

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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Walking with Jesus:

A 31-day journey through the
Gospel of Mark to deepen
your experience of God.

"God comes not to 'fix' you, but to welcome you into communion
with him and his family. You are not a project to fix, but a person
to love. We change not to be loved, but to love more deeply."

A resource developed by Pastor Peter Watson, Illawarra Church of Christ
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All bible readings in this booklet come from the NIV.
All this is version 1 your feedback and/or corrections would be gratefully received at
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Unless a farmer sows they can't harvest. In the same way, if we want to have a harvest of experiencing God in deeper and richer ways it requires some sowing like spending time with him and hearing from him.

To help you discover a love for his revealed truth found in the bible I have created a 31-day study through the book of Mark (the shortest gospel about Jesus.)

You can borrow a copy from the church library or download a copy using the QR code or this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/Mark31Days>

Pastor Peter Watson



To subscribe to this monthly newsletter go to
www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/resources or scan QR code.



Key Info At A Glance

 TOILET Toilets in outside block. (Should be unlocked, but if locked then key is on wall in kitchen.)	 LUNCH 11:45 at Dapto Citizens' Bowling Club 102-104 Fowlers Rd.	 NEW HERE Use this QR Code to let us know your contact details so we can stay connected.	 Soup Sunday 1st Sunday of the month	 Borrow a book from the church library at back of hall.
 CHURCH NEWSLETTER Signup for monthly newsletter on website under the resources tab.	 Pick up a FREE copy of 'Experiencing God' or 'The Gospel of Being Human'.	 Kids packs available in the foyer.	 Carol Preston 18 October	 BAPTISM OR MEMBERSHIP Take a Step: Talk to Pastor Pete about baptism or church membership.

New to Church

So we can connect please either scan this QR code to complete this form to provide your name & contact details **OR** fill out the contact form on the information desk **OR** text details to Peter at 0407-278-175.

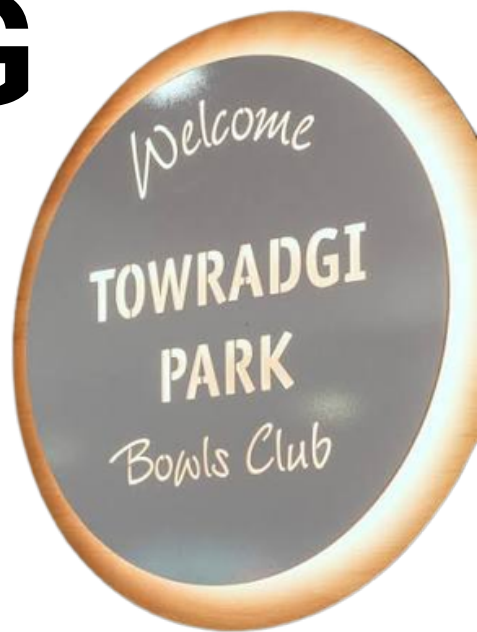


Website

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LUNCH OUTING

Diane Kavanah is organising a lunch outing for Wednesday 14th October 12:00 noon at Towradgi Bowling. It would be helpful to let Dianne (0414700976) know you are coming but not essential.



ROSTERS



Date	Speaker	Bible Reader	Communion	Prayer	Morning Tea	WELCOME
04/10/2026	Peter Watson	Graham Barker	Iwan Jones	Stephen Corry	Soup Sunday	Bronwyn Halpin
11/10/2026	Peter Watson	Robyn James	Brian Healy	Linda Watson	Linda	Robyn James
18/10/2026	Carol Preston	Bron Halpin	Anne Tresize	Brian Healy	Sue and John Piper	Iwan & Joyce Jones
25/10/2026	Peter Watson	Allie Clark	Linda Watson	Anne Tresize	Di and Lorraine	Bronwyn Halpin & Bronwyn Felger
01/11/2026	Peter Watson				Soup Sunday	Robyn James
08/11/2026	Adrian Jackson					Iwan & Joyce Jones

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>



This Month's Big Question: ***Where can I find resources to help me forgive?***

SERMONS

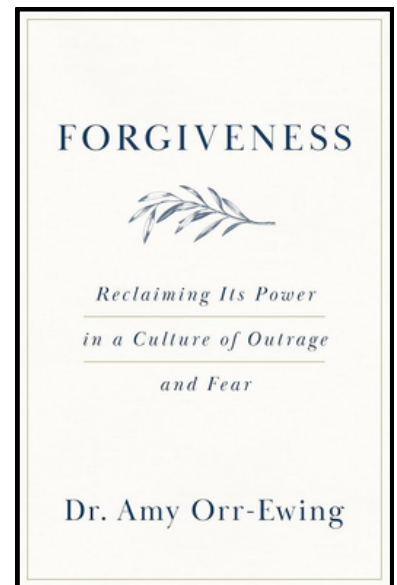
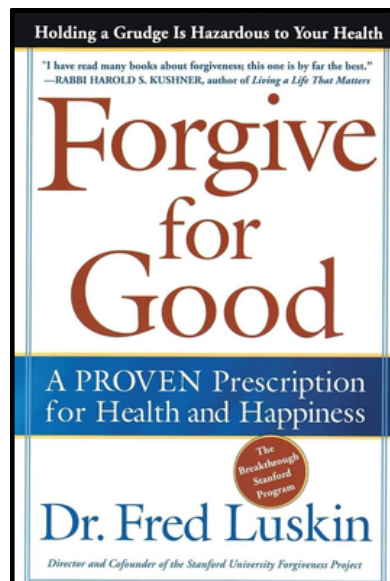
Check out our sermons page for these two sermons on 'Forgiveness' preached by Dallas Thom at Illawarra Church of Christ on the 20th & 27th September.

<https://illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/messages/>



BOOKS

These books are available to borrow from the church library.



PODCAST

<https://theologyintheraw.com/podcast/trauma-justice-and-the-power-of-christian-forgiveness-with-dr-amy-l-orr-ewing/>



Trauma, Justice, and The Power of Christian Forgiveness
with Dr. Amy L. Orr-Ewing



Theology in the raw

GROUPS

DISCUSSION & GATHERING



www.IllawarraChurchOfChrist.com.au/connect

- One-to-one discussions through 'Experiencing God' or 'The Gospel of Being Human' with Pastor Peter Watson, 0407278175.
- Monday 5pm Women's Online Scripture Study. Beth Robinson 0412047146.
- Tuesday 1.45 Men's Coffee & Chat at Passionate Palace Cafe, 1 Stanthorpe Dr, Kanahooka NSW 2530. 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 & Natter' at Church: Robyn James 0402460795.
- Wednesday 7.30pm Bible Study at 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 at Church. Contact: Gary Dronfield 0413915553.
- Friday evening Youth Events. Times and venue varies. Contact: Catherine Green 0427038640.
- Friday / Saturday Evening Visiting Tribute Bands. Stephen Corry 0402892552.
- Sunday 10am Sunday Service.
- Sunday 12pm lunch at Dapto Citizens Bowling Club 102-104 Fowlers Road, Dapto

Before attending check with leader as to time and venue.

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.
- Regular Friday night BBQ events at our home.
- Sunday lunch at Dapto Citizens Bowling Club.

Pastor Peter Watson

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Phone: 0407 278 175

Church Stats.

Year	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Last 3 months		
					June	July	August
Average Weekly Attendance	36	43	43	41	40	46	45
Offerings per month	\$8,157	\$6,739	\$8,550	\$6,810	\$10,200	\$6,525	\$6,357
Expenses per month	-\$8,193	-\$7,388	-\$8,245	-\$7,901	-\$9,039	-\$8,091	-\$6,410
Bank Account Balance	\$26,889	\$18,922	\$22,582	\$9,491	\$9,491	\$9,886	\$9,883
Current Liabilities	-\$732	-\$3,957	-\$16,571	-\$8,735	-\$8,735	-\$10,531	-\$11,181
Available Funds	\$26,157	\$14,965	\$6,011	\$756	\$756	-\$646	-\$1,298

BIBLE IN A YEAR: October

A Navigators Bible Reading Plan: Each month has 25 days of reading so you have a few 'free days' in case you get behind. You can read all four readings each day to read the whole bible in a year or select less columns to read over a longer period. For more resources and Bible Reading plans check out <https://illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/how-do-i-understand-the-bible/>

New Testament		Old Testament	
JOHN	JAMES	ECCLES.	JEREMIAH
1. ☐ 1:1-18	☐ 1:1-11	☐ 1	☐ 1-2
2. ☐ 1:19-28	☐ 1:12-18	☐ 2:1-16	☐ 3-4
3. ☐ 1:29-34	☐ 1:19-27	☐ 2:17-26	☐ 5-6
4. ☐ 1:35-42	☐ 2:1-13	☐ 3:1-15	☐ 7-9
5. ☐ 1:43-51	☐ 2:14-26	☐ 3:16-22	☐ 10-11
6. ☐ 2:1-11	☐ 3:1-12	☐ 4	☐ 12-13
7. ☐ 2:12-25	☐ 3:13-18	☐ 5	☐ 14-15
8. ☐ 3:1-15	☐ 4:1-10	☐ 6	☐ 16-18
9. ☐ 3:16-21	☐ 4:11-17	☐ 7:1-14	☐ 19-22
10. ☐ 3:22-36	☐ 5:1-6	☐ 7:15-29	☐ 23-25
11. ☐ 4:1-14	☐ 5:7-12	☐ 8	☐ 26-29
12. ☐ 4:15-26	☐ 5:13-20	☐ 9	☐ 30-31
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13. ☐ 4:27-42	☐ 1:1-9	☐ 10	☐ 32-34
14. ☐ 4:43-54	☐ 1:10-16	☐ 11	☐ 35-38
15. ☐ 5:1-15	☐ 1:17-25	☐ 12	☐ 39-43
		SONG OF SONGS	
16. ☐ 5:16-30	☐ 2:1-8	☐ 1	☐ 44-46
17. ☐ 5:31-47	☐ 2:9-17	☐ 2	☐ 47-48
18. ☐ 6:1-15	☐ 2:18-25	☐ 3	☐ 49
19. ☐ 6:16-24	☐ 3:1-7	☐ 4:1-7	☐ 50
20. ☐ 6:25-40	☐ 3:8-12	☐ 4:8-16	☐ 51
21. ☐ 6:41-59	☐ 3:13-22	☐ 5	☐ 52
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22. ☐ 6:60-71	☐ 4:1-11	☐ 6	☐ 1
23. ☐ 7:1-13	☐ 4:12-19	☐ 7	☐ 2
24. ☐ 7:14-24	☐ 5:1-7	☐ 8:1-7	☐ 3
25. ☐ 7:25-36	☐ 5:8-14	☐ 8:8-14	☐ 4-5

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

Sermons

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

www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/messages.

At Youtube.com/@IllawarraChurchofChrist you will find the audio with the PowerPoints from Sunday added.



Meaning of our logo

Our logo represents key ideas behind what we believe and are committed to as a church. 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)



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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/

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.

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/1FAIpQLSc-qpPCl23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhfZV--vMT7RLJV1Ws8GvQReaA/viewform>

Contact details or updating contact details



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-qpPCl23gLrkPtnoDaQ24lhfZV--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,

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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, 0415-366-977

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.