

Together



Sunday 5 May 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 5 May	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell	HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell	HC
Sunday 12 May	5.30 pm	Rev Greg McConnell	
	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell	
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell	
	5.30 pm	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. This week Greg McConnell will be giving the message. Peter and Meredith Hudson will be sharing, with part 2 of their recent trekking adventure in New Zealand. Wendy and Greg will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Ps 1
1 Jn 5:9-13	Jn 17:6-19

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 6 May

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am

Tuesday 7 May

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 9 May

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 10 May

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 2 dates

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

July 7



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 Charlestown - Garden Suburb Uniting Church

Charlestown Garden Suburb Congregation is an older congregation with attendance hovering around 40 each Sunday morning. Like many we are grappling with issues regarding finance and property. However, we have a strong desire to leave a legacy, and so have committed to forming relationships and participating in ventures outside of our own walls in a mission we are calling "Neos". As a beginning, we have "Coffee in the Community" at two shopping centres each week and participate in the Hunter Community Alliance.

Prayer: We pray for the leaders and congregation of Charlestown Garden Suburb Uniting Church as they seek to engage with the community in new ways so that they might give life to something new that will contribute to an ongoing expression of the love of God and the ethos of the Uniting Church in their area. Amen.

1 Activity Centre Program



On Monday 6th May Cathy & Michael Turner will be speaking about working with "Cows for Cambodia" charity that they participated with recently. The presentation will be in the church at 10am. Everyone is welcome to join us to view interesting photos of their work in this project. The following week 13th May the talk on Motor Rules has been transferred to 1st July.

2 Invitation to a Mad Hatters Tea Party!

"Warm Blankets for Everyone" invite you to attend a Mad Hatters Tea Party on Saturday 18th May 2024 from 2pm – 4pm to be held at St Luke's Community Centre. Tickets are \$40 each and include a scrumptious high tea, entertainment, lucky door prizes and prizes for best hat and costume. There will also be an auction of quilts, raffle prizes and lots more! For Tickets contact Rebecca: 0477 292 794 or email: rebeccawett@tpg.com.au Flyers on the back table.



3 Tropical Trivia Night

22 teams are booked in to attend the annual trivia night! A full wrap-up of the night will be in next weeks Together. A big thank you to Alison Gill for all her hard work and leadership in the organisation of this huge annual event.

4 **Friday Plus Bible Study**

Friday Plus Bible Study group meet on Friday the 10th May at 9.30am in the gathering area for morning tea/coffee before a 10am start. We will continue our study on the book of Acts and this week in chapter 2:1-21 we look at what happened on the day of Pentecost and how it is linked, in part, with the prophecy given by the prophet Joel.

We'd love you to join with us. Any enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.

5 **Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser**

St Luke's hosted a BBQ/sausage sizzle outside the Bennetts Green Bunnings store from 1-5pm on Anzac Day.

We were kept quite busy and the last hour was a little slow but we raised \$1112.00 which is a great result.

Added to the profit, we met lots of people (and dogs) and one man that we met attended the trivia night.

A HUGE thankyou to everyone that helped in planning leading up to the day and to Meredith, Peter, Gary, Cathy, Eloise, Alison C and Alison G for serving on the day. We look forward to our next one in August.





ST LUKE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN



An enthusiastic community group has established a community garden at the St Luke's Uniting Church Belmont North. The aim is to grow produce which can be shared with the community.

If you would like to join our group or want to have a chat, please come to our welcome Morning Tea on 14th May between 9:30 and 11:00 am.



MONTHLY WORKING BEES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 11:30 AM ON:-

- 29th April
- 27th May
- 24th June
- 22nd July

WE ALSO MEET ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS EACH WEEK

MORNING TEA IS PROVIDED. PLEASE WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHES

Further information:-
Kylie 0417 273 778 or
Marilyn 0408 431 737



11th May

Uniting Climate Conference: Faith in a Better Future

On Saturday May 11 the Uniting Advocacy team will be holding a Uniting Climate conference for the Uniting Church to gather and plan future action for advocacy on climate change. The conference is free and being held online and in-person. You can find the event at <https://fb.me/e/1UZaJe63V>

Some photos of Alison Cleary sharing at Dinner Church recently about the work of Quirky Quilters:



These are 2 photographs of the morning tea at the revamped Community Garden which was put on by the Gardeners for St Lukes people between services last Sunday:



A huge thankyou to the following businesses that are supporting St Lukes by donating vouchers and items for our upcoming trivia night.

- Lu Lu Beauty, Belmont
- Cassowary Cafe, Belmont
- Subway (Citi Centre), Belmont
- Unique Barber Co, Belmont
- 16 footers, Belmont
- Reading Cinemas, Charlestown
- Imagine Cruises, (Port Stephens)
- Dullboys Social Co, Warners Bay
- Citi centre Newsagency, Belmont
- Murray's Meats, Belmont
- Nargiss Indian & Kebabs, Jewells
- Sesame's On The Lake, Belmont
- Guzman Y Gomez, Belmont
- Priceline Pharmacy, Jewells
- Let's Face It/Beauty, Charlestown
- XS Espresso, Bennetts Green
- Valentine/Eleebana Physio
- Belmont Smash Repairs
- Charlestown Golf Club, Hillsborough
- Royal Copenhagen Icecreamery, Warners Bay
- NewsXPress, Jewells
- Mrs Beetson's, Jewells
- Jewells Tavern. Jewells
- Australian Reptile Park
- Canon, Warners Bay
- Star Anise Café, Belmont
- Belmont Hotel
- Woolworths, Belmont
- KFC, Belmont
- McDonalds, Belmont
- Belmont Fish & Chips
- Salina's, Belmont
- Hair Art, Belmont
- The Retreat, Anna Bay
- Rainbow Nails, Belmont
- Belmont Motor Repairs
- URTH Fitness, Belmont

Thank
you

- Belmont Golf Club
- Dominoes, Belmont
- Juanita's Gourmet Pizza, Belmont
- Hungry Wolf's Pizza, Jewells
- Q & Co Café, Warners Bay
- Total Tennis, Belmont (Also in Mt Hutton)
- Anaconda (Bennetts Green)
- Jetflight Simulator, Charlestown
- The Framing Game, Charlestown
- NewsXPress, Jewells
- Pelican RSL
- Lena's Café, Warners Bay
- My Baker, Jewells
- Makina Hair, Jewells

Please show your appreciation by supporting these businesses whenever you can!



1 John 5:1-6 NIV

Faith in the Incarnate Son of God

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9-17 NIV

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.