

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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MAY 2026

Life as a community is full of ups and downs. We've recently been excited to have people from the local community connecting with our church family, so we praise God for this and pray that each person finds connections that help them feel at home. We've had a number of our people struggling with health issues, and so we continue to lift them up in prayer for healing and/or comfort. We also get to celebrate major life events like Ben Charters receiving his doctorate degree—well done, Ben!

Pastor Peter Watson



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New to Church

So we can connect please complete this form to provide your name & contact details.



Helpful Information

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 PRE-SERVICE PRAYER MEETING	 TOILET	 LUNCH		 CHURCH NEWSLETTER	
9.40 in Room 1	Toilets in outside block. If locked, key on wall in kitchen.	11:45 at Dapto Citizens' Bowling Club: 102-104 Fowlers Rd, Dapto.	Visitor QR Code to let us know your name and number so we can contact you.	To signup for monthly newsletter go to 'resources' tab on church website.	Google reviews help people find us online. Scan the QR code to give a quick review.

Pastoral Contact

My normal contact hours for the church.

- I'm available anytime for hospital visits. For catchups I'm normally available Tuesday or Thursday but can do other times as well - contact me to arrange a time and convenient venue.
- Tuesday bible study 2pm at church building
- Wednesday bible study 7.30pm at our home, 32 Brooks Terrace.
- Sunday lunch

Pastor Peter Watson

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

GROUPS

DISCUSSION & GATHERING



www.IllawarraChurchOfChrist.com.au/connect

- **Experiencing God:** This is a one-to-one foundational course with 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': Robyn James 0402460795.
- Wednesday 7.30pm Bible Study: 32 Brooks Terrace, Kanahooka. Peter Watson 0407278175.
- Thursday 10am Women's Bible Study: on 1st & 3rd Thursday at 4 Breynia Street, Figtree. Contact: Narelle Blue 0402032547.
- Friday evening (fortnightly): Christian Bikers 7:00-10:00. Church building at 137 Kanahooka Road, Kanahooka. Contact: Gary Dronfield 0413915553.
- 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: 137 Kanahooka Road, Kanahooka.
- Sunday 12pm Sunday lunch: at Dapto Citizens' Bowling Club, 102-104 Fowlers Road, Dapto.

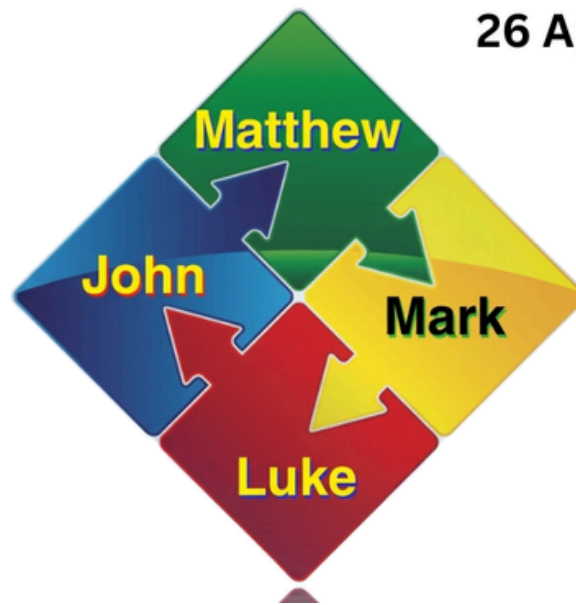
Before attending check with leader as to time and venue.

OUR CURRENT TEACHING THEME IS:

‘The story arc of the bible’

To help us understand the story of the bible we are current looking at the 4 Gospels.

Why 4 gospels?



26 April: Matthew
3 May: Mark
10 May: Luke
17 May: John

COPIES OF SERMONS

Audio & YouTube versions of our Sunday message can be found at:

www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/messages.

The YouTube version

(www.youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist) is the audio with the PowerPoints from Sunday added.



Resources for Spiritual Growth

For a podcast episode on spiritual disciplines
check out www.bemadiscipleship.com/24



This month's
focus

Daily Prayer Discipline

Bible Study

Prayer Journalling

Fixed-Hour Prayer

Contemplative Prayer

Praying the Text

Solitude

Sabbath

Silence

Simplicity

Generosity

Submission

Gratitude

Meditation

Memorisation

Spiritual Direction

Fasting

Feasting



Check out
trypraying.org
for a 7 day prayer
guide.



Youth Version at
tryprayingyouth.org



Children's workbook at
<https://tinyurl.com/7D>
ayKidsPrayer

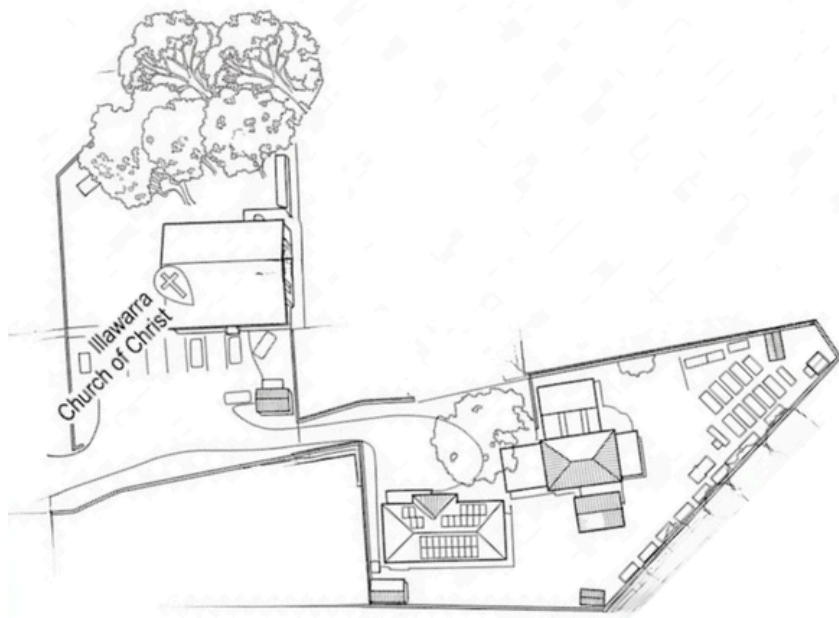
BIBLE IN A YEAR: May

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 www.youtube.com/@bibleproject/playlists and look for Old Testament or New Testament.

	New Testament		Old Testament	
	MARK	2 COR.	PSALMS	1 SAMUEL
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		GALATIANS		
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18.	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:43-52	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 111	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-12
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20.	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:66-72	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:15-29	<input type="checkbox"/> 113	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-15
21.	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 114	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-17
22.	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:16-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:21-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 115	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-19
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Request for Proposals

regarding the future use of the Kanahooka property at 137 Kanahooka Road, Kanahook.



Background:

Illawarra Church of Christ, NewDay Church and Southern Church of Christ have been meeting to discuss the future use of the churches of Christ NSW and ACT property at Kanahooka (including the church building, manse and shed). The property is currently licenced to several tenants including the Illawarra CofC on a month-to-month basis. Future use may include redevelopment of the site or its sale, to provide funds for other missional projects or developments. The three churches are seeking proposals for the use of this property to present to the Conference Executive of the churches of Christ NSW and ACT. The final decision about the future use of the property rests with Conference Executive.

Proposals:

Proposals are requested addressing the following points:-

- a) Summary of Proposal
- b) Background/research that supports its strategic value
- c) Expected outcomes achieved by the Proposal (mission, financial sustainability, community impact)
- d) What timeframe the implementation would take if resourced
- e) Resources needed to implement the Proposal
- f) Estimated cost for the Proposal

Proposals are to be no more than two A4 pages in length.

Dates:

Proposals are due to be lodged with Graham Bargwanna by email (graham.bargwanna@ccnswact.org.au) by close of business Thursday 21 May 2026. They will be reviewed by the leadership of the three churches, along with CCNSWACT Network Resource Team representatives. The proposals will then be presented to a gathering of the three churches to be held on a Sunday afternoon in late June (date to be confirmed).

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/

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.

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	Announcements	Musicians
03/05/2026	Peter Watson		Gary Dronfield	Youth	Soup Sunday	Brian	Jo, Shimmer, Ben, Linda
10/05/2026	Peter Watson	Anne Tresize	Iwan Jones	Graham Barker	Catherine and family	Linda	Ben, Stephen, Cori, Shimmer
17/05/2026	Peter Watson	Catherine Green	Brian Healy	Stephen Correy	Linda and Robyn	Peter	Jo, Shimmer, Cori, Linda
24/05/2026	Linda Watson	Iwan Jones	Cath and Youth	Anne Tresize	Wilma and Joyce	Brian	Ben, Allie, Stephen, Linda
31/05/2026	Peter Watson	Brian Healy	John Piper	Linda Watson	Dianne Kavanagh / Lorraine Graham	Linda	Ben, Shimmer, Cori, Allie, Linda
07/06/2026	Peter Watson	Catherine Green	Stephen Corry	James Magispoc	Soup Sunday	Peter	
14/06/2026	Peter Watson	John Piper	James Magispoc	Iwan Jones	Catherine and family	Brian	
21/06/2026	TBC	Lee Pring	Iwan Jones	Brian Healy	Linda and Robyn	Linda	
28/06/2026	Peter Watson	Linda Watson	Linda Watson	Catherine Green	Wilma and Joyce	Peter	
05/07/2026	Peter Watson	Iwan Jones	Brian Healy	Graham Barker	Soup Sunday	Brian	
12/07/2026	Peter Watson	Brian Healy	Cath and Youth	Stephen Correy	Dianne Kavanagh / Lorraine Graham	Linda	
19/07/2026	TBC	Catherine Green	John Piper	Anne Tresize	Catherine and family	Peter	
26/07/2026	Peter Watson	Linda Watson	Stephen Corry	Linda Watson	Linda and Robyn	Brian	

Church Music Playlist on YouTube

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)

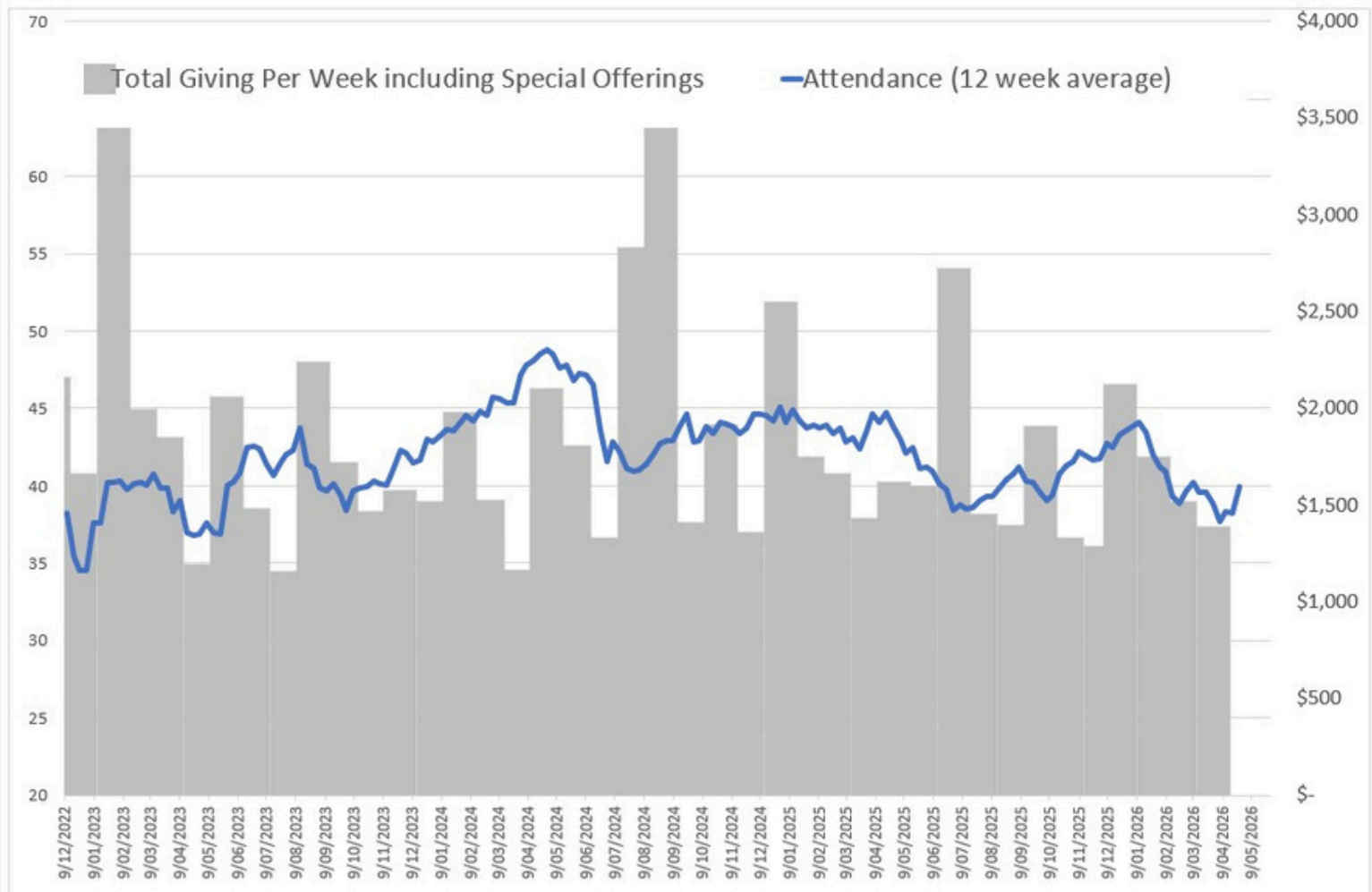
Joy-filled **Wonder** (Psalm 145:5-7)

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

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.