

Together



Sunday 16 June 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 16 June	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30 pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 23 June	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 and sharing, and Jenny will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

1 Sm 17:32-49	Ps 9:9-20
2 Cor 6:1-13	Mk 4:35-41

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 17 June

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with Book Club this week

Tuesday 18 June

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 20 June

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 21 June

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 2 dates

June 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 Maitland Region - Bolwarra Uniting Church

Bolwarra Uniting Church meets each Sunday at 9am with a regular attendance of approximately 20 people and concludes with fellowship over a cuppa in the hall afterwards. Our services are mostly traditional which reflects the older demographic of the congregation. We are trying new things to build our church and we are finding people in our community are showing interest. Our Leaders are stepping up and taking occasional services with a modern twist with the support from Rev Neil Smith. The Leaders are also working with Rev Dr Rod Pattenden to help develop a Sunday evening service each month.

Prayer: We pray for the Leaders of Bolwarra Uniting Church and Rev Neil Smith as they work together to progress the church. We pray for Rev Dr Rod Pattenden as he works with the Leaders to hold a monthly evening service and we pray that we are able to interest the younger generations in the community to come along. Amen.

1 **Guided Walk**

As a result of Winsome Lambkin from Landcare speaking at a recent Fellowship meeting, she will be guiding a walk into Floraville valley on Saturday morning 22nd June. It is a flat walk, but uneven.

If you are interested in joining the group contact Jean Thirkettle on 0418 214 199 for more information.



2 **9.45am Communion Preparation Roster**

People are needed to be a part of the 9.45am Communion preparation roster. If you are able to take a turn, please write your name on the list on a date that suits you.



3 **Friday Plus Bible Study**

Friday Plus Bible study group will continue to follow the development of the young church following the event of Pentecost. Join us as we see how the Apostles dealt with problems that arose within the fellowship.

We will meet at 9.30 for tea/coffee in the gathering area followed at 10am with sharing, prayer and study of Acts chapter 6. All welcome. Enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.

4 Successful Grant to Air Condition the Gathering Area

I am pleased to report that our application to the Community Building Grant 2023 to air condition the Gathering Area was successful with \$10,000 awarded to St Luke's. I am in the process of completing the paperwork and hope to have the air conditioning installed in July which will hopefully provide some much needed warmth for our activities. This is our 4th CBP Grant which is a State Government program.



(See Matthew 7:24-27)

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**THE WISE BUT CONFUSED MAN BUILDS HIS
ROCK UPON A HOUSE**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 NIV

Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Samuel Anoints David

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel.

But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Mark 4:26-34 NIV

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.