025	Peter Watson	Shirley Magsipoc	Catherine Green	Youth	Soup Sunday	Sue and John

LAUGHTER



This month we have some Doctor and Accountant jokes:

- Lenny tells a psychiatrist, "Every time I climb into bed, I panic, thinking there's somebody underneath it." The therapist nods and says he can cure Lenny, if he sees him three times a week for two years, at \$200 a visit. Lenny says he'll think about it. Six months later, Lenny runs into the psychiatrist, who asks why he never came back. Lenny chuckles, "For \$200 a visit? A bartender cured me for \$10." "Is that so! How?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed."
- What do accountants suffer from that normal people don't? Depreciation.
- What do you call a trial balance that does not balance? A late night.
- How does Santa's accountant value his sleigh? The Net Present Value.
- Why are accountants so cool, calm and collected? They have strong internal controls.
- How many accountants does it take to screw in a light bulb? How many did it take last year?
- What do you call an accountant without a spreadsheet? Lost.
- How was copper wire invented? Two accountants were arguing over a penny.
- Have you heard the one about the fun accountant? Me neither.

Ecumenical Events in the Illawarra

More details at www.5icm.org.au/events.html

Tuesday 14th October, Watoto Children's Choir Live

A free concert of singing, dancing, and sharing stories of restoration and hope.

Details: 6:30 p.m. AnchorPoint Church (C3 Thirroul) Level 1, 345 Lawrence Hargrave, cnr Railway Pde, Thirroul.

Saturday 18th October, KBECET Annual Fundraising Dinner

Details: 6:00 p.m. Kiama Anglican Church Point Centre. Cost: \$35 pp pay to 082662, Ac 249030854, quoting "Dinner" and your surname.

Monday 20th October, Dapto Schools Scripture Board Dessert Night

Details: 7:00 p.m. Dapto Anglican Church. Moombara St, Dapto

Wednesday 5th Nov, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

10:30 a.m. Tarrawanna Salvation Army, Meadow St & Caldwell Ave

Fri 7th - Sat 8th Nov, Truth & Freedom Women's Conference

Speakers: Ps Janine Kubala, Ps Leanne Matthesius, Kirsty Neilson, Ana Moir

Details: Fri 7-9pm, Sat 9am-1pm, Sat night 4:00-6:30pm at Shellharbour Civic Centre 76 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre.

Cost: \$120, Groups of 10+ \$85 pp, (includes Sat morning tea), +\$25 for optional leadership lunch session on Saturday. Tickets: from Eventbrite

Tuesday 11th Nov, Illawarra Seniors Band at Remembrance Day

10:30 a.m. Lakeside Memorial Park, Kanahooka

Saturday 22nd November, Lumina 2025 Carol Competition

Hosted by St Osthathiose Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Horsley

Details: 4:00-9:00 p.m. Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto

7:00 p.m. Saturday 6th Dec, Illawarra Seniors Band at Jamberoo Christmas Tree Lights

Sunday 7th Dec, Colin Buchanan's Big Christmas Concert

Presented by Wollongong Salvos Church, Compassion Australia & Sure Thing Agency.

Details: 4:00 p.m. Wollongong Salvation Army, 11-13 Burelli St. Cost: \$25 per person, babies under one free (but need ticket). Tickets from Trybooking.

Tuesday 9th December, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

10:30 a.m. Hammondcare, Shone Ave, Horsley

Tuesday 9th December, Illawarra Seniors Band at Jamberoo Carols

6:30 p.m. Jamberoo.

Saturday 13th December, Figtree Community Carols

Details: 5:30-9:30pm Figtree High School and Figtree Anglican Church.

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.

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 Copyright Dec 2020 by Pastor Peter Watson

BAPTISM

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Sermon on Baptism by Pastor Peter Watson



It is **highly recommended** that you listen to this sermon on baptism by Pastor Peter Watson. It outlines how baptism fits into salvation and has a section at the end where people ask questions about baptism. You may find it helpful to review the section at the end of this handout that has a list of the verses in the bible that deal with baptism so you can make up your own mind about what the bible teaches.

<https://www.podbean.com/pb/pb-2016-11-02-01>

Key Slides from the sermon

Role of Conscience in Romans 14

"Let us please ourselves with the things which we are sure of. For if we are not sure, we will not eat, so that we do not offend with our conscience. For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Who will serve him with a pure conscience, and without offence to others. Let us therefore strive to do what is good, that we may have peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

You are accountable for what you do with your conscience.

Romans 10:5

"For as many as have believed, there shall be a righteousness which is by faith. For the law is not of faith; but the law is of works. For he who does them shall live by them."

It is a grace for which we are accountable.

Is Baptism essential for salvation?

What counts as baptism? Study the scriptures and obey your conscience. (Romans 14:4, 14)

• Infant and/or Believers?

Are you baptised in accordance with your understanding of the bible teaching?

Yes, No, not saved.

Is Baptism essential for salvation?

Does the Bible teach / command Baptism?

No, Yes

Optional, Study the scriptures and obey your conscience. (Romans 14:4, 14)

No, not obedient, Obey? Yes

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Is Baptism essential for salvation?





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/WaqBI3QLiF4>

GROUPS

DISCUSSION & GATHERING

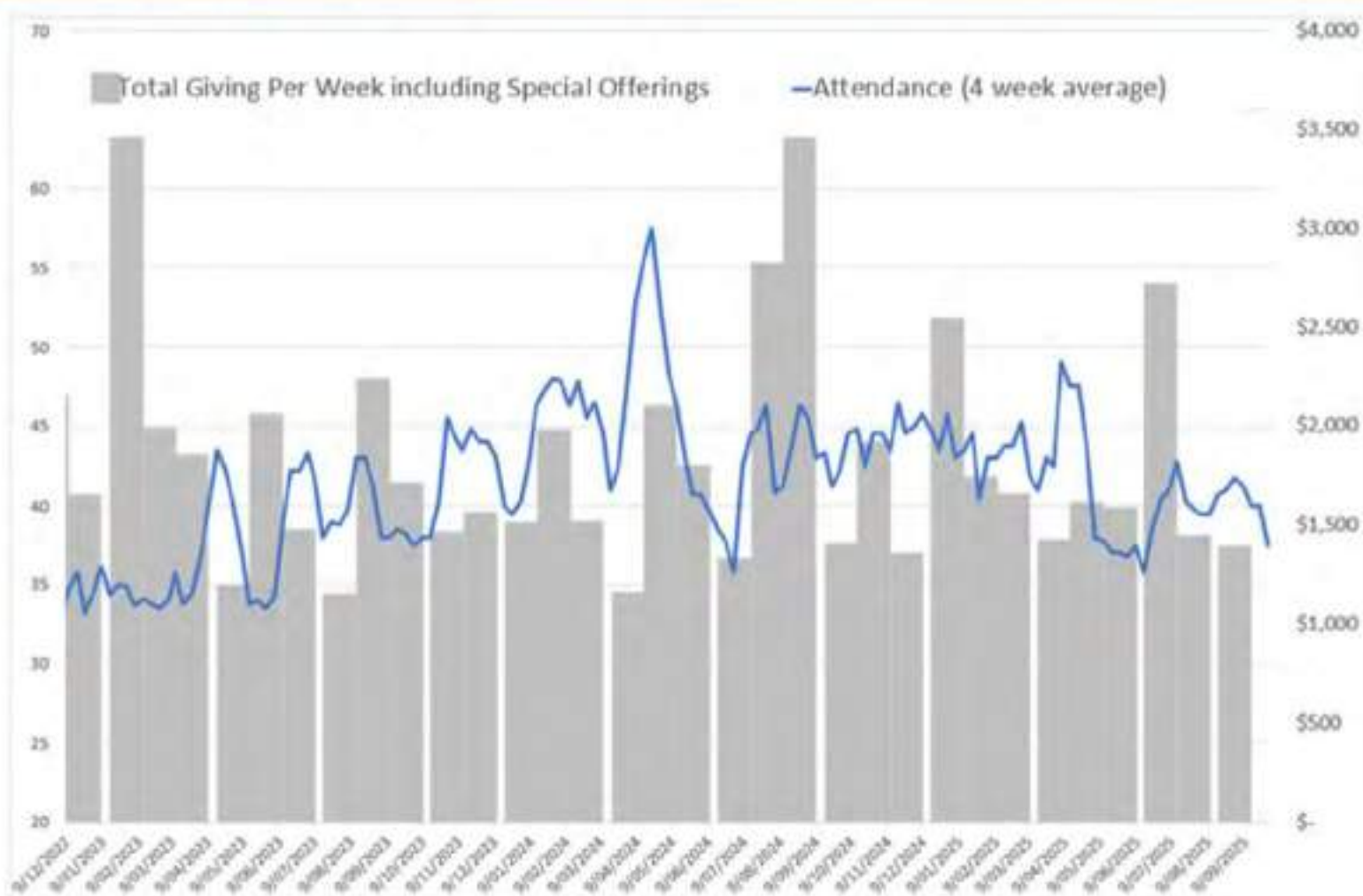


www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/activities/

- **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.)

CHURCH STATISTICS



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>

WHERE TO GO FOR SUPPORT

If someone is injured or at immediate risk of hurting themselves or someone else call 000 immediately 

Help with a crisis

Lifeline 24/7	13 11 14
13 YARN 24/7	13 92 76
Suicide Call Back Service 24/7	1300 659 467
MensLine 24/7	1300 788 978
Brother to Brother 24/7	1800 435 789
Kids Helpline 24/7	1800 551 800
OLife (LGBTIQ+) 3pm to midnight, 7 days	1800 184 527
Open Arms Veterans and Families 24/7	1800 011 046
1800 RESPECT 24/7	1800 737 732
Wollongong Safe Haven 2-10pm Wed-Sat	0401 561 164
SS Urunga Rd 1 Peer-led safe space for people in suicidal distress	
NSW Mental Health Line 24/7	1800 011 511
Support to access Nowra SPOT (Suicide Prevention Outreach Team) and local Acute Care Team.	

Help after a suicide loss

StandBy Support After Suicide	1300 727 267
Thirriki Indigenous Postvention Service 24/7	1800 805 801
Griefline 9am to 8pm, 7 days	1300 845 745

Help with your mental health

NSW Mental Health Line 24/7	1800 011 511
Head to Health Shellharbour	1800 595 212
Wollongong Mental Health Hub	02 8358 5838
Shoalhaven Mental Health Hub	1800 841 190
headspace (12-25 yrs)	1800 650 890
Wollongong	02 4220 7660
Shellharbour	02 4225 5670
Nowra	02 4446 7300
SANE 10am-8pm, Mon-Fri	1800 187 263
Beyond Blue 24/7	1300 224 636
Butterfly Foundation 8pm to midnight, 7 days	1800 334 673
Blue Knot Helpline 9am-5pm, 7 days	1300 657 380

Aboriginal services

Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service	02 4229 9495
South Coast Medical Service	1800 215 099
Aboriginal Corporation	
Waminda	02 4421 7400
Strong Yawa	1800 953 736
After Hours Support from 5pm	

Multicultural services

Illawarra Shoalhaven Multicultural Health Service	02 4221 6770
Translating & Interpreting Service	13 14 50

Help for carers and family supports

Stride Family and Carer Service	
Wollongong	02 4229 7254
Nowra	02 4422 1547
ARAFMI Illawarra	0450 414 393
SANE website for carers sane.org/you-are-not-alone	
Carer Gateway	1800 422 737

Help for family and relationships

Family Services Australia Illawarra	1800 372 000
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
Family Connect and Support	1800 267 327

Help with alcohol and other drugs

Illawarra Shoalhaven Drug and Alcohol Service	1300 652 226
Lives Lived Well - Watershed	1300 727 957
Lives Lived Well - Nana Muru	02 6362 5337
Kedesh Rehabilitation Services	02 4260 7111
Alcohol & Drug Information Service	1800 250 015

Additional help

National Debt Helpline	1800 007 007
Gambling Help	1800 858 858
Illawarra Legal Centre	02 4278 1939
Shoalhaven Legal Centre	1800 229 529
Link2Home Homelessness 24/7	1800 152 152
Find the help you need, now and nearby	askirzy.org.au



To find more information on these and other supports, including websites and webchat options, scan the QR code

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/1FAIpQLScqpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhZV--vMT7RLJV1Ws8GvQReaA/viewform>

Contact details or updating contact details



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhZV--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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/IllawarraChurchOfChristWollongong

KEY CONTACTS:



Pastor Peter Watson: 0407-278-175,
peter.watson@illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au

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.