

Together



Sunday 1 December 2024

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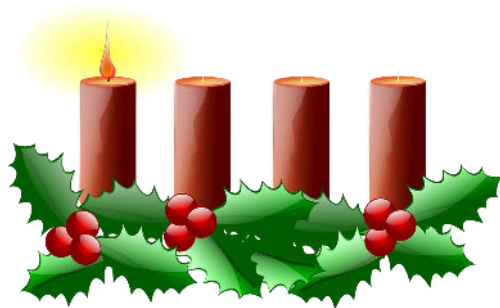
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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land

Worship services

Sunday 1 December	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 8 December	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	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 Rev Greg McConnell will be giving the message. Eldrene March is sharing on the Advent theme for this week – “Hope”. Alison Gill will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Mal 3:1-4	Lk 1:68-79
Phil 1:3-11	Lk 3:1-6

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 2 December

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with a discussion group this week

Tuesday 3 December

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Wednesday 4 December

Fellowship meet from 9.30am

Thursday 5 December

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 6 December

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 4 dates

December 1 & 15



1 Fellowship

Our Fellowship on Wednesday 4th December will be the end of year Christmas meeting and hopefully we shall have a good attendance. If you are able, bring a small plate to share for morning tea at the usual time.

Our program will be varied and will commence with a short visit from Chris Gill and his trainee guide dog/puppy, to enable us to see Rocky's progress, which should be interesting.

As usual, we like to welcome visitors anytime they wish, so please come.



2 Friday Plus Bible Study

Friday Plus Bible study group will meet again on the 6th December in the Gathering Area at 9.30am. We aim to finish by 11.30.

This will be our last study for the year, based on Acts 15:1--35.

If you have not belonged to a study group before you might consider joining us on the first Friday in February 2025, when we begin a new study.

Contact Julie Killeen on 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.

3 Christmas Cards

We have Christmas Cards for sale – both Frontier Service and Uniting World. Please take them and place your money in the box provided.

4 Christmas Homecraft Stall

Next Sunday we will be having a Christmas Homecraft Stall. A great opportunity to buy Christmas gifts!

5 Offering Envelopes

New Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the gathering area for you to take. Alternatively, if you wish to make your offering via Direct Debit and do not already do so, then please contact Robyn Lockwood for the details .



6 Annual Reports

Annual Reports of all the groups in the congregation are available today. Please take a copy and read it before the meeting next Sunday.

7 Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Next Sunday



The Annual meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday 8th December at 9.15am, in between the two services. Please stay on after 8.00am service, or come early before the 9.45am service.

8 Missing

A large, flat cardboard box full of flat boxes/trays (that have not yet been folded) has gone missing.

If anyone knows where it has been placed, please let Jenny, Jean or Alison know. Thanks.

9 Annual Elections

Nominations closed last Sunday and thirteen nominations were received for members of St Luke's Leadership team and the following people have accepted nomination: Greg Anderson, Stewart Ellway, Alison Gill, Margaret Guerke, Joy Helman, Julie Killeen, Jenny Mathieson and Michael Turner. Three nominations were received for the position of Presbytery representative and two people have accepted: Margaret Guerke and Peter Wilson. One will be elected, then the other person will become the alternate member to attend if the elected member cannot attend a meeting. Voting will take place next Sunday 8th December at the Annual General Meeting at 9.15am.

10 **Bunning BBQ: Saturday 7th December**

The sign-up sheet for those who can help in one of roles on the day is filling up which is great.

Closer to the day, Greg A or Alison G will be in touch with everyone with final details. Just 1 week to go!

Thanks for your support in the whole church fundraiser.

Bunnings Boxing Day - Update



With a few extra people offering to help at the Bunnings BBQ on Boxing Day we will be going ahead with it and have informed Bunnings.

They were very grateful, so much so, they offered to pay for all the bread and sausages we will purchase for the day!

Alison will be in touch with those who have offered to help closer to the time.

11 **9.45am Advent Holy Communion Preparation Roster**

If you are able to be part of the roster for preparation of Communion during the Sundays of Advent: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December, please write your name on the roster on the date that suits you.



12 **Unite / All Families**

Reaching Out To Everyone in Their 30's—60's

Saturday 14th December - 6pm - Christmas Party at the Gills

BBQ on the deck. BYO meat, drinks & a salad or dessert to share. Secret Santa: Bring along one present per person (\$5 value, the more interesting the better!). Clearly label present before coming e.g. adult/male, child/female etc. 34 Helen St, Mount Hutton. *RSVP via text to Alison by 9/12 on 0435 653 531.



13 **Thank You**

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who helped me celebrate my recent birthday. I had the most wonderful day, filled with joy.

Thank you all so much,

Margaret Guerke



14 Project Blessing 2024

It is that time again, when St Luke's will lovingly make life a little easier for individuals and families in our local area, through the donation of Christmas Hampers.

On the flyer in today's Together is ... "How you can help".

Here is the timeline for the project...

***Sunday, 10th November – Sunday, 8th December at 11am -**

Donations of money + suitable hamper items are collected.

***Tuesday, 10th December at 7pm** (time to be confirmed) - Packing of hampers by Community team, Mission team and congregational members

***Wednesday, 11th December from 8.30am** - Delivery of hampers to schools and individuals from the Community Centre (Laxton end).

We will once again be approaching our local schools to receive names of families needing a hamper.

If you know of an individual, couple or family that is doing it tough (financial, emotional etc) and would appreciate a hamper, please fill out a nomination slip (provided in the gathering area) and place into the box.

Thanks, from St Luke's Community and Outreach team



St Luke's Recycling Station

Please continue to use the 6 bins on the table for your:

- * **Household Batteries**
- * **Medicinal Blister Packs (foil or plastic)**
- * **Soft Plastics (e.g. plastic bags, bread bags, lolly bags, cling wraps ...)**
- * **Aluminium and steel bottle tops**
- * **Mobile Phones**
- * **Printer Cartridges.**



ALSO - Return and Earn Recycling:

There are 2 bins on the ground beside the table for

- * **Eligible glass bottles, eligible plastic bottles and all aluminium cans.**

So far over \$50 has been raised!

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 benefitting our environment.



Jeremiah 33:14-16 NIV

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

“‘In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

John 18:33-37 NIV

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”