

HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD



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Have Christmas preparations begun for you? Our family has already started our annual wishlist: all the adults buy a present for one other adult chosen at random, with a gift limit, organised via a website called Elfster.

More important than presents and food preparation is getting our hearts in the right space.

As a church, we've got special plans for services in December, but you can do some personal preparation as well by signing up for Advent Studies with 'Divine Disruption', focusing on the theme of justice. Join me by signing up at



www.commongrace.org.au/advent_divine_disruption
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 QR Code to let us know your contact details to stay connected.	 NEW HERE Kids packs available in the foyer.	 BAPTISM OR MEMBERSHIP Take a Step: Talk to Pastor Pete about baptism or church membership.
 CHURCH NEWSLETTER Signup for monthly newsletter on website under the resources tab.	 Borrow a book from the church library at back of hall.	 Soup Sunday: 1st Sunday of the Month. Free Soup after service.	 Adrian Jackson 8 November	 Dallas Thom 22 November

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

www.IllawarraChurchOfChrist.com.au



Sunday 6 December: 3:30-4:30pm

Location: Wollongong Salvos Church, 13 Burelli Street, Wollongong

www.trybooking.com/au/event/1639870



GATHERING II
A NIGHT OF WORSHIP
THE OUTPOURING

**THE OUTPOURING
| GATHERING I**



RSVP



Sat, 28 Nov, 6pm - 11:55pm AEDT
[Add to calendar](#)



The Outpouring
Wollongong NSW, Australia

Saturday 28 November: 6pm

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Recommended Resources

A list of recommended resources can be found at
www.illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/recommended-resources/

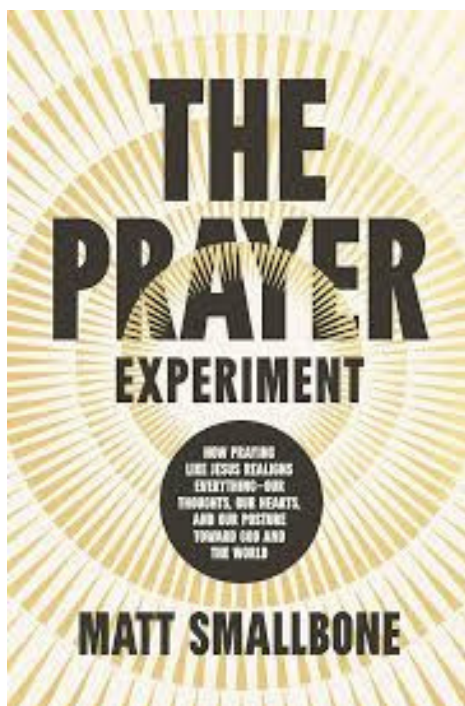
www.biblicaltraining.org/classes

BiblicalTraining provides free comprehensive biblical education that moves people toward spiritual maturity.



Courses for if:

- You are a new Christian
- You have never studied the bible
- You want material for a small group
- You want a firm foundation in the Bible
- You want a university-level education
- You want to prepare for church leadership



**How Praying Like Jesus
Realigns Everything - Our
Thoughts, Our Hearts, and Our
Posture Toward God and the
World.**

Discipleship

Do you want to go deeper in your walk with Jesus?

Pastor Pete (0407-278-175) is available for 1:1 discipleship.

Here are some ways that might look:



- **Accountability Relationship:** For one example of how this might work check out:

<https://tinyurl.com/LTGat/COC>



- **Reading through a book together:** You can find some recommended resources at

<https://illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au/recommended-resources/>



- **Biblical foundations:** Watch and discuss together lectures from www.biblicaltraining.org/programs. There are resources suitable for a 'new Christian' to 'Church leaders'.



- Study together **Walking with Jesus:** Meeting 1:1 to discuss as you complete 'Walking with Jesus: A 31-Day Journey through the Gospel of Mark' available at <https://tinyurl.com/WWJat/COC>



- **Small Group Apprentice:** Learn how to lead and multiple a small group using the 5W model. More information about the 5W's is available at <https://tinyurl.com/5WValues>



- **BEMA:** Reviewing together podcasts from 'The BEMA Podcast' which is about how to 'Love God. Love others. Become people of the Text'. Go to www.bemadiscipleship.com to find out more about the podcast.

Ecumenical Events in the Illawarra Region

www.5icm.org.au/events.html



ROSTERS



Date	Speaker	Bible Reader	Communion	Prayer	Morning Tea	WELCOME
01/11/2026	Peter Watson	Graham Barker	James Magispoc	Catherine Green	Soup Sunday	Robyn James
08/11/2026	Adrian Jackson	Robyn James	Stephen Corry	John Piper	Linda	Iwan & Joyce Jones
15/11/2026	Peter Watson	Shirley Magsipoc	Linda Watson	Brian Healy	Sue & John Piper	Bronwyn Felger & Peter Wason
22/11/2026	Dallas Thom	Linda Watson	Anne Tresize	James Magispoc	Catherine and family	Robyn James
29/11/2026	Peter Watson	Brian Healey	John Piper	Linda Watson	Robyn and Joyce	Iwan & Joyce Jones
06/12/2026	Peter Watson	Currently being organised			Soup Sunday	Bronwyn Felger & Robyn James
13/12/2026	Peter Watson				Di and Lorraine	Iwan & Joyce Jones
20/12/2026	Peter Watson				Christmas Party	Bronwyn Halpin
27/12/2026	NO Service					

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>



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

Email: peter.watson@illawarrachurchofchrist.com.au

Phone: 0407 278 175

Church Stats Snapshot

	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27 Year to date	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Average Weekly Attendance	36	43	43	42	42	46	45	36					
Offerings does not include special gifts of donations such as those given to Noel Bolero, Homeless Hub, etc.													
Offerings per month*	\$8,157	\$6,739	\$8,550	\$6,810	\$18,257	\$6,525	\$6,357	\$5,375					
Expenses per month	-\$8,193	-\$7,388	-\$8,245	-\$7,901	-\$23,000	-\$8,091	-\$6,410	-\$8,500					
Bank Account Balance	\$26,889	\$18,922	\$22,582	\$9,491		\$9,886	\$9,883	\$11,888					
Current Liabilities	-\$732	-\$3,957	-\$16,571	-\$8,735		-\$10,531	-\$11,181	-\$9,806					
Available Funds represents the funds we have in bank less liabilities already set aside for things we need to pay.													
Available Funds	\$26,157	\$14,965	\$6,011	\$756		-\$646	-\$1,298	\$2,784					

BIBLE IN A YEAR: November

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	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

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,

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, 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.