

Together



Sunday 17 September 2023

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Out of pity, he



forgave the debt.
Mt 18:27

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 17 September	8.00am	Rev Tom Anderson
	9.45am	Rev Tom Anderson
	5.30pm	
Sunday 24 September	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell

There is no dinner church during the school holidays

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 3.45pm

Dinner Church—every Sunday at 5.30pm

Dinner Church is a casual service for all ages with a message, a catered meal, prayer, discussion and more.
This week dinner will be a Pot Luck Meal.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Ex 14:19-31	Ps 114
Rom 14:1-12	Mt 18:21-35

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



Welcome to St Luke's Uniting Church, Belmont



A place for everyone

A church where you are welcome
regardless of who you are, where
you are from, and whom you love

**Pray for those known to you who are in hospital,
not well or recuperating**

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!



Calendar

Monday 18 September

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with Book Club this week

Tuesday 19 September

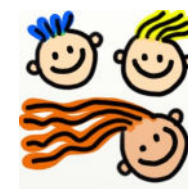
Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 21 September

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Just Kids - Term 3 Dates

September 24



1 **Thankyou**

I have felt so incredibly blessed over the last 2 months, during Mum's illness. The Leadership Team here has been so supportive and I would like to say a special thank you to Jenny who, as always, stepped in to take over the duties in the office, so that I could spend precious time with Mum.

Thank you also to all those who visited, messaged and prayed for Mum. Please know that she listened to, and read all the messages, even though she was not always able to reply.

Thank you to all who have messaged me, and sent cards, flowers and well wishes.

Finally, thank you to all those to came to Mum's funeral, and those who watched it online—it was a wonderful support for me and my family.

Mum would have been humbled to know how much she'll be missed.

Katy

thank you

2 **Lost Ring**

An engagement ring has recently been misplaced. It may have been lost on Monday at Activity Centre. If any rings are found, please contact the office by phone: 4945 4655 or email: belmontuca@gmail.com Many thanks.

3 **The Voice**

The Hunter Presbytery has provided all congregations with a Uniting Church perspective on The Voice in preparation for the referendum on 14th October. Copies are available for you to take on the table in the foyer.



4 **Something to Watch!**

On ABC iView, one of the recent episodes of Compass features the new Moderator of the Uniting Church in NSW and ACT, Rev Mata Hiliau. It is a most interesting story of Mata's own journey so far and her plans for some of the things she would like to do during her time as Moderator.

Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

5 **WBFE**

Warm Blankets For Everyone has been lucky enough to get **Donna Lou Fashions to put on a fashion parade** for them, here at St Luke's!

Come along with your family and friends to check out their fun and exciting range of fashions.

They cater for all shapes and sizes from 8 to 26.

Donna Lou Fashion takes great pride in having comfortable, easy to wear clothes and easy to care for garments.

This is a great opportunity to freshen up your wardrobe for Spring.

See next page for more details

6 **St Luke's Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be a member of St Luke's Prayer Chain, then please contact Jenny Mathieson: 4946 8143 or email:

jennyandray@bigpond.com

Being a member of the prayer chain means receiving any prayer requests that come in from anyone and adding that prayer request to your prayers. If at any time any member of the congregation has a prayer need and would like it put around the prayer chain, please contact Jenny. No prayer request is ever put around the prayer chain without the permission of the person wanting prayer.



7 **Thank You St Luke's**

This week I was able to deliver another 2 large bags of groceries to the Pantry at Margaret Jurd College to top it up again.

The space they have is quite small so it was decided that, with the amount of goods supplied or purchased, I would take a selection of things every 3/4 weeks which will mean we will be filling the pantry for about 4 months as a result of this appeal.

With the money received I was able to purchase 1/2 price items which has meant very good value in the shopping cart.

This has been very much appreciated by the College and those whom they have been able to help in the last month.

Little things we do can make a big difference to others with a need!

Eldrene March

8 **Mosaic**

A reminder! Don't forget the Mosaic Refugee Support program that St Luke's has committed to support. If you do not have a money box then you can take one from the back table, or there are special marked envelopes for donations. Alternatively you can donate directly through St Luke's bank account, details are on the back table where there are fridge magnets to remind you to donate regularly. Any questions about this project to Alison Cleary. Thanks to everyone for their support.





You are invited to a

Fashion Show

Warm Blankets for Everyone

Venue: St Luke's Uniting Church Hall,
6 Narla Road, Belmont

Date: Saturday, 7th October

Time: 2-4pm

Bookings and payments: contact Rebecca Wett - 0477 292 794
rebeccawett@tpg.com.au

\$30 includes
afternoon tea,
lucky door prize

Raffle prizes

- Affordable Women's Clothing
- Available in sizes 8-26
- Purchase clothing on the day
- EFTPOS available

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The mobile clothes that come to you

To book a parade for your group:

Ph: 0407 433 326

Email: cheryl@donna-lou.com.au

www.donna-lou.com.au

I am Thankful...which one do you relate to?

For the wife who says it's hot dogs tonight, because she is home with me, & not out with someone else.

For the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato, because he is home with me & not out at the bars.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means she is at home, not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking & I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

For the many emails and texts I receive because it means I have friends who are thinking of me

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key
Because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive.



Exodus 14:19-31 NIV

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Matthew 18:21-35 NIV

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."