

Together



Sunday 12 May 2024

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FOR
GOD
SO
LOVED THE WORLD
HE
GAVE
HIS
ONLY
SON

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 12 May	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 19 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. Rev Greg McConnell will be giving the message. There will be group sharing. Wendy and Greg will be catering

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Acts 2:1-21	Ps 104:24-34,35b
Rom 8:22-27	Jn 15:26-27;16:4b-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 13 May

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am

Tuesday 14 May

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

St Luke's Community Outreach Team meet at 2pm

Thursday 16 May

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 17 May

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 University of Newcastle

Chaplaincy Pastor Kim Langford has served in the role of Uniting Church Chaplain at the University of Newcastle since 2017. The focus of her day-by-day ministry work includes pastoral conversations and counselling among students and staff. She is also Assistant Chaplaincy Coordinator, and contributes to events such as Orientation Week, Harmony Day celebrations and Psychological Health Working Group activities. She continues to offer the unique gifts of a Uniting Church presence on campus with both students and staff.

Prayer: All students, new and continuing, as they manage and thrive amid the stresses of study, employment, and family life. The twelve chaplains, from various traditions, who work together to enhance well-being and offer an intentional and diverse presence. Staff who are passionate to contribute to the 'whys' and the 'what' of learning. And the University community as it seeks to be a place of academic and vocational excellence, supporting a sense of belonging and encouraging personal growth. Amen.

1 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.



2 Stamps

A big thank you to all who have collected and trimmed stamps in the past. Although we send and receive very few letters with stamps these days, the Uniting Church Stamp Committee still receives stamps for re-sale. The money raised is used for grants to Uniting Church congregations for community projects. You may like to approach family, friends and businesses for envelopes bearing stamps which might otherwise be thrown away. You can supply stamps on envelopes or trimmed with a least 2cm of paper around the stamp. There is a box in the foyer of the church where you can leave any stamps you collect.

Thank you for your support.

Any enquiries to Jan Kellahan

0424 139 100.



3 **Missing : Red Chair Trolley**

If you know the whereabouts of our second red chair trolley please let me know.



Peter Hudson

4 **Good news!**

Our thanks is extended to the Hunter Presbytery who have given St Luke's a Grant of \$3,280 to assist with the start up costs of our new Playgroup. This will assist with the purchase of some new toys and other associated items.

5 **St Luke's Community Outreach Team**

St Luke's Community Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday 14th May at 2pm in the gathering area. All are welcome to attend and we would love to see some new faces join with us. The agenda will include an overview of the recent Trivia night and planning towards the rest of our fundraising activities for this year.

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name,
Amen.



6 Tropical Trivia Night

Oh what a night - what a big, loud, action packed trivia night we hosted last Saturday!

It was wonderful to see the centre full of people enjoying themselves - most of the guests looked tropical with bright colours, leis, flower bands and Hawaiian shirts.

Many tables had family members catching up and working together to answer questions - lovely to see.

There were tables of people who work at Belmont hospital, a table from the over 50's singles group (that meet at St Luke's), some were friends and neighbours and others were people who used to attend St Luke's.

The age range of participating guests was 12 - 89! We also had 4-5 younger kids in the kitchenette including Emmett, just 9 months.

So many thankyou's..

- To those who donated cash to towards the night - this was greatly appreciated!
- To those who kept this night in their prayers - the outreach and fellowship was incredible
- To those who helped set up the centre - what an amazing layout to fit everyone in.
- To those who attended - as a booked table or as an individual
- To those who helped me sort, collect, create, print and make decisions leading up to the event - Cathy, Meredith, Jean, Win, Marj, Robyn B, Bec H
- To those who cooked items for the bake sale - most of the items sold on the night
- To those who chopped up all the fruit so we could sell fruit salad on the night. 3 local supermarkets: Woolworths Belmont, Coles Belmont and Coles Jewells all kindly donated fruit to us.

- To those who donated items to the various activities we ran on the night (including the huge 40 prize "In It To Win It")
- To those who helped run the program on the night: Ingrid, Malcolm (Quizmaster), Bec, Nerissa, Janine, Michael (auctioneer), Jenny, Meredith, El & Gary
- To the St Luke's Community and Outreach Team for their planning and implementation of a successful night
- To Robyn L for sorting out floats, expenses, cash and banking
- An extra donation - Unique Barber Co, located in Belmont Citi Centre kindly donated 25 x \$25 vouchers for men's haircuts and asked us to give them to people who are struggling financially, the homeless etc. We have found an organisation to help distribute them for us to ensure they are given to those who need one. Thank you to another business for their generosity.

We are blessed to have a church community that uses their God given gifts to enhance the life of our community

On the following page you will find an easy to read, wrap-up of the trivia night including the amount raised so far.

The reason we say "so far" is that there are some unused vouchers and items up for grabs - these came in too late to use on the night so we are running a blind auction for 2 weeks with all money to be added to the total raised tally.

Have a look at the items listed on the fundraising table in the gathering area and if you would like to bid on one of them, then fill in a provided slip and place it in the box.

All other details are on the provided signs.

Thanks for your support!

TROPICAL TRIVIA NIGHT

WRAP-UP

TABLES/TEAMS	21
GUESTS	163
GUESTS/ST LUKES	42
GUESTS/VISITORS	121
HELPERS - WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE NIGHT	8
HELPERS - CENTRE SET-UP & FRUIT SALAD PREP	13
NUMBER OF COOKS FOR BAKE SALE	17
ROUNDS OF TRIVIAL QUESTIONS	6
TRIVIA QUESTIONS ASKED DURING ROUNDS	60
EXTRA GUEST ACTIVITIES DURING THE NIGHT	5
BUSINESSES THAT DONATED	54
VOUCHERS DONATED/BUSINESSES	158
ITEMS DONATED/ BUSINESSES	16
TOTAL VALUE OF DONATIONS	\$6430
ITEMS DONATED/ INDIVIDUALS	23
ITEMS – IN THE ‘BLIND’ AUCTION	11
AMOUNT RAISED -	\$828.01
ITEMS THAT WERE IN ‘LIVE’ AUCTION	3
AMOUNT RAISED -	\$550

AMOUNT RAISED

\$6252.85

AND WE ARE STILL GOING!

TOP 3 WINNING TABLES

1 ST - THE PUNTER'S CLUB	56.5
2 ND - BELMONT BUNYIPS	53.0
3 RD - DARE TO PAY THE PRICE	52.5

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



PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES THAT DONATED TO
OUR RECENT "TROPICAL" TRIVIA NIGHT...

Belmont

- Lu Lu's Beauty
- Cassowary Cafe
- Subway (Citi Centre)
- Unique Barber Co
- 16 footers, Belmont
- Citi centre Newsagency
- Murray's Meats
- Sesame's On The Lake
- Guzman Y Gomez
- Belmont Golf Club
- Dominoes, Belmont
- Belmont Smash Repairs
- Juanita's Gourmet Pizza
- Total Tennis, Belmont
(also in Mt Hutton)
- Star Anise Café
- Belmont Hotel
- Woolworths
- KFC, Belmont
- McDonalds, Belmont
- Belmont Fish & Chips
- Salina's, Belmont
- Hair Art, Belmont
- Rainbow Nails
- URTH Fitness (also Charlestown & Lambton))
- Belmont Motor Repairs
- Blooms the Chemist (Citi Centre)
- Coles Supermarket
- Unique Barber Co

Other

- Imagine Cruises, (Port Stephens)
- The Retreat, Anna Bay
- Australian Reptile Park
- Market Basket Co.

Jewells

- Nargiss Indian & Kebabs
- Priceline Pharmacy
- Hungry Wolf's Pizza
- NewsXPRESS
- Mrs Beetson's
- Jewells Tavern
- Makina Hair
- Coles Supermarket
- My Baker

*Thank
you*

**Bennetts Green, Charlestown,
Warners Bay & surrounds**

- XS Espresso Bennetts Green
- Anaconda Bennetts Green
- Reading Cinemas, Charlestown
- Jetflight Simulator, Charlestown
- The Framing Game, Charlestown
- Charlestown Golf Club, Hillsborough
- Let's Face It/Beauty, Charlestown
- Dullboys Social Co, Warners Bay
- Q & Co Café, Warners Bay
- Royal Copenhagen Ice-creamery, Warners Bay
- Canon food, Bar & Espresso Bar Warners Bay
- Lena's Café & Bar
- Valentine/Eleebana Physio
- Pelican RSL

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



1 John 5:9-13 NIV

We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19 NIV

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.