

# Together



## Sunday 26 January 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

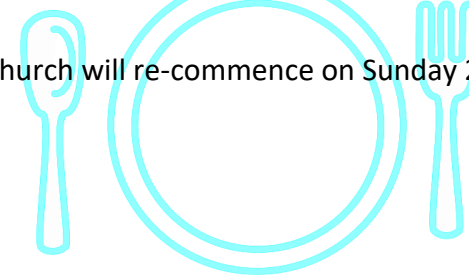
Sunday 26 January	9.00am	Mr John Nowland
Sunday 2 February	8.00am	Rev Tom Anderson HC
	9.45am	Rev Tom Anderson HC
	5.30pm	Mr Michael Turner

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 3.45pm

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### Dinner Church—every Sunday at 5.30pm

Dinner Church will re-commence on Sunday 2nd February



### Lectionary readings for the coming week

Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6
1 Cor 13:1-13	Lk 4:21-30

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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!*



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## Calendar

**Tuesday 28 January**

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

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### Just Kids Term 1 Dates

February 9th & 23rd

March 9th & 23rd

April 6th

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### 1 **Rev Greg McConnell - Long Leave**

Greg is currently on long leave and is returning on Tuesday 12th February 2025. If you have any queries or a pastoral need during this time, please contact Jenny Mathieson: 4946 8143 or [jennyandray@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyandray@bigpond.com). Our prayers go with Greg and Wendy for a happy and relaxing time away.

### 2 **Community Garden Monthly Working Bee**

**Saturday 1st February** 4.00pm – 6.00pm. All welcome.

Please let Kylie know if you are coming, so we can contact you if its cancelled due to the weather. Mob: 0417 273 778



### 3 **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.

*Jean Thirkettle, Co-ordinator*

### 4 **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.

### 5 **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 - it starts next Sunday, 2nd February.



### 6 **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.

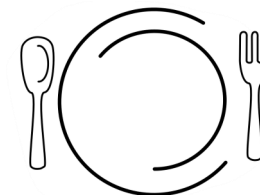
In attendance will be representatives from St Luke's community focussed groups; Activity Centre, Playgroup, Community Garden, Quirky Quilters, Fellowship and existing team members, as well as anyone that would like to come along and hear about what the team does, bring ideas, plan for 2025 etc - is this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

Home made morning tea provided.

Alison Gill (Team Leader)

### 7 **Dinner Church**

Dinner Church will re-commence for this year next Sunday, 2nd February. We are thankful that Michael Turner (2nd) and John Nowland (9th) have agreed to give the message and lead the discussion while Rev Greg McConnell is on leave. Dinner Church is an informal time of sharing together over a meal. All ages are welcome. We would love you to join us. If you would like to be on the Dinner Church email list each week please let Jenny Mathieson: [jennyandray@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyandray@bigpond.com) know.



## 8 Bunnings BBQ's Fundraising in 2024

Thank you to the 25+ people who have now volunteered and been on a shift at a Bunnings BBQ:

Greg A, Meredith & Peter H, Alison G, Ian & Julie E, Cathy T, Greg Mc, Gary W, Virginia S, Julie K, Eloise H, Sharon, Alex, Molly & James Dare, Bronwyn D, Grahame K, Robyn L, Alison C, Dallas, Clare, Eric & Geoff Brock, Terri N, Bernie T & Robyn B . And for the bread preparation: Jean T, Robina W, Nerida H, Lenora & Peter F and Marj H.

**Boxing Day:** it wasn't as busy as we expected, but it was steady and we sold 339 sausage sandwiches, 6 single sausages (mainly for dogs!) 141 drinks and raised \$885.80

### Dates for 2025 are as follows

*Monday, 9th June (Public Holiday) – Team Leader/Julie E*

*Saturday, 20th September – Team Leader/Greg A*

*Saturday, 22nd November – Team Leader/Alison G*

At each BBQ there are 7 roles over 2 shifts (morning and afternoon) Team Leader, BBQ Cooks(2), Servers(2), Order Taker & Cashier.

This year we will also require ...

4 people to butter bread the day/night before

3 people for pack-up support - to come for an hour at the end to help pack up and transport items back to the church.

\*A sign-up sheet for each of the BBQs for this year will be on the fundraising table 1 month before the date and all roles will be listed.

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



If you would like to commit before then please let Alison G know and she will add your name.

\* From time to time, we are asked to fill a date/ conduct a BBQ when a charity group has pulled out. In this instance, a text or email will be sent out to all previous volunteers asking for availability and, based on response, a decision will be made whether to go ahead or not.



## 9 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.

## 10 Synod 2025

The next meeting of the NSW/ACT Synod will be held on 11-13th July 2025 at Western Sydney Conference Centre at Penrith. If you would be interested in nominating to attend, please contact Jenny Mathieson for all the information. Nominations have to be in by Monday 10th February 2025.



*Photos from the archives—1986 Carnival!*







*A Prayer for the New Year from the NSWACT  
Synod:*

*Heavenly Father, we come before you at the start  
of this new year, grateful for your grace that has  
brought us to this moment.*

*We lift up our church community, asking for your  
blessing and guidance in every endeavour.*

*Strengthen our unity, inspire our leaders and  
bring hope for those in need.*

*May your peace cover every home and your  
wisdom direct our paths as we face the  
opportunities and challenges of 2025.*

*Amen*



## **1 Corinthians 12:12-31 NIV**

### **Unity and Diversity in the Body**

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

## **Luke 4:14-21 NIV**

### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”