

Together



Sunday 13 October 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 13 October	8.00am	Pastor Kim Langford HC
	9.45am	Pastor Kim Langford HC
Sunday 20 October	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 recommence for Term 4
next Sunday 20th October



Lectionary readings for the coming week

Jb 38:1-7,34-41	Ps 104:1-9,24,35c
Heb 5:1-10	Mk 10:35-45

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 14 October

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with Talking Point this week

Tuesday 15 October

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 17 October

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 18 October

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 4 dates

October 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15



Presbytery Prayer Diary

This diary provides an opportunity to pray each week for congregations in the Presbytery. By praying together, we can encourage one another in mission, as we grow in faith and unity and develop understanding and relationships across the region.

Philippians 4: 6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Wangi Uniting Church

Wangi Uniting Church meets at 9am each Sunday, we have an average attendance each week of 25. Currently we are blessed to have a range of ages from 3 to 80 Worship. Twice a month we have a free Community Lunch that is attended by many non-church people (around 20 come each lunch). We have a fortnightly Kid's Club during school term that we average 18 children attend and as well as a KYB, interdenominational Ladies bible study during school term with 16 ladies from many different churches attending.

Prayer: We would ask for prayer for those who are reached through our ministries, that they might desire to learn more about Christ, and that those who lead the various groups may continue to follow the Lord's directions in these ministries, and that they will continue to minister to those who need it the most in our community who might be able to see God's love shining through the people and program's we are able to offer. Amen.

1 Combined Morning Tea—NEXT SUNDAY



Next Sunday, 20th October, we will be holding a combined morning tea at 9am between the two morning services. Come early before the 9.45am service or stay on after the 8am service.

At the morning tea we will be celebrating with

Rev Tom Anderson, the anniversary of fifty years since his ordination. What a wonderful milestone in ministry for Tom!

2 Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday 1:30 Bible Study will continue at St. Luke's.

The fourth week of each month we will view a session of the Alpha program hosted by Nicky Gumbel filmed at Holy Trinity Brompton, London.

The Alpha program is a series of fifteen talks which look at different aspects of the Christian faith.

e.g. How can we have Faith?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Why & how should I read the Bible?

For more details contact Barbara Bell 4946 8549

If you plan to view the Alpha program on the fourth Thursday phone Betty 0435 908 102 for catering purposes.



St Lukes - Caring for the Environment

- At a recent Church Council meeting, it was agreed that St Luke's would set up a Recycling Station **and you will now find it all set-up and ready to use**, in the gathering area, near the entry doors.

6 bins **on the table** are provided for the following items ...

- **Household Batteries**
- **Medicinal Blister Packs:** foil or plastic
- **Soft Plastics:** Soft plastics also known as flexible plastics are materials that can be easily manipulated by hand, such as plastic bags, bread bags, lolly bags, cling wraps and packaging materials.



- **Aluminium and steel bottle tops**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Printer Cartridges**



The supplied bins will be emptied from time to time and taken to various drop off centres supplied by Lake Macquarie City Council.

Return and Earn Recycling...

There are 2 bins on the ground beside the table provided for:

- **Eligible glass bottles and**
- **Eligible plastic bottles & aluminium cans**



These items will be collected and taken to a Return and Earn facility on a regular basis by Alison Cleary. We get 10c per item and the \$\$ raised will be used as a fundraiser to increase our donations to other organisations, e.g. The Margaret Jurd College.

**If you're not sure what is eligible, have a look on the back of the can/bottle – it should tell you if it is eligible for a 10c refund.*

Please rinse the containers out before you put them in the bin and dispose of the lids thoughtfully.

Thanks for your help in reducing waste and benefiting our environment.

3 **New Activity**

The Activity Centre will be offering once more Carpet Bowls as a special activity on 28th October at 9.30am in the Community Centre.

It is hoped that members of St Lukes will support this activity, especially the men who will be joining with community participants should they attend.

If there is enough interest golf, croquet, darts and Finska will also be organised at future dates.

Further information, contact Jean 0418 214 199 and Marjorie 0408 215 549



Hebrews 4:12-16 NIV

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Mark 10:17-31 NIV

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is [b] to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."