

Together



Sunday 27 March 2022

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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

Worship services

Sunday 27 March: 8.00am Rev Greg McConnell HC
9.45am Rev Greg McConnell HC
Sunday 3 April: 8.00am Rev Greg McConnell HC
9.45am Rev Greg McConnell HC

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 3.45pm

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Is 43:16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3:4b-14 Jn 12:1-8

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!

Pray for those who are not well or recuperating

Margaret Wigney

Marj Hicks

Colin Archbold



Calendar

Monday 28 March

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with games at 10am.

Tuesday 29 March

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 31 March

Bruce Kay Bible Study meet at 1pm

Friday 1 April

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Isaiah 53: 'The Cross, central to our faith'

Just Kids: Term 1 dates:

March 27

April 10



1 **Help for Ukraine**



The Slavic Gospel Association, which has a branch in Australia, works in many countries in Europe, including Ukraine and Russia, supporting local churches, training pastors and workers, running children's camps, helping orphans, prisoners and others in need as well as bringing God's love to all, so they know the area and the people very well. Local pastors and churches have organized to provide groceries, medicines, winter warmth packages and Family Survival Kits for those fleeing the war in Ukraine. Your prayers would be appreciated, and if you wish to learn more or contribute to their work, more information is available on sga.org.au or speak to Wendy Webb 0418 681 858.

2 **High Tea**

The Salvation Army are providing High Tea for groups. If anyone would like to be part of a group from St Luke's on Wednesday 13th April: cost \$35, from 11am-2pm contact Jean Thirkettle ph 0418 214 199 by 27th March so a booking can be made. The group must be between 10 and 25 participants.

3 **Unite / All Families—Pizza & Movie Under the Stars Reaching out to everyone in their 30's—60's**

Saturday April 2nd, 6pm at The Hudson's—10 Gilgal Place, Belmont North. Bring: picnic chairs, blankets and snacks & drinks to share.

Adults \$6, kids (under 12) \$3. RSVP to Meredith **today** on 0425 259 020 or email pmhudson@optusnet.com.au



4 **Farwell to Scripture**

It is a sad reflection on today's society to see two scripture teachers from our church made redundant through lack of children to teach. All this time it has been assumed that it would be the shortage of scripture teachers which would affect the teaching outcome, but here we have a case of 'children shortage'!

Parents at Belmont Primary were asked to say 'yes' or 'no' to their children receiving scripture teaching. Out of 490 enrolled children there are two classes of 20 children each having scripture this year, a far cry from six or seven classes of 20 to 30 children in past years. So it is with sad feelings but happy memories Beverley Hopwood and I say farewell to all those years we saw the eager faces of room-fulls of children as we did our very best to tell them of Jesus' love.

Barbara Bell

5 **Handel's Messiah**

Newcastle University Choir presents Handel's Messiah.

Saturday 9 April 2.30pm Newcastle City Hall. Adults \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$25. Tickets available at www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au or by phoning 4929 1977. Flyers on the back table.



Joshua 5:9-12 NIV

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NIV

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable:

The Parable of the Lost Son

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"