

Together



Sunday 24 September 2023

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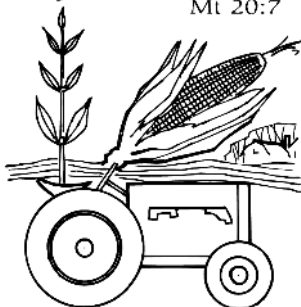
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Go and join
the others in
my fields.

Mt 20:7



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

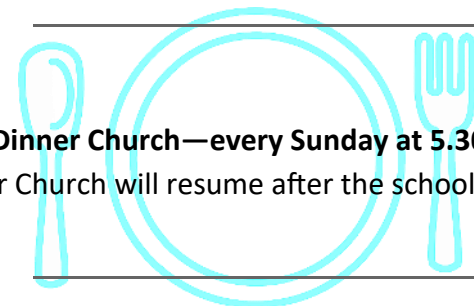
Worship services

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| Sunday 24 September | 8.00am | Rev Greg McConnell |
| | 9.45am | Rev Greg McConnell |

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| Sunday 1 October | 8.00am | Mr John Nowland |
| | 9.45am | Mr John Nowland |

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 will resume after the school holidays!

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Ex 17:1-7
Phil 2:1-13

Ps 78:1-4,12-16
Mt 21:23-32

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

Tuesday 26 September

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 28 September

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 29 September

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Just Kids - Term 3 Dates

September 24



1 **Friday Plus Bible Study**

This week at Friday Plus Bible Study we will be looking at the first chapter of Mark's gospel. This chapter talks about Jesus' early ministry and the ministry of John the Baptist.

We begin at 9.30am for tea/coffee in the gathering are before a 10am start. Please join us for study and discussion. Any enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100,

2 **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 on 7th October at 2pm!

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

3 **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.



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.

5 **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.

6 **Unite/All Families—Gourmet Sausage Sizzle**

Reaching out to everyone in their 30's—60's

October 15th, 11.30am at Community Centre (stay on after the 9.45am service if you attend that day).

A casual and relaxed opportunity to catch up with others while trying out a variety of tasty sausages (including vegetarian), rolls, salads and drinks.
Cost \$10 pp.





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

Donna-Lou

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

Exodus 16:2-15 NIV

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

Matthew 20:1-16 NIV

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

"About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

"'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."