

Together



Sunday 3 March 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 3 March	8.00am	Rev Tom Anderson HC
	9.45am	Rev Tom Anderson HC
	5.30pm	Mrs Alison Gill
Sunday 10 March	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. Alison Gill will be giving the message and Lenora Finch will be sharing.

Alison will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Nm 21:4-9	Ps 107 1-3,17-22
Eph 2:1-10	Jn 3:14-21

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 4 March

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with a discussion from 10am

Property and Finance Team Meeting 7.30pm *via Zoom*

Tuesday 5 March

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Church Leadership Team meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 March

Fellowship meet from 9.30am

Thursday 7 March

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Just Kids Term 4 dates

March 3 March 17



Presbytery Prayer Diary

The Hunter Presbytery has produced a Prayer Diary which includes prayer points for every congregation in the Hunter Presbytery over the next few months. Each Sunday every congregation will be praying for one of our other congregations commencing today. By praying together we can encourage one another in mission as we grow in faith and unity and develop understanding and relationships across our region.

This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Hamilton Wesley Uniting Church:

Hamilton Wesley Uniting Church meets each Sunday at 9:30am. The congregation operates a café, book shop and op shop in the church. Customers include some refugees stocking up on bed linen and crockery for the women housed in their facilities, university students, people in need. Life Dinners are held monthly at a hotel or café with focused topical discipleship discussions. Incredible Edibles is a social group for church members to meet each other in a casual atmosphere and to bring their partners who do not attend church. The Hive (previously known as Fellowship House) is community focused with the first floor totally occupied by Wesley Mission services, child, youth and family services, queer youth groups and an employment agency. The ground floor provides space for community activities and the rooms are booked for gatherings of various not-for-profit groups.

Prayer:

Creative God, we pray for discernment through the process of Mission planning, inviting us to explore as a community, who God is calling us to be in this time and place. We pray for wisdom and guidance as a community of lifelong learners in discipleship, growing our following, worship and serving our community in mission, focused here and in Newcastle city. Amen.

1 Lent Event

Uniting World Annual Lent Event is being held again this year: 14th

February – 28th March 2024. The theme this year is “40 Days of Faithful Action for God’s Creation”. Climate change is threatening our world. Uniting World want to see a world where people are working together to fight climate change. Our world needs hope and courage and each of us can make a change. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.



2 Fellowship



Our next Fellowship meeting is on Wednesday 6th March with morning tea from 9.30am. Sue Bardsley from our 9.45am service will be our speaker on 'Warm Blankets for Everyone'. It will be most interesting and visitors are very welcome.

3 New cleaner

Teagan Robertson is now undertaking cleaning duties in the Church and Community Centre. Michelle Mitchell who has been cleaning for us has had to wind back her hours due to other work commitments but will remain on the books as a casual and will fill in as required.

Greg Anderson

Property & Finance Team Leader

4 Property and Finance Team Meeting

The Team will be meeting via Zoom on Monday 4th March at 7:30pm. If you are interested in attending the meeting please contact Greg Anderson on 0412 010 170.



Men and Boys Weekend Away



Friday, 15th March - Sunday, 17th March

Korsmans Landing Campground
(Myall Lakes National Park)



Waterskiing

Eating



Canoeing



Swimming

Footy



For all men and boys so... invite your mates and relatives!

What to bring: tent, camping gear, eating utensils & own drinks
Spare tents available - if you need one, let Paul know

Cost: \$50 (Age 13 & above) \$35 (Age 12 & under).

This includes all meals, national park entry, boat petrol & camping fees.

RSVP: with attendance (and if bringing a boat) by March 8th via email to Paul Smart - smart-family@bigpond.com or text 0419267074. *We want everyone to be able to attend so if you need financial assistance, please contact Paul on mobile number above ☺

Set-up from 2pm onwards



How to get there? From Bulahdelah, travel to Bombah Point Road, follow for approx. 10kms and turn left into Korsmans Trail to the campground.
<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/korsmans-landing-campground>

Exodus 20:1-17 NIV

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

John 2:13-22 NIV

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.