

Together



Sunday 27 June 2021

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**Little Girl,
get up!**

Mark 5:41



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land

Face to face worship

Services will be held at 8am and 9.45am. Please sign in on arrival, observe social distancing and use hand sanitiser provided. You are encouraged to wear a mask though this is not mandatory. The 9.45am Service will be streamed and stored on St Luke's website and Facebook page. The camera will be focussed on those people participating in the conduct of the service at the front of the church, and not the Congregation.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

2 Sm 5:1-5,9-10 Ps 48 2 Cor 12:2-10 Mk 6:1-13

Onsite internet: St Luke's Guest - no password required



Bank transfer option for your weekly offerings

If you would like to transfer your offerings into the St Luke's Uniting Church giving account the details follow.

All transfers are anonymous.

BSB: 634 634

Account No. 100028307

Account name: St Luke's Uniting-Giving Acc

Thank you for supporting the St Luke's Uniting Church!

Worship services

Today:	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell	
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell	
Next Sunday:	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell	HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell	HC

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 4pm

CALENDAR

Tuesday 29 June

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am
Elders Pastoral Care Team meeting 7pm

Thursday 1 July

Bruce Kay Bible Study 12pm

Pray for those who are not well or recuperating



Wendy Ellway Noelene Cox
Keith Hudson Keith Weavers

1 Just Kids

Just Kids term 3 dates: **July 18** **Aug 1**
Aug 15 **Aug 29** **Sept 12**



2 Reading and Reflection

You are invited to join a Reading Group (Theological Book Club?) to read and discuss the book "The Love That Is God" by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt. The group will meet on five Wednesday evenings beginning on the 14th of July. The final week (11 August) will be spent watching and discussing the 2020 movie "Hosea" at Greg McConnell's place.

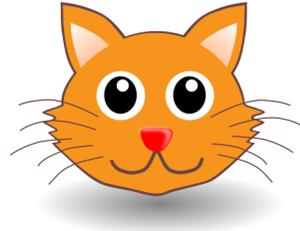
If you'd like to be involved please sign up ASAP. You will need to order the book from Book Depository (\$33 / free delivery) or from Amazon (\$25 plus delivery for the book or \$15 for the Kindle edition).

3 Soup & Slice Sundays

Our very popular Soup and Slice Sundays will be back in August. Next Sunday we will have the lists out for you to list what soups and/or slices you may be able to cook, so please think about it this week! For those who like to buy them, you can start looking forward to those tasty soup Sunday lunches in August!

4 **WANTED: a stable new home for our cat!**

The Dares are finally succumbing to James' strong desire to have a dog! We are grateful and blessed to have found a wonderful new home for our little rabbit, Storm, at the Lockwood residence. We are seeking the same for our cat, because she tends to get a bit anxious with changes so we feel the best option for her would be a more calm and stable home, one without a border collie! If anyone knows a potential new home for Webby, our desexed female 9 year old tabby cat, we would love to hear from you! Thank you, Alex, Sharon, Molly & James 0466 494 370



Strange but true:

- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed more firm to sleep on. Hence the phrase 'goodnight, sleep tight'.
- In Scotland, a new game was invented. It was entitled 'Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden' ... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'mind their own pints and quarts and settle down'. It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'.

5 **Flood Appeal Money**

Dear St Luke's Local and Global Mission Team, Thank you so much for your generosity: the funds for Manning Uniting will be used to buy vouchers for families still displaced from their homes, and struggling to make ends meet in temporary accommodation.



I'm so glad that you were separately able to support the Wingham Neighbourhood Centre, where I regularly act as a Disaster Recovery Chaplain: they are doing wonderful work with food parcels, social support and a whole range of social services for those affected by the floods.

The Manning area has also been well supported by gifts from the Moderator's Disaster Appeal and DRCN - who are currently looking at funding a part-time chaplaincy role in the area for the next nine months of the recovery and resilience-building process. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Gospel - and the church - to be the hands and feet (and provision!) of God to hurting communities at this time.

May I add my personal thanks to you, the Church Council and Congregation of St Luke's. Your generosity is a credit to you all - and deeply, deeply appreciated.

Warm regards,

Claire

Rev. Claire Wright

Ministry Development Minister

*The Uniting Church in Australia
Manning Valley Project*

6 Dinner Church

We are starting a new Sunday Evening Gathering at St Luke's. We are calling it Dinner Church because it will be held on Sunday Evenings (starting at 5.30pm) and will involve a simple shared meal. We plan to have our first Dinner Church Gathering on the 18th of July. We will meet in the Gathering Area.



You may be wondering why we are starting this new thing at St Luke's?

There are a number of reasons;

- We are excited about creating a new opportunity for people to gather in a less formal way to learn about God, to support one another in our discipleship journey, to share stories and to pray together.
- We want to create a Service with a focus upon participation and engagement where the wisdom, insights and experiences of everyone are valued and shared.
- We wanted to create a genuine "all-age" environment in which children are welcomed and encouraged to participate.
- We recognise that Sunday Mornings are no longer a convenient for many families as a time to come to Church. We hope that a Sunday evening gathering which includes dinner might work better for those families who just can't make it on Sunday morning. We would finish up no later than 7pm.

- We also recognise that the more Traditional style of worship no longer "works" for some people. Dinner Church will be less formal and more participatory than regular church.
- We wanted to create a gathering with a focus upon welcoming and hospitality. We hope to invite our neighbours from Narla Rd and the adjacent streets to join us from time to time and we hope that Dinner Church might become something to which you would be comfortable inviting friends and neighbours to because it's engaging, fun and non-threatening.

For the time being we will continue to have two morning Services each Sunday so coming to Dinner Church can be either an alternative or in addition to Sunday Morning Worship.

7 Thankyou

A big thank you to everyone who saved their 50c pieces, stayed after the 9.45am service last Sunday and played the kids carnival games a great time was had by all!! Margaret Hudson, who would have thought you could flip the frog further than just about everyone!! Thanks to all the helpers too – especially the kids who helped make the prizes and run the games .. and the grownups that helped too! We raised \$177 for the Timor Leste appeal ... a great result!

*Thanks,
Meredith*

thank you!

Romans 12:9-21 New International Version (NIV)

Doxology

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his
counsellor?”
“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.