

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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November 2025

This Sunday we begin the month with our normal Soup Sunday. We also begin a preaching series on the topic of 'Tame Your Thinking'. In this series we will look at three biblical tools to renew your mind helping you overcome worry, fear and guilt.

On Sunday the 23rd we will be having Shawn Tyler as our guest preacher while Linda and Peter are away from Monday 17 - Friday 28th.

Pastor Peter Watson

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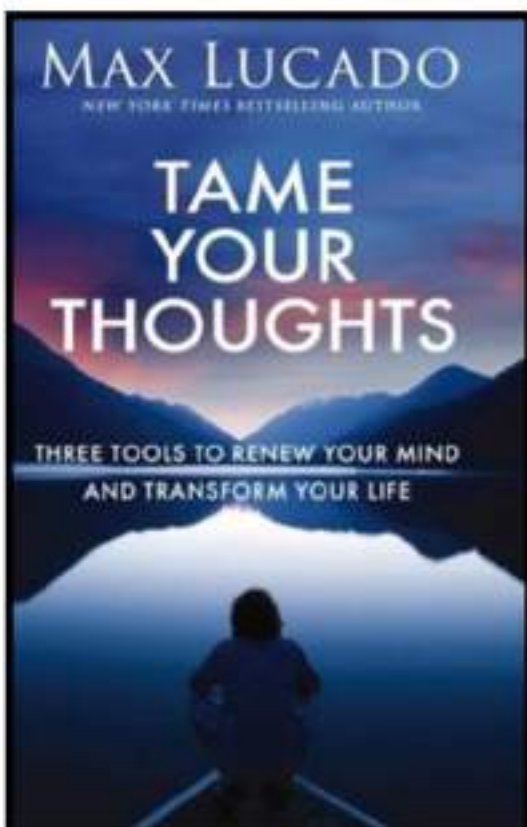
Soup Sunday

1st Sunday of the Month



Any donations
in the Soup
Sunday box will
go to Mercy
Ministries

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



These are
highly
recommended
books



BIBLE IN A YEAR: November

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	
JOHN	2 PETER	JOB	EZEKIEL
1. ☐ 7:37-44	☐ 1:1-11	☐ 1	☐ 1-3
2. ☐ 7:45-53	☐ 1:12-21	☐ 2	☐ 4-8
3. ☐ 8:1-11	☐ 2:1-9	☐ 3	☐ 9-12
4. ☐ 8:12-20	☐ 2:10-16	☐ 4	☐ 13-15
5. ☐ 8:21-30	☐ 2:17-22	☐ 5	☐ 16
6. ☐ 8:31-47	☐ 3:1-9	☐ 6	☐ 17-19
7. ☐ 8:48-59	☐ 3:10-18	☐ 7	☐ 20-21
	1 JOHN		
8. ☐ 9:1-12	☐ 1:1-4	☐ 8	☐ 22-23
9. ☐ 9:13-25	☐ 1:5-10	☐ 9:1-20	☐ 24-26
10. ☐ 9:26-41	☐ 2:1-11	☐ 9:21-35	☐ 27-28
11. ☐ 10:1-10	☐ 2:12-17	☐ 10	☐ 29-30
12. ☐ 10:11-21	☐ 2:18-23	☐ 11	☐ 31-32
13. ☐ 10:22-42	☐ 2:24-29	☐ 12	☐ 33-34
14. ☐ 11:1-16	☐ 3:1-10	☐ 13	☐ 35-37
15. ☐ 11:17-37	☐ 3:11-18	☐ 14	☐ 38-39
16. ☐ 11:38-44	☐ 3:19-24	☐ 15:1-16	☐ 40-41
17. ☐ 11:45-57	☐ 4:1-6	☐ 15:17-35	☐ 42-44
18. ☐ 12:1-11	☐ 4:7-21	☐ 16	☐ 45-47
19. ☐ 12:12-19	☐ 5:1-12	☐ 17	☐ 48
			DANIEL
20. ☐ 12:20-36	☐ 5:13-21	☐ 18	☐ 1-2
	2 JOHN		
21. ☐ 12:37-50	☐ 1-13	☐ 19	☐ 3-4
	3 JOHN		
22. ☐ 13:1-11	☐ 1-14	☐ 20	☐ 5-6
	JUDE		
23. ☐ 13:12-17	☐ 1-7	☐ 21:1-21	☐ 7-8
24. ☐ 13:18-30	☐ 8-16	☐ 21:22-34	☐ 9
25. ☐ 13:31-38	☐ 17-25	☐ 22	☐ 10-12

BIBLE PROJECT VIDEOS

Following are videos from [youtube.com/@bibleproject](https://www.youtube.com/@bibleproject) related to the sections of the bible included in the Bible Reading Plan above. This can be found on the website at www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/bible-reading-plan/

Gospel of John
(Part 1 & 2)

<https://youtu.be/G-2e9mMf7E8>



https://youtu.be/RUfh_wOsauk



Book of 2 Peter

https://youtu.be/wWLv_ITyKYc



Books of 1-3 John

<https://youtu.be/l3QkE6nKylM>



Book of Jude

<https://youtu.be/6UoCmakZmys>



Book of Joel

<https://youtu.be/zQLazbgz90c>



Book of Ezekiel
(Part 1 & 2)

<https://youtu.be/R-CIPu1nko8>



https://youtu.be/SDeCWW_Bnyw



Book of Daniel

<https://youtu.be/9cSC9uobtPM>



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:

Salt Church which meets on Sundays at 275 Keira St, Wollongong at 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Salt Church commenced in 2012 and is part of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

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/



Avoiding Scams

Unfortunately we live in an environment where we need to be vigilant against scams. This useful article gives you 8 key bits of advice to avoid falling for a scam.

<https://bakadesuyo.com/2025/09/scammed> or scan the QR code

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)

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
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
14/12/2025	Linda Watson	Lee Pring	Peter Watson	Stephen Corry	Catherine and family	Kids in service
21/12/2025	Peter Watson	John Piper	James Magsipoc	Anne Tresize	Robyn and Linda	Catherine and Linda

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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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.

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.)

Ecumenical Events in the Illawarra

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

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.



PHILIPPINES 2027

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



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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/IllawarraChurchOfChristWollongong

KEY CONTACTS:



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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.