

# Together



## Sunday 2 February 2025

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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 2 February	8.00am	Rev Tom Anderson HC
	9.45am	Rev Tom Anderson HC
	5.30pm	Mr Michael Turner
Sunday 9 February	8.00am	Pastor Kim Langford
	9.45am	Pastor Kim Langford
	5.30pm	Mr John Nowland

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 Michael Turner will be giving the message and Cathy Turner will be sharing. Meredith and Peter will be catering.

### Lectionary readings for the coming week

Is 6:1-13	Ps 138
1 Cor 15:1-11	Lk 5:1-11

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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 3 February

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am

### Tuesday 4 February

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am  
Community & Outreach Team meeting at 10am  
in the gathering area

### Wednesday 5 February

Fellowship meet from 9.30am

### Thursday 6 February

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

### Friday 7 February

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am  
Playgroup meet from 10am

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## Just Kids Term 1 Dates

February 9th & 23rd

March 9th & 23rd

April 6th



## 1 **Friendly Foodies**

Our next Friendly Foodies lunch will be on at 12pm on Sunday, 16 February at Pelican RSL Club. We'd love to see you there to share a meal and some great company!



## 2 **Thursday Bible Study**

Thursday Bible Study recommences Thursday, 6th February at 1.30pm. If you've never been part of a Bible Study Group, we invite you to come and watch one in action!

Enquiries to Barbara Bell 4946 8549

## 3 **Thank You**

A wonderful celebration happened here at St Luke's a month ago, on 5th January, thanks to my dear friend Jean Thirkettle, who planned it all. She rallied a great team to support her as we enjoyed a happy time when we gathered together as a church family and celebrated with me, my 90th birthday. Thank you to everyone who attended. There were many apologies, however, for the many who attended, I sincerely thank you all. It was a very special day, full of happy memories.

With appreciation and love from Marjorie Hicks



## 4 **Fellowship**

A reminder that Fellowship begins the new year on Wednesday 5th of February, gathering together for a cuppa prior to the meeting commencing 10am. It would be lovely to have a good gathering to catch up with one another after our long break. Of course we are always pleased to welcome visitors or new members.

Please come with your suggestions for speakers and bright ideas for activities etc to help the committee plan the year.

## 5 **St Lukes in 2024**

As you walk into the gathering area you will see a display of photos taken during 2024, showing many things that have happened in the life of St Lukes over the last year.



We have much to be thankful for, so stop and have a look, a laugh, a sigh (!! ) or just reflect, and remember how blessed we are as a congregation and as a church.

If you any have pictures you would like to add to the board (or if we have forgotten anything), please add them. It will be up for viewing for the whole month of February.

## 6 **Hunter Presbytery - full time position available**

Children's and Families Mission Consultant: Copies of the position description available on the table in the foyer for you to take if you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested. A great opportunity.

## 7 **Micah Women's Network Dinner 2025**

### **The Grainery Church, Mayfield**

Are you a woman in Newcastle who feels a deep burden for the injustices in our world? Do you long to make a tangible difference but don't know where to start?

We invite you to join the Micah Women's Network Dinner this March—a night where justice meets leadership, and your voice becomes a powerful force for change.

#### **Calling All Newcastle Women!**

This unique gathering brings together Christian women from across Newcastle for a heartfelt conversation on justice, leadership, and advocacy. Enjoy a delicious dinner as you connect with other passionate women and engage in empowering discussions about how to make a lasting impact.

#### **What's Happening?**

Hear from inspiring speakers: our guests for the night include; Sharon Claydon MP, Federal Member for Newcastle, Rev. Tim Costello and the Micah Australia team with more guests to be announced soon!

**Build community connections:** Meet like-minded women who share your passion for justice.

**Be Equipped to Advocate:** Gain tools and understanding into advocacy, including the Safer World for All campaign, and be empowered to make a difference.

Prepare for this evening to inspire and empower you to take the

next step in taking action and standing up for the people who need a voice in the world.

#### **Why Attend?**

Build connections with a community of passionate Christian women.

Gain valuable insights into Australia's efforts to address global injustice.

Be equipped and empowered to use your voice to support vulnerable women and children worldwide.

Seats are limited, so don't miss this opportunity to be part of a conversation that can shape lives and futures.

7pm: Light Dinner Served – come early and enjoy some delicious food and great company.

7:30: Main Program

Tickets are \$40 from Eventbrite



## 8 Activity Centre

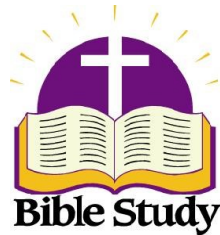
Activity Centre programs are available for 2025. Monday mornings will commence on 3rd February with a welcome & discussion followed by a lunch in the Gathering area.

Members are looking forward to another year of friendship, learning, speakers and sharing time with each other while participating in activities, particularly board games. All welcome, and bring along others whom you think may like to join with us. At present attending are very varied members, many born overseas. The Activity Centre meets in the Community Centre on Monday mornings 9.30 - 12.00. It is for seniors, where members participate in various activities. Everyone welcome.

*Jean Thirkettle, Co-ordinator*

## 9 Friday Plus Bible Study

Friday Plus bible study will recommence on February 7th with morning tea at 9.30am in the gathering area.



Our first study for the year will be on the book of Ecclesiastes - perhaps one of the most puzzling books in the Old Testament. If you think you might like to join us for this study you will be most welcome.

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

## 10 Bunnings BBQ's Fundraising in 2024

For information about this fundraiser, please see last weeks Together.

## 11 Community & Outreach Team



The first meeting for the Community & Outreach Team for 2025 will be held at 10am on Tuesday, 4th February in the gathering area.

In attendance will be representatives from St Luke's community focussed groups; Activity Centre, Playgroup, Community Garden, Quirky Quilters, Fellowship and existing team members, as well as anyone that would like to come along and hear about what the team does, bring ideas, plan for 2025 etc - is this you? Are you someone that likes the idea of helping our church and local community?

Home made morning tea provided.

Alison Gill (Team Leader)

## 12 9.45am Holy Communion Preparation Roster

If you are able to be part of the roster for the 9.45am Holy Communion preparation, please write your name on the roster on the date that is suitable for you.



2025

HUNTER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

“ASSEMBLY”



Coming together as civil society for the common good  
Celebrating commitments, change and hope

6th March 2025

6pm inside for briefing

6.30pm to 8.30pm Assembly

The Great Hall, University of Newcastle

TIME FOR THE UNITING CHURCH TO SHOW UP AGAIN!  
SIGN UP TO ATTEND BY BOOKING YOUR FREE TICKET/S  
[HUMANITIX HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2VD6D5MS](https://tinyurl.com/2VD6D5MS)

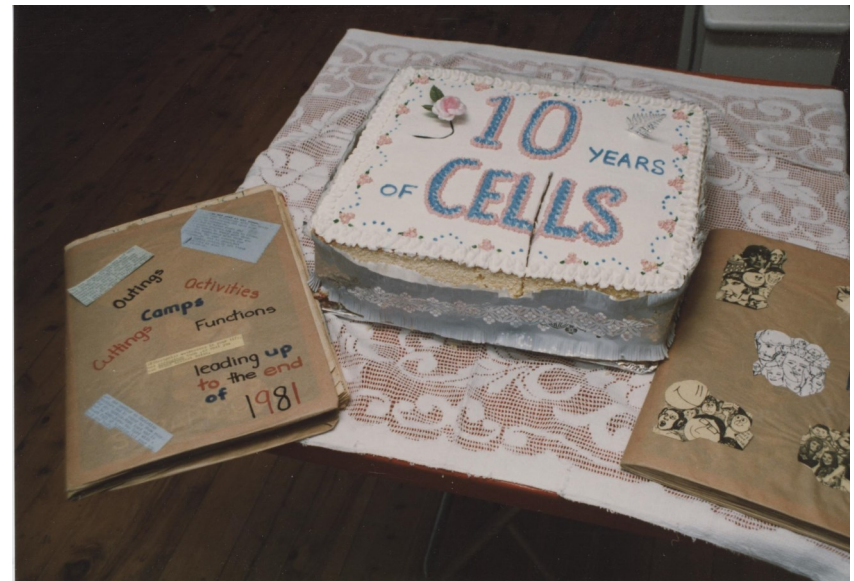


Energy Transition, Affordable Housing,  
Stretched Services and more....



You're invited to turn out and participate in God's mission

Photos from the archives—Cells Reunion 1988!





## 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NIV

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## Luke 4 : 21-30 NIV

He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.