

Together



Sunday 31 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 31 March	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
Sunday 7 April	9.00am	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 not meeting this week.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Acts 4:32-35	Ps 133
1 Jn 1:1-2:2	Jn 20:19-31

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 2 April

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Wednesday 3 April

Fellowship meet from 9.30am

Thursday 4 April

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 5 April

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Bunnings Fundraising meeting 3pm

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 Bulahdelah Uniting Church:

We are a congregation of approximately 35 regular attendees, including a few young families. We have a small, yet healthy Sunday School, and a fortnightly Youth Group which includes a few youths from church families, plus up to 8 or 10 from the local community.

Prayer: We pray for our local Christian youth, that they may continue to grow in grace as they face the challenges of life through their teenage years. We also pray for those young people who don't yet know you, that through the love they experience around them amongst their Christian peers and leaders that their minds and hearts may be open to You. May they all grow in courage and wisdom in this wonderful but difficult world we live in. We also pray for our Youth Group leaders, that you would equip them with wisdom, courage and integrity as they reflect Christ's love to those under their authority. 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 **Don't Forget!**

- Daylight saving starts next Sunday 7th April.
- There is a combined service at 9am next Sunday, 7th April.



3 **St Lukes Trivia Night: Saturday 4th May 2024**
(just 4 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.

Please note additional new information for those attending

A flyer for the Hunter Community Alliance Founding Assembly. The background is black with white and green text. At the top, it says 'The Hunter Community Alliance' in blue. The main title 'Founding Assembly' is in large white and green letters. The event details are: '6.15 for 6.30pm', 'Food trucks 5.30pm', 'Wednesday 10th April', and 'The Great Hall - University of Newcastle'. A yellow box highlights 'Over 100 people participating from The Uniting Church so far gather 6.15pm in The Great Hall register for latest details'. A URL is provided: <https://events.humanitix.com/hca-founding-assembly>. At the bottom, it says 'T Shirts pre-order closed 19th March' and 'contact robhanks@bigpond.net.au to check extras for your size'. There are three logos at the bottom: a cross with a red flame, the Hunter Community Alliance logo, and a QR code.

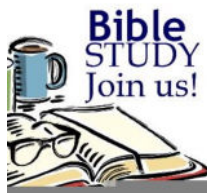
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5 Friday Plus Bible Study

Friday Plus Bible Study group meet 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 Fellowship



Our next Fellowship meeting is on Wednesday 3 April. We have a guest speaker from Landcare. Visitors are always welcome. We start at 9.30am with morning tea.

7 Unite

On the weekend of 15th - 17th March 12-14 men and boys enjoyed their annual camp at Myall Lakes. There were boats, skis, wakeboards, kneeboards, tubes and a jetski. Tents, yummy food and rain! Bonfires, stories and sharing. There were Dads, sons, nephews, cousins, uncles and mates.

At Dinner Church last Sunday, it was great to hear Dave Keast share about his and son Kale's first one, and about fending off large goannas!

On the wall (just as you enter the church building) is a display of Dave's photos if you would like to check them out.

WE NEED YOU!!
MISSION PLANNING SUNDAY
7TH APRIL 2024



Uniting Churches in the Hunter Presbytery need to complete a Mission Plan and we need your help and input on the future direction of St Luke's. Following the combined service on Sunday 7th, we will meet with a cuppa around tables and share our thoughts about what we value about coming to St Luke's and what we would like to see over the next 5 years. We expect that the session will take about an hour, so you will be home in time for lunch!

When? Sunday 7th April following the combined service which will commence at 9am.

Where? The Gathering Area

Why? We need your thoughts on the future directions of our church community.

Who? Everyone is welcome!

**As a valued member of our community, please
come along and have your say!**





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.**

Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.
In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Mark 16:1-8 NIV

Jesus Has Risen

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.