

Together



Sunday 22 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 22 September	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 29 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

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 bring the message, there will be group sharing and Meredith and Peter will be catering

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Est 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22 Ps 124
Jas 5:13-20 Mk 9:38-50

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 23 September

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with games this week

Tuesday 24 September

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 26 September

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 27 September

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 3 dates

Sept 22



Presbytery Prayer Diary

This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is New Lambton Trinity Uniting Church

The New Lambton Uniting Church has a regular congregation of about 50 people with an intergenerational worship service each Sunday morning. Our new minister, Rev Mitch Forbes and his previous congregation, the New City Church, worship separately in our church building, but we share fellowship over morning tea each Sunday morning. At present, Rev Mitch is leading both congregations. We have a Children and Youth Worker, Bec Westphal, who runs Kids' Club, meeting every alternate Friday night. Our Youth Worker, Mel Langi, runs a high school aged youth group with 18-20 attendees, on alternate Friday nights, and Mel also assists in our Sunday worship. We also join with Jesmond Uniting Church on alternate Saturday nights for Faith@5, an intergenerational worship service, where children and youth play an important role. This is followed by a shared dinner. Our craft group involves members who are not involved with our church in any other way. There are a number of new initiatives being developed to engage our wider community.

Prayer: We pray for openness, flexibility and grace as NLUC and New City Congregation transition into our new arrangements. We pray for our Kids Club and Youth Group members, that they will grow, both spiritually and emotionally, and that their leaders will be blessed with energy to share Gods message and love. We Pray for our community initiatives, that they will be a blessing to all, and that New Lambton UC will be put in touch with those that we can support. We pray for the further close relationship between our older and younger members, and the involvement of our adult members in the running of Kids Club and Youth Group. We pray for our Church Executive, some of whom have worked tirelessly over the past 2 years while we were without ordained ministry. Amen.

1 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

2 Unite / All Families—Barefoot Bowls and Bistro Reaching out to everyone in their 30's—60's

Saturday, 19th October 10.30am.

Kotara Bowling Club—2 Howell St, Kotara.



Get ready for some outdoor fun with barefoot bowls followed by a scrumptious bistro lunch (meals approx. \$15). RSVP by 9th October to Alison via text 0435 653 531

3 Friday Plus Bible Study

Friday Plus Bible study group will meet again on Friday 27th September in the gathering area at 9.30 for tea/coffee. We have been studying Acts for some weeks and this week we will be sharing our thoughts on these chapters and any other significant passage that has impacted us. We invite you to join with us for this time of prayer and sharing. We aim to finish by 11.30am.

Enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.

4 Family Fun Day – Extra!

Along with the businesses and people mentioned in last week's Together, we also say thank you to ...

- **Uzman/Manager of the 7 Eleven** service station on the highway at Belmont North – offered to pay for the 8 bags of ice for the BBQ. His quote was “Because everyone I see in here from the church is so nice”.
- **2NURFM Radio Station** – showing extra support by conducting an live interview with Alison in the days leading up to the day.
- **Jenny:** A huge thankyou to Jenny for organising the Family Fun Day evaluation forms. 11 were received and the day was evaluated at the Community and Outreach team meeting held this week.

Thank You

In summary, the key (and common points) are as follows;

- Unanimous that the day was a success – atmosphere, vibe, attendance, organisation, many families, Marching Koalas (and the teddy parade), Guide Dogs.
- Stalls & activities provided were popular and busy until 1pm (and not 2pm)
- Positive comments heard from many people who attended the day as a customer.
- If a larger type event is held in the future, there needs to be more manpower - before, after and on the day.

5 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.



Recently planted

Black eggplant, Red Eggplant, Thai Eggplant,
black beauty zucchini, Lebanese



Zucchini, Lebanese Cucumber, Long
White Cucumber, Capsicum, Beetroot, Golf Ball Carrots,
Corn, Climbing Beans

Harvesting

Kale, Spinach,



Rainbow Chard,



Broad Beans, Okinawa Spinach,
Parsley, Oregano, Chives, Celery,
Red Mustard, Coriander, Shallots,
Native Thyme.



James 3:13-4:8a NIV

Two Kinds of Wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Submit Yourselves to God

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God?

Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble.”

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Mark 9:30-37 NIV

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”