

# Together



Sunday 15 September 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 15 September	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 22 September	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

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## 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 Rev Greg McConnell will be sharing and bringing the message.

Jenny will be catering.

## Lectionary readings for the coming week

Prv 31:10-31	Ps 1
Jas 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mk 9:30-37

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**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

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Pray for those known to you who are in hospital,  
not well or recuperating

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### 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 16 September***

**Activity Centre** meet from 9.30am with Book Club this week

### ***Tuesday 17 September***

**Quirky Quilters** meet from 10am

### ***Thursday 19 September***

**Thursday Bible Study** meet from 1.30pm

### ***Friday 20 September***

**Playgroup** meet from 10am

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## Just Kids Term 3 dates

Sept 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.*

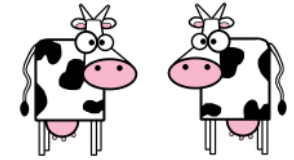
### **This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Tarro Uniting Church**

Tarro Uniting Church meets weekly at 9am with an average attendance of 12. Fellowship meets monthly and arranges many activities which include the community. A Men's Coffee Morning and a Games Morning, both held monthly, are also avenues of witness and outreach. We are a friendly and welcoming community with an average of late 70's.

**Prayer:** We pray for the members of Tarro Uniting Church as they witness and reach out to the local community and that those who attend our events and programs will begin to join us in worship. Amen.

## 1 Cows For Cambodia Lunch

You're invited to come to a simple lunch to hear the latest news and support the charity Cows for Cambodia.



Cathy & Michael T volunteered with the charity last year and will be returning again later this year.

During the lunch you will hear about some of the great work that this Australian charity performs in Cambodia.

**When:** Friday 20th September at 12:30pm

**Where:** Gathering Area of the church.

**Cost:** \$20 per person (any extra donations for the charity will also be gratefully received).

If you wish to attend, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church or contact Jean T on 0418 214 199 or Cathy T on 0402 432 522.

***The final day for booking into the lunch will be today, Sunday 15th September.***

## 2 Friendly Foodies

The next Friendly Foodies lunch will be at Windale Bowling Club ***today, Sunday 15 September at 12pm.***

Come along and enjoy lunch with a great group of people from our Church.

Please contact Alison Cleary (ph 0421 185 080) if you need transport.



### 3 St Luke's Community Outreach Team

St Luke's Community Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday 17th September at 4pm.

Some information about this team: This team is the group of people who meet together to discuss and plan all aspects of our work in the wider community. Included in this team are representatives of the Quilting Group, Playgroup, Adult Fellowship, Community Garden and the Activity Centre. They are invited to report at each meeting about their groups activities, or if they cannot attend, to send a report. It is always interesting to hear what each of these groups are currently doing. This team is also involved with the fund raising activities of our congregation. At next week's meeting we will be evaluating the recent Family Fun Day and Markets in the Trees. We would love to hear thoughts and feedback from as many as possible, whether you were a worker or a person who attended. We would love to hear from you. On the agenda for Tuesday, as well as looking at the evaluation of the Family Fun Day and Markets in the Trees, we will be planning our Project Blessing (Christmas Hampers.) All those interested are warmly invited to attend the meeting.



### 4 Community Garden News

We are delighted to have the Pre-school teachers and children visit us on Monday and Thursday each week. Each child visits once in three weeks, so that means we have about 100-120 children visiting our garden over that period. The most favourite task is mulching, but the children also feed the worms, build and stir compost, wash pots, plant seeds, water the garden, sweep the gazebo, learn about the plants and take great interest the use of worm poo and juice and spreading it around the garden. Our gardeners are absolutely delighted to have them come, although they keep us on our toes and surprise us with their questions and knowledge.

#### Monthly Working Bee

Our next working bee is on 5th October from 8.00 – 12.00pm. We hope to have a skip there to dispose of unwanted timber etc. We also hope to prepare the base for a new garden shed in the Compost area, so we can use the Shade House as a growing place again. Come when you can. Let us know if you can come to help in our planning and tool provision. MSG Kylie on

0417 273 778 or Marilyn on 0408 431 737.



## FAMILY FUN DAY

### THANKYOUS

To everyone that helped the family fun day to be the success it was - from helping with marketing, setting-up, donations for stalls, working on stalls, serving customers, counting money, assisting market stalls, greeting visitors, supervising kids - to our neighbouring preschool staff and parents for their help leading up to the day and on the day. – we say a huge thank you!

We are also thankful for everyone that attended the day and kept the day in their prayers.

Thank you to these businesses...

- BIBINA, WARNERS BAY – DONATION OF 7 BAGS OF ONIONS FOR THE BBQ
- WOOLWORTHS, BELMONT: \$50 GIFT CARD
- MGH PACKAGING: 10% OFF OUR ORDER

## FAMILY FUN DAY

### QUOTES

**“Lots of pre-school families supported the day by donating items to the kids biz stall and lots attended the day. All of them reported they had a great time”** - a St Lukes pre-school staff member

**“A fatberg is blocking the sewer pipe down near the road”** - plumber Paul when he investigated the blocked toilets  
(Wikipedia meaning: a fatberg is a rock-like mass of waste matter in a sewer system formed by the combination of flushed non-biodegradable solids with fat) !!

**“I have always wanted to work in a café, like a childhood dream. Thankyou for inviting me to help”**  
- A Unite Café helper

**“This was the best morning out for our family!! We had an absolute blast. It was so well organized and there was so much for the kids to do, tons of bargains and we loved the marching koalas. Thanks so much everyone!”**  
From Beth/ an attendee, via a FB post

**“So many families are here, it is so lovely to see”** - a member of our congregation

**“ I am so impressed with St Lukes Uniting Church”**

- a friend of a St Lukes member, helping on the home cooking stall

**“This is the best day of my life”** - a 9 year old boy while in the kids zone

**Returning to the home-cooking stall to say how nice the apricot slice that she bought for morning tea was - a happy customer**

**“ Gee these games are good, where did this great, frog game come from?”** - 2 local, female early

# FAMILY FUN DAY

## WRAP-UP

ATTENDEES	100'S
WEATHER	27 DEG
CHURCH STALLS/GENERAL (INCL. COMMUNITY GARDEN)	7
CHURCH STALLS/TAKEAWAY	2
CHURCH KIDZONE' ACTIVITIES	5
KID'S GAMES PLAYED	166
KIDS - MARCHING WITH THE KOALA'S BAND	28
KIDS - ATTENDING 'TEDDY TIME'	19
PLASTER PIECES PAINTED	100+
KIDS - PARTICIPATING IN THE SCAVENGER HUNT	15
LUCKY DIPS PURCHASED	95
2 <sup>ND</sup> -HAND KIDS ITEMS DONATED (TO SELL)	100'S
'MARKETS UNDER THE TREES' STALLS	20
SAUSAGE SANDWICHES PURCHASED	240
WOMENS' TOILETS BLOCKED FOR...	1.5 HOURS
GUIDE DOGS (& RAISERS) THAT ATTENDED	7
MILKSHAKES CONSUMED	41
HELPERS - WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE DAY	10
HELPERS – ON THE DAY (ST LUKES, FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS)	43
AGE, THAT REV.GREG TURNED ON THE DAY	62

## AMOUNT RAISED

# \$5700.22

A FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN OF STALLS & ACTIVITIES IS AVAILABLE TO LOOK AT  
ON THE FUNDRAISING TABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

### 5 St Luke's Family Fun Day & Markets in the Trees

**Evaluation:** We would really value your feedback and comments from last Saturday .... if you were a worker or if you were a person who attended on the day. General feedback / what you experienced/comments heard from the day etc. Forms are available on the back table for you to fill in today and return to the basket or email your thoughts to Jenny Mathieson: jennyandray@bigpond.com or phone them through to her: 4946 8143 by Monday lunchtime so that they can be collated in time for the meeting on Tuesday afternoon. We will appreciate your contribution!

### 6 Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Eldrene March who will celebrate a special birthday on Thursday.



### 7 Seeking Accommodation

Seeking accommodation in exchange for some physical and emotional support.

30 year old lady with training and experience in aged care, currently working at a pre-school, is looking for accommodation in exchange for offering some personal support. If this may be a good fit for you, please contact me so we can discuss possibilities. Contact Jacinta on 0401 327 512



## **James 3:1-12 NIV**

### **Taming the Tongue**

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

## **Mark 8:27-38 NIV**

### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

### **The Way of the Cross**

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."