

Together



Sunday 24 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 24 March	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 31 March	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC

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 Greg McConnell will be giving the message. Dave and Kael Keast will be sharing and the Keast Family will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Acts 10:34-43	Ps 118:1-2,14-24
1 Cor 15:1-11	Jn 20:1-18

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 25 March

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with games at 10am

Tuesday 26 March

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 28 March

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

Friday 29 March

Good Friday Service 8.30am

Just Kids Term 2 dates

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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. 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 Hunter Community Alliance

The Hunter Community Alliance brings together diverse community organisations, environmental groups, unions and religious organisations to advance the common good and achieve a fair, just and sustainable region. For The Hunter Presbytery this mirrors the invitation to participate in God's mission in the world. We are strengthened in our 'loving God and loving neighbour' in each context. The Alliance is built on relationships and works through a Community Organising Cycle very similar to any faith community exploring its mission, informed by stories of lived experience in its community. Hunter Community Alliance has for some time focused on Climate Change and Housing and Homelessness solutions, with a Founding Assembly 10th April, at the University of Newcastle Great Hall, where a public negotiation will ask State and Federal Leaders for effective action alleviating these problems. Everyone who belongs to the Uniting Church in the Hunter is invited to attend and participate in the Founding. Please pray for this, for a great night and for the work flowing from it.

Prayer: For a large and diverse turnout to the Founding Assembly 10th April 2024. Strength and effectiveness for the organisations involved in the Alliance. State and Federal decision makers will work with us, participate in the Founding and the negotiations towards a committed action in policy and funding. Thankful for the relationships and connections across our diverse organisations and for a renewed valuing of faith organisations and individual Christian's perspectives, including great respect for the values and commitment of the Uniting Church in the Hunter. Amen.

1 Bunnings BBQ'

As part of our 2024 fundraising, essential to St Luke's budget and finance, it's been decided to host 3 Sausage Sizzle BBQ's at Bunnings in Bennetts Green.



It is a new venture for us as a church and a wonderful opportunity to be out serving in the community.

We have been offered 3 dates:

- 1) Anzac Day / Thursday 25th April (afternoon only)
- 2) Saturday 3rd August
- 3) Saturday 7th December

We are inviting everyone along to a meeting to go through the supplied information pack on Friday 5th April at 3pm in the gathering area.

After that we will be providing sign up sheets for tasks that will need to be done before the day, and on the day.

"Many hands make light work"

2 Local and Global Mission Team

If you are interested in being involved in the wider mission work of our congregation, please write your name on the sheet on the back table. This is an important part of our congregational life where



we look at different areas of mission – both local and global, and how we can be a part of this.

3 **St Lukes Trivia Night: Saturday 4th May 2024** (just 5 weeks away)

Now is the time to start getting your team of 8 ready to enjoy this fabulous night that's full of activities, fellowship, prizes and of course... trivia!

Who knows what you will learn in one night!

Forming a table of 8:

Each person's ticket is \$15. The total cost for the table is \$120.

It can be paid for in 2 ways.

- 1) Using the trybooking site on the flyer or
- 2) In cash and given to Jean T or Jenny M.

Be sure to write a table organisers name on the sheet provided in the gathering area.

Coloured flyers: these have all the info about the night and are to give to your family and friends who won't receive one (or see one) at St Luke's.

A4 posters: These are to take and put up on noticeboards in your village, shop windows etc to help promote the night to our local community.

Letters to Businesses: Can you help with asking and collecting prizes this year? If so, take some letters, fill in the name of the business on the letter and your details in the space provided and drop it in. It might be a business you support - hairdresser, butcher, lawnmowing man, mechanic, beautician, massage therapist etc. All help in this is appreciated!

*Write the name of the business on the sheet provided so we don't double up!

If you have questions about this event, please call Alison Gill on 0435653531.



4 **Hunter Community Alliance Founding Assembly**

St Luke's has been asked to have six people present on this night. If you are able to attend to contact Eldrene March or write your name on the list on the table and she will register St Luke's people attending as a group.



Everyone in the Uniting Church across the Hunter is invited to participate in engaging National and State Leaders to take action on these issues:

**“Just” energy transition in communities
Housing and Homelessness**

Onsite dinner plans are underway, come at 5.30/6 for 6pm start
Get everyone you can to register and ‘turn out’ for change!

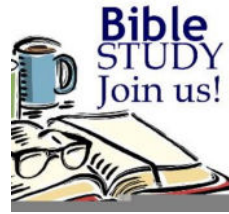
5 Friday Plus Bible Study

As Friday the 29th March is Good Friday, Friday Plus Bible Study


group will meet again on the 5th April, 9.30 am in the gathering area for tea/coffee before a 10am start.

We will be continuing our study on John 1: 1-18 on recognising who Jesus is. You are welcome to join us on any study day.

Enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.



6 Office Hours

 As Friday the 29th March is Good Friday, the office will be closed. The office will be open on Thursday 28th March only next week, so please have anything that you wish to be in Together to the office by Wednesday evening.

7 Community and Outreach Team

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 2pm in the gathering area. We will be discussing and planning all of our 2024 fundraising events. Everyone is welcome to join us!

8 Happy birthday!

Happy birthday to Dee Brant who celebrated a special birthday on Wednesday 20th March and to Michael Turner who celebrates a special birthday today!



WARM BLANKETS FOR EVERYONE

2024 - MOVIE MATINEE

Inviting all to join us at the movies to see a movie classic, Singin In The Rain.

WHERE: Lake Cinema Boolaroo

COST: \$25

DATE: Thursday the 4th April 2024

TIME: 12:00 noon

Cost includes a tasty treats box and a luck door prize. There will be raffle tickets for sale on the day. Tea & coffee are provided free at the cinema.

Please email your request for tickets to rebeccawett@tpg.com.au.

Or phone 0477 292 794. **Payment is required by 26th March.**

9 Job Available

Faith@5 is a diverse and inclusive community which seeks to grow Christ-centred communities. It is a joint activity of Jesmond Park Uniting Church and the New Lambton Uniting Church. They gather at 5pm on the second and fourth Saturday of the month during school terms at Jesmond Park Uniting Church, and currently have between 50 and 60 people attending. They are looking for a part time admin officer for 4 hours a week. All the details are on a flyer on the back table.



10 Holy Week Services:

Thursday 28 March at 7pm

Good Friday, 29 March at 8.30am

Easter Sunday, 31 March at 8am & 9.45am



Mark 11:1-11 NIV

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.