

# HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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

## April 2026

"We've settled into Kanahooka, and things have gone exceptionally well! Now, our focus is on letting the community know we are here to help them experience God.

To reach our neighbours through signage, digital ads, and local leaflets, we are seeking your support. On Sunday, April 12, we will hold a special offering to fund these efforts. All gifts will be split evenly between our Mercy Ministries (providing practical help to those in need) and our outreach budget.

If you'd like to contribute, you can participate during the service or via direct debit using the reference 'Special Offering'. Thank you for helping us make our presence known!"

*Pastor Peter Watson*

To subscribe to monthly email or get past copies of newsletter go to [www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/give/](http://www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/give/) or scan QR code and go to the 'Our Monthly Newsletter' section.



# VISITORS

So, we can connect  
please complete  
this form to  
provide us with  
your name and  
mobile number.



QR code also available on  
the notice board.

## COMMITMENT PRAYER



Thank you, God our Creator, for inviting me into your  
family.

I believe Jesus is who He said He is: the Son of God from  
the beginning.

I believe Jesus was crucified and died for my sin.  
I believe You raised Him to life again to show he is your  
Son.

I commit to You as the Lord of my life, seeking to live as  
the Spirit guides and empowers me.

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

# OUR CURRENT TEACHING THEME IS **COMMITMENT**

We are taking a short break from our Colossians series and looking at our Commitment Prayer.



22 March: '**Thank you**' looked at the benefits of living a life based on thankfulness.



29 March: '**God our Creator**' looks at what is our higher purpose, the 'why' of God's creation.



5 April: '**For inviting me into your family**' looks at how the events of Easter make possible being in the family of God.



12 April: '**I believe ...**' considers the claims of Jesus and how that validates his teaching on how to live a good life.



19 April: '**I commit ...**' invites us to consider who directs our life and why choosing Jesus is the wise way forward.



26 April: '**Thank you, Heavenly Father ...**' helps us connect to what it means to be a child of God.

# Happenings



<b>Sunday Lunch</b>	<b>Dapto Citizens Bowling Club, 102 Fowler's Rd.</b>
<b>Soup Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month
<b>Groups throughout the week</b>	<b>Bible Studies:</b> Tuesday 2pm; Wednesday 7.30pm; Thursday 10am; <b>Knit &amp; Knatter:</b> Wednesday 10am; <b>Youth:</b> Varies times & events
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Volunteers for Sunday welcome team.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Service</b>	<b>Invite someone to Easter Sunday Service</b> - Invite someone, take a brochure.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Special Offering: Outreach/Marketing Fund

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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86359594142?pwd=DJ3dPVaLwqyJsOztAXN4RVQxYyFQyR.1>

## 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**

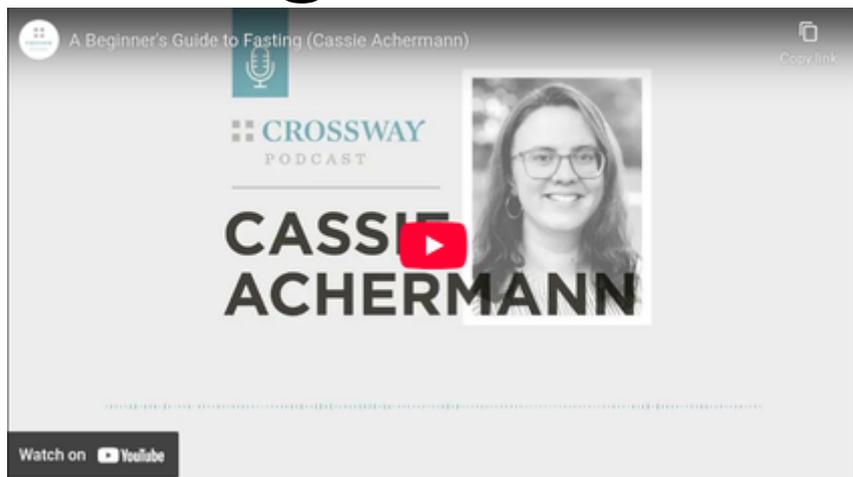
peter.watson@illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au; 0407 278 175

# Resources for Spiritual Disciplines

Check out [www.bemadiscipleship.com/24](http://www.bemadiscipleship.com/24)

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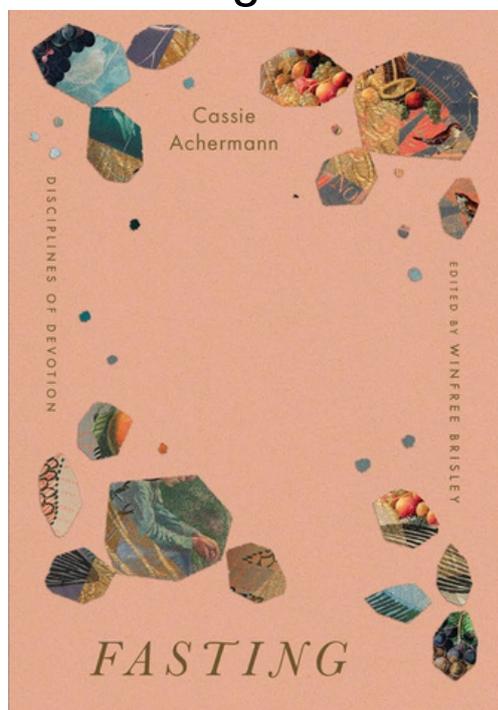
Fasting



[https://youtu.be/0ph\\_Dp4ekI0](https://youtu.be/0ph_Dp4ekI0)



Cassie will be giving a 10 minute input on Sunday 29 March and copies of her booklet on Fasting will be available for purchase.



Bible Study

Prayer Journalling

Fixed-Hour Prayer

Contemplative Prayer

Praying the Text

Solitude

Sabbath

Silence

Simplicity

Generosity

Submission

Gratitude

Meditation

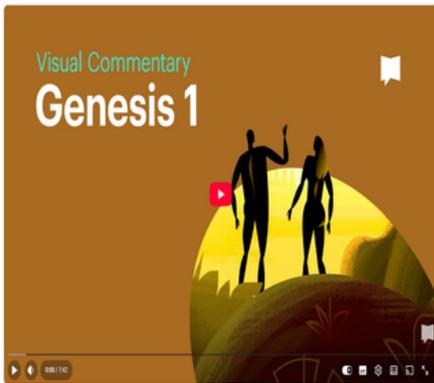
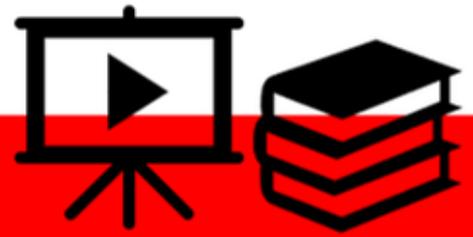
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Spiritual Direction

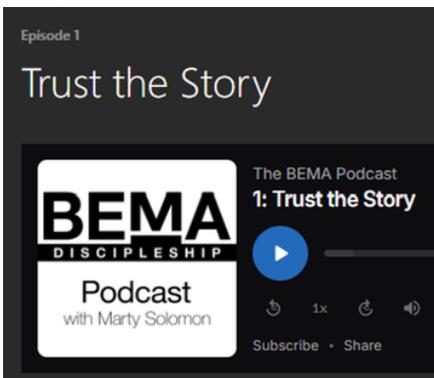
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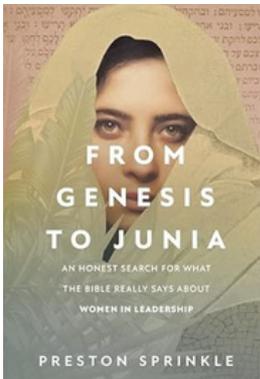
# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



<https://bibleproject.com/videos/genesis-1/>



<https://www.bemadiscipleship.com/1>



An excellent and comprehensive study of what the scriptures say about the role of women in the bible. **Highly recommended.**



# RECENT SERMONS



Messages are available at [www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/messages](http://www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/messages)

They are now available via Podbean Podcast OR YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist>

If you'd like to listen on your phone you need the Podbean App and then in the app search for 'Illawarra Church of Christ'.

# BIBLE IN A YEAR: April

**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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# **SPECIAL OFFERING**

**12 APRIL**

## **Costs we are seeking to cover:**

- We are currently paying \$150 per month in rent at Kanahooka.
- \$586 for 3897 leaflets printed and delivered to houses in Kanahooka and Koonawarra on 27 March.
- \$1141 per month for ReachRight to manage our website, SEO and Google Ads. (We are trying this for 12 months. ReachRight have a very good reputation for creating websites and digital ads that result in visitors on Sunday.)
- Other signage around the building.

# 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](http://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](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/)

## 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 baptised<sup>9</sup> and/or making a public testimony<sup>5</sup>*

Thank you, God our Creator<sup>1</sup>, for inviting me<sup>10</sup> into your family.

I believe Jesus is who He said He is: the Son of God<sup>2</sup> from the beginning<sup>3</sup>.

I believe Jesus was crucified and died for my sin<sup>4</sup>. I believe You raised Him to life again to show he is your Son<sup>4</sup>. I commit to You as the Lord of my life<sup>5</sup>, seeking to live as the Spirit guides<sup>6</sup> and empowers<sup>7</sup> me.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for making me your child<sup>8</sup>.

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



Date	Speaker	Bible Reader	Communion	Prayer	Morning Tea	SUNDAY SCHOOL
29/03/2026	Peter Watson	Peter Watson	Peter Watson	Linda (with announcements )	Wilma and Joyce	Kids in service
05/04/2026	Peter Watson	Linda Watson	James Magispoc	Brian Healey	Linda	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

*Updated rosters are currently in development.*

# GROUPS

## DISCUSSION & GATHERING



[www.IllawarraChurchOfChrist.com.au/connect](http://www.IllawarraChurchOfChrist.com.au/connect)

- **Experiencing God:** This is a one-to-one foundational course working Pastor Peter Watson, 0407278175.
- Tuesday 2.00pm Bible Study: Church Building at 137 Kanahooka Road. Peter Watson 0407278175.
- Tuesday 5pm Online Book discussion: 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at Lee Prings home.
- Friday evening Youth Events: Times and venue varies. Contact: Catherine Green 0427038640.
- Friday / Saturday Evening 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 Dapto Citizens' Bowling CLug, 102-104 Fowlers Road, Dapto.

*Before attending check with leader as to time and venue.*

# Church Music Playlist on YouTube

[www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist](http://www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist)



Go to Playlists / Church Music

These are the songs we use in our Sunday Service.



## 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)

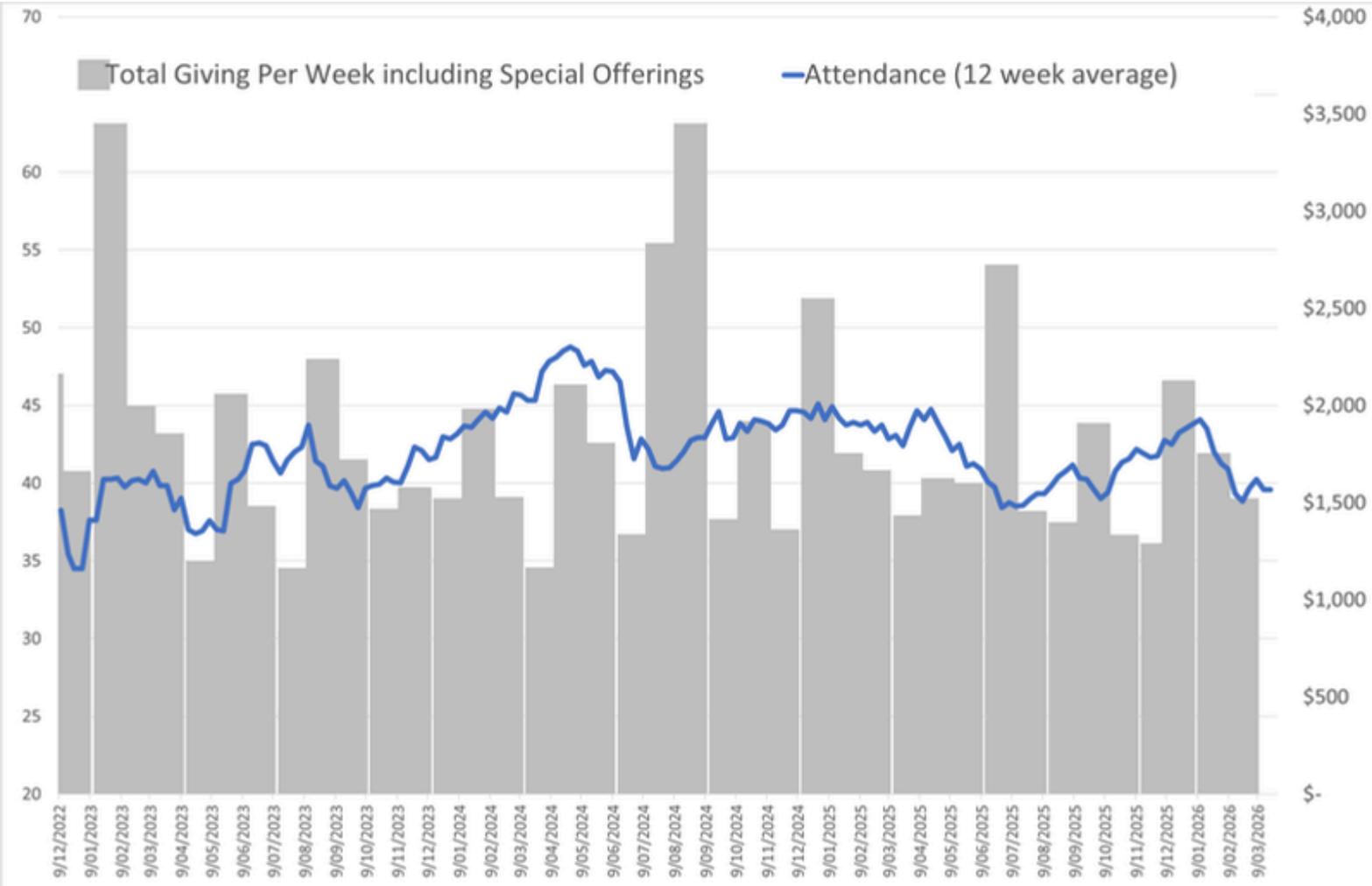
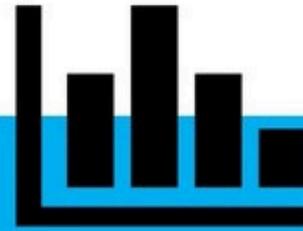
*Joy-filled* **Wonder** (Psalm 145:5-7)

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

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

You can access the 5W Explanation Video by scanning the QR code.

# 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>



## 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/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](http://www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist)

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

### Facebook Group:

[www.facebook.com/groups/illawarrachurchofchrist](http://www.facebook.com/groups/illawarrachurchofchrist)

## 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.