

Together



Sunday 11 February 2024

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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 11 February	8.00am	Pastor Kim Langford
	9.45am	Pastor Kim Langford
	5.30pm	Mrs Meredith Hudson
Sunday 18 February	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell

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. Meredith Hudson will be giving the message and Greg Anderson will be sharing. Julie and Jenny will be catering

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Gn 9:8-17	Ps 25:1-10
1 Pt 3:18-22	Mk 1:9-15

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 12 February

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am
with Talking Point/Holiday Recollections from 10am

Tuesday 13 February

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am
Church Leadership Team meeting at 7.30pm

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm

Thursday 15 February

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 16 February

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Just Kids Term 4 dates

Feb 18, March 3 March 17



1 **9.45am Communion Preparation**

Needed are people to be part of the roster for the preparing and packing away of communion for the 9.45am service. Please write your name on the roster on the back table if you are able to help.

2 **Ash Wednesday Service**

An Ash Wednesday Service will be held at St Luke's on Wednesday 14th February at 7pm.

3 **Temporary Accommodation required**



Due to renovation works taking place on our house, we are looking for alternative local accommodation during the period of March-July this year. If you or anyone you know is going away or looking for a house-sitter or for a short-term tenant please let us know. We would be happy to help you in return if we can. Even if it is for just a week or two during this period it might help us out. We can easily stay in 1-2 rooms and do not need a large space. *With thanks Nic, Annette and family: nicgould@gmail.com, 0460 971 377*

4 **Unite / All Families - Pizza & Movie Under The Stars**

We are kicking off this year's social program with one of our popular annual events. Saturday 2nd March at 6pm at the Hudson's -10 Gilgal Place, Belmont North.

Bring: picnic chair, blankets + snacks & drinks to share. Adults \$8, Kids (under12) \$5 *RSVP to Meredith by 25/2 on 0425 259 020 or email pmhudson@optusnet.com.au. Movie title decided closer to the date. Hard copies of the program will be available from the table in the gathering area soon.



Whisper of God Retreat Day



Discerning your gifts for passionate living



An opportunity to explore spiritual practice and reflection, to give space to hear the gentle whisper of God and the creative and curious work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. Listen to what God is calling you to in the year ahead and explore how you might experience fullness of life, purpose and joy.

Led by Rev Greer Hudson, Period of Discernment Co-ordinator for the Synod of NSW and ACT, supporting people to explore, articulate and celebrate their gifts in mission and ministry. Greer is a trained InterPlay leader, a labyrinth and retreat facilitator, a dancer, a storyteller, and a mother. Greer is passionate about embodied spirituality –

about how we might experience God through more than words.

**Saturday 17th February 2024 10am
- 4pm \$20/15 conc.**

Adamstown Uniting Church - Bruner Rd Adamstown
Bring lunch or purchase nearby

Bookings : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/whisper-of-god-retreat-daytickets-741824776877?aff=oddtcreator>

The Hunter Presbytery Uniting Church in Australia

5 Thank you

Rev Greg McConnell will be back in the congregation

Thank you!

this week after his Long Leave. We trust that it has been a relaxing and enjoyable time for Greg and Wendy. Thank you to those who have led worship during these six weeks: Rev Tom Anderson, John Nowland, Helen Weavers and Pastor Kim Langford with Paul Smart and Meredith Hudson giving the message at Dinner Church for the last two weeks. A special thank you to Rev Tom Anderson who has attended to all our pastoral needs during this time. You have all been very much appreciated. Thank you!

6 Our Sympathy and Our Prayers

Our sympathy and our prayers are with the Cleary family in the recent sudden passing of Douglas's wife Jenny. Jenny's funeral will be held at Fry Bros Funeral Chapel, Rutherford on Friday 16 February at 12 noon.

7 Dinner Church

Dinner Church got off to a great start for this year last Sunday evening with Alison Gill sharing and Paul Smart giving an inspirational message on "Who am I" and Meredith and Peter



catering for our meal. Tonight Meredith Hudson will be giving the message and Greg Anderson will be sharing. All ages are invited to join with us each Sunday evening at 5.30pm.

8 Pharmacycycle

Pharmacycycle is Australia's first and only end to end recycling program for household and commercial



medicinal blister pack waste. Pharmacycycle is a complete end-to-end solution for the recycling of medicinal blister packs. Pharmacycycle manages all of the collection, logistics and processing of blister packs, providing full transparency and traceability.

It is the quick and easy way to recycle empty medicinal blister packs. Best of all, it's completely FREE to drop off at a participating pharmacy. Both Belmont Blooms Pharmacies are participants of this scheme.

Lots more info at pharmacycycle.com.au

9 Friday Plus Bible Study

Friday Plus Bible study group will meet again on 16th February in the gathering area. We will be looking at the first chapter of the book of James verses 1-4 and 12. This study has been carried over from 2nd February.

We welcome any new people who wish to join us in studying the Bible to find direction and help for living in these challenging times.

We begin with tea/coffee at 9.30am for a 10am start, aiming to finish by 11.30. Any enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.



Psalm 50:1-6 NIV

A psalm of Asaph

The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.
He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
“Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

Mark 9:2-9 NIV

The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.