

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



ILLAWARRA
Church of
Christ



www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au

March 2026

Exciting news. In the next few weeks we will be moving. We will be taking over the church property at 137 Kanahooka Road, Kanahooka. (Exact date to be confirmed.)

This gives us the ability to have visibility in the community with signage, connect with a local community in need of a vibrant local church, and to be nearer lots of new housing.

We acknowledge that for some people this means more travel while for others it is closer to home.

We are looking forward to having a facility we can use throughout the week.

Watch out in your texts and/or email for exact details of the Sunday we will move.

Pastor Peter Watson

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THIS MONTH'S PREACHING THEME IS **FREEDOM**



1st March: Calling others to the Lordship of Jesus. *Colossians 1:28-2:7.*



8th March: Human v Godly traditions. *Colossians 2:8-15.*



15th March: Living in freedom. *Colossians 2:16-23.*



22nd March: With freedom comes responsibility. *Colossians 3:1-14.*



29th March: Let the peace of Christ rule. *Colossians 2:15-4:1.*

Happenings

Soup Sunday 1st March

Groups throughout the week **Bible Studies:** Tuesday 2pm; Wednesday 7.30pm; Thursday 10am; **Knit & Knatter:** Wednesday 10am; **Youth:** Varies times & events

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain gets sent occasional messages about urgent prayer needs. To join text Peter @ 0407278175

Next Session is Wednesday 11 March 7.30-9pm

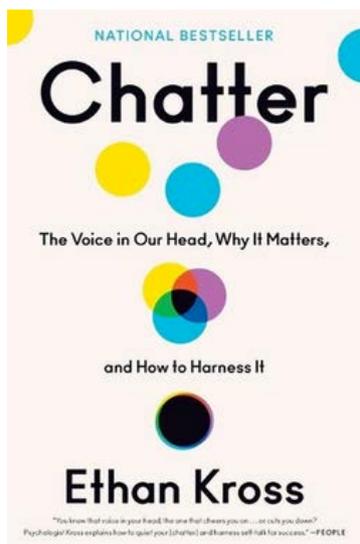
Book Discussion Group

Chatter: The Voice in Our Head and How to Harness It by Ethan Kross

- Combined Face-to-face and Online
- Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm
- 4 Sessions: 11 Feb; 11 Mar, 8 April, 6 May.

Use the following zoom link for Wednesday Bible Study and Book Discussion Group or email peter.watson@illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au for the link via email.

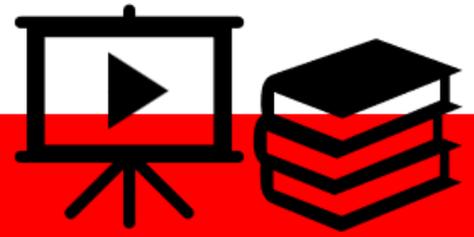
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Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why It Matters, and How to Harness It by Ethan Kross

Chatter explores one of the most universal human experiences: the constant internal dialogue running through our minds. Kross, a neuroscientist and psychologist, explains why this inner voice can be both a powerful tool and a destructive force—and how to shift it from enemy to ally.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



An Easy Way to Visualise & Understand the Old Testament (12 min)

<https://youtu.be/099hw-4PykQ>

Use this AI method to reflect on your strengths & weaknesses.

<https://youtu.be/PjTaZvvOtxU>



Need to talk to a young person about sex? Check out this conversation starter. (6 min)

<https://youtu.be/bwC5FbcqbfU>



The BEMA Podcast. An
excellent and comprehensive
discipleship resource
www.bemadiscipleship.com/

Interested in an Online Communion Service?

Are you, or know someone, who finds it hard to get to a service but is interested in a monthly **Online Communion Service**? The idea is that each month we would have a a short zoom gathering to celebrate communion together.

If so, contact Linda Watson (0481-352-852).

BIBLE IN A YEAR: March

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. Video summaries of each book can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@bibleproject/playlists> and look for Old Testament or New Testament.

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PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN

To be added to the church prayer chain let Peter know at 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 praying local churches in the Illawarra. Here is a list of churches and their key details:

www.5icm.org.au/Attachments/Illawarra_Churches.pdf

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/

COMMITTMENT PRAYER

This prayer is for everyone committed to following Jesus.

If this is your first time praying this commitment you are encouraged to take a next step by discussing with a trusted leader about getting baptised⁹ and/or making a public testimony⁵

Thank you, God, our Creator¹, for inviting me¹⁰ into your family.

I believe Jesus is who He said He is: the Son of God² from the beginning³.

I believe Jesus was crucified and died for my sin⁴. I believe You raised Him to life again to show he is your Son⁴. I commit to You as the Lord of my life⁵, seeking to live as the Spirit guides⁶ and empowers⁷ me.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for making me your child⁸.

1) Colossians 1:16 (2) John 1:14 (3) 1 John 1:1 (4) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (5) Romans 10:9-10 (6) John 14:26 (7) Acts 1:8; Romans 15:13 (8) 1 John 3:1 (9) Acts 2:38 (10) Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 3:20

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: 'Illawarra Church of Christ'*; BSB: 112879; Account Number: 477353233

ROSTERS



www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/about-rosters

| Date | Speaker | Bible Reader | Communion | Prayer | Morning Tea | SUNDAY SCHOOL |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 01/03/2026 | Peter Watson | Graham Barker | Robyn James | Linda Watson | Soup Sunday | Kids in service |
| 08/03/2026 | Peter Watson | Bron Halpin | Linda Watson (lent) | John Piper | Catherine and Family | Bron and Narelle |
| 15/03/2026 | Peter Watson | Anne Tresize | Linda Watson (lent) | Graham Barker | Sue & John Piper | Kids in service |
| 22/03/2026 | Peter Watson | Lee Pring | Linda Watson (lent) | James Magispoc | | Catherine and Linda |
| 29/03/2026 | Peter Watson | | Linda Watson (lent) | Stephen Corry | Wilma and Joyce | Kids in service |
| 05/04/2026 | Peter Watson | Linda Watson | James Magispoc | Robyn James | Linda and Robyn | Kids in service |
| 12/04/2026 | Peter Watson | Pat Langlands | Peter Watson | Iwan Jones | Catherine and Family | Sue and John |
| 19/04/2026 | TBA | | Anne Tresize | Youth | Sue & John Piper | Kids in service |
| 26/04/2026 | Peter Watson | Catherine Green | Peter Watson | Linda Watson | Dianne Kavanagh / Lorraine Graham | Bron and Narelle |

Pastoral Contact

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/Thursday 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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GROUPS

DISCUSSION & GATHERING



www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/activities/

- **Experiencing God:** This is a one-to-one foundational course working Pastor Peter Watson, 0407278175.
- **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 on 1st & 3rd Thursday of month at Lee Prings home.
- **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.

Before attending check with leader as to time and venue.



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.

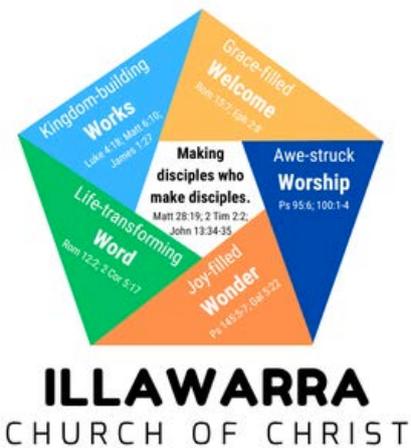
*Grace-filled **Welcome*** (Romans 15:7)

*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>

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 this form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24IhfZV--vMT7RLJV1Ws8GvQReaA/viewform>

Contact details or updating contact details



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqpPCI23gLrkPtnoDaQ24IhfZV--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

Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/illawarrachurchofchrist

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.