

Together



Sunday 21 July 2024

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Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16

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 21 July	8.00am	Pastor Kim Langford
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	<i>No Dinner Church this week</i>	
Sunday 28 July	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 3.45pm



Dinner Church—every Sunday at 5.30pm

Dinner Church will re-commence on Sunday 28 July for Term 3.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

2 Sm 11:1-15	Ps 14
Eph 3:14-21	Jn 6:1-21

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 22 July

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with games this week

Tuesday 23 July

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 25 July

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 26 July

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 3 dates

July 28

Aug 11 & 25

Sept 8 & 22



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 Mayfield – Stockton Uniting Church

The Port Hunter Parish consists of two churches - Mayfield Uniting Church and Stockton Uniting Church. Mayfield Uniting Church meets each Sunday followed by a cuppa and a catch up. Our women meet weekly on Wednesdays at 10am to discuss the Bible or a relevant book and our men meet on Thursdays at 8am. Our Congregation consists of about 20-25 regulars between the ages of 70 and 95. Stockton church meets each Sunday with an average congregation of 10. The Stockton Ladies meet for coffee fortnightly and bimonthly for lunch and the church is open on Wednesdays from 11am – noon for anyone who wishes to pray.

Prayer: We pray for our church family and in particular the Church Council and ask you to direct and guide them in the promotion of the Christian faith, the care of your house and the pastoral care of our parishioners. Please Lord we are a hospitable congregation and would welcome new parishioners into our church family to further spread the Good News of your word. Amen.

1 Soup and Slice Sundays

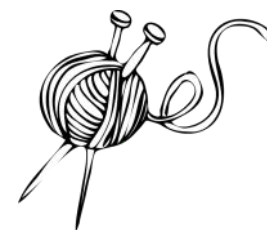


Our very popular Soup and Slice Sundays are back on Sunday 4th August and Sunday 18th August 2024 after each of our services when a great variety of soups and slices will be sold. Soups will be \$5 and slices \$5 for one layer, but if there are extra pieces on a top layer it will be \$7.50 (boxes are slightly larger than last year).

For this to be successful we need cooks for both soup and slice. Any variety that you wish to make. Please write your name on the sheets on the back table with your name and variety of soup or slice. Any questions to Jean Thirkettle or Jenny Mathieson. Soup containers and slice boxes are available for you to take. Also available are labels. Please mark your soups or slices with the ingredients used. Also, if any of your cooking has been frozen, please clearly mark on them that it has been frozen. Thanks for your help!

2 The Crochet Basket is back!

If you are a person who can crochet kitchen towels then we would appreciate your help! We have kitchen towels ready for the crochet work to be done, available for you to take in a basket in the gathering area, crochet cotton is supplied. When completed, please return to the basket. These will be sold on our Homecraft stall at our Kids Fun Day and Community Market stalls on 7th September.



3 Air Conditioning tips

We can now enjoy the warmth of the new air conditioners in the Gathering Area this week. Although there are 2 units the following points can ensure we heat the area efficiently without increasing the electricity bill!



- The units have been set to operate efficiently without overheating. Please do not adjust the temperature and always wear warmer clothes inside.
- Simply turn the units on and off using the remote controls located near each unit. Remember to turn off when vacating the area.
- If groups are only using the Gathering Area in front of the kitchen, please close the dividing door to retain the heat and only use the unit located above the kitchen servery.
- For larger gatherings and on Sunday mornings, both units can be used. They are not designed to heat the worship area in the church. Doors leading into the church should remain closed.

Enjoy the warmth and thank you for your co-operation!

Greg Anderson

4 Bunnings BBQ - A St Luke's Fundraiser

Our next time to host the BBQ/Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Bennetts Green is fast approaching - **Saturday, 3rd August 9am - 4pm**

TODAY - there is a sign up sheet for you to add your name if you can help on the day. It is located on the fundraising table.

The various roles are as follows:

- * **Team Leader** - overall day coordinator
- * **Order Taker** - using a printed slip, correctly write down details of customer order and issue a ticket
- * **Cashier** - take cash payments or use square reader to take payments from customers
- * **BBQ/Cook** - cook sausages and onions with 1 other person
- * **Server** - fill customer orders - make a sausage sandwich, find correct drink and give to customers

Thankyou for your support!



5 Family Fun Day - Saturday 7th September 9am-2pm—A St Luke's Fundraiser

Next Week :

- * A full update on where we are up to in the planning for the big day will be in Together
- * Printed flyers will be available to hand out to friends, family, groups you attend etc
- * Posters will be available to take and place on noticeboards etc
- * A sign-up sheet will be available so you can add your name to helping on the day

2 Samuel 7:1-14a NIV

God's Promise to David

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."

But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "'The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his

kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 NIV

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.