

Together



Sunday 9 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 9 February	8.00am	Pastor Kim Langford
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	5.30pm	Mr John Nowland
Sunday 16 February	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 John Nowland will be giving the message and there will be fellowship and sharing. Julie and Jenny will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Jer 17:5-10	Ps 1
1 Cor 15:12-20	Lk 6:17-26

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 10 February

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am

Tuesday 11 February

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 13 February

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 14 February

Playgroup meet from 10am

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 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.

3 Dates for your Diary

from St Lukes Community & Outreach Team

- **Saturday 1st March:** Twilight Dinner (St Lukes Community) - see flyer in this Together for all the details
- **Saturday 14th June:** Annual Trivia Night (fundraiser/ outreach)
- **Saturday 30th August:** A Special Morning Tea (fundraiser/ outreach)

4 Hunter Community Alliance Assembly

The Hunter Community Alliance Assembly will be held on 6th March 2025 at The Great Hall, Newcastle University. A group from St Luke's attended last year and it would be great to have a representation again this year. Please consider attending. Brochures on back table. You need to book. Use QR code on brochure to book your free ticket.

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 Unite (30s - 60s) 2025

The social program is now done and has been emailed to all on the contact list. If you are in this age bracket and want to join in on an activity every 4-5 weeks and are not on the list, please contact Alison on 0435 653 531.

There are also hard copies of the program on the main table in the gathering area.

8 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.

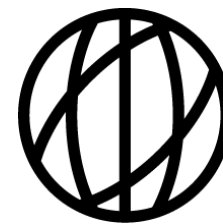
Seats are limited, so don't miss this opportunity to be part of a conversation that can shape lives and futures.

Thursday, 13th March 7pm—9pm

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

7:30: Main Program

Tickets are \$40 from Eventbrite



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9 Community Garden Update

The Garden is flourishing even through the heat and rainstorms we have been blessed with. There is Eggplant, Beans, tomatoes and spinach galore for the picking. The Fig tree is working on ripening and against all odds we continue to plant seedlings, and they never look back.

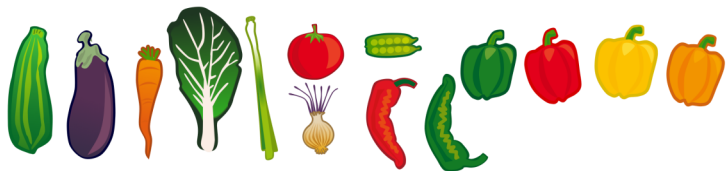
We had a wonderful turnout for our monthly Working Bee. 11 in total. Some gardeners and some not however the hands are indeed welcome. A few new faces, two from the Church and one from Narla Village and we really were grateful.

We continue to have random people drop in either out of curiosity or for some spinach and we encourage them to take something with them.

The most exciting thing at the moment is we have applied for a community grant, with the help of Greg and Jenny. The grant is for a garden shed, the concrete slab for it to sit on and also shelving for inside the shed.

The second grant that we are getting quotes for is a watering system and an extra water tank. We have almost run the tank dry once and are taking steps to make sure that we don't in the future.

The plant stand is back up and running outside the community centre so if your looking for something new for the garden please check it out.



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 o turn out and participate in God's mission

*St Luke's
Welcome to 2025*

Twilight Dinner

at the Community Garden

Saturday 1st March 5pm

Cost: \$10 pp

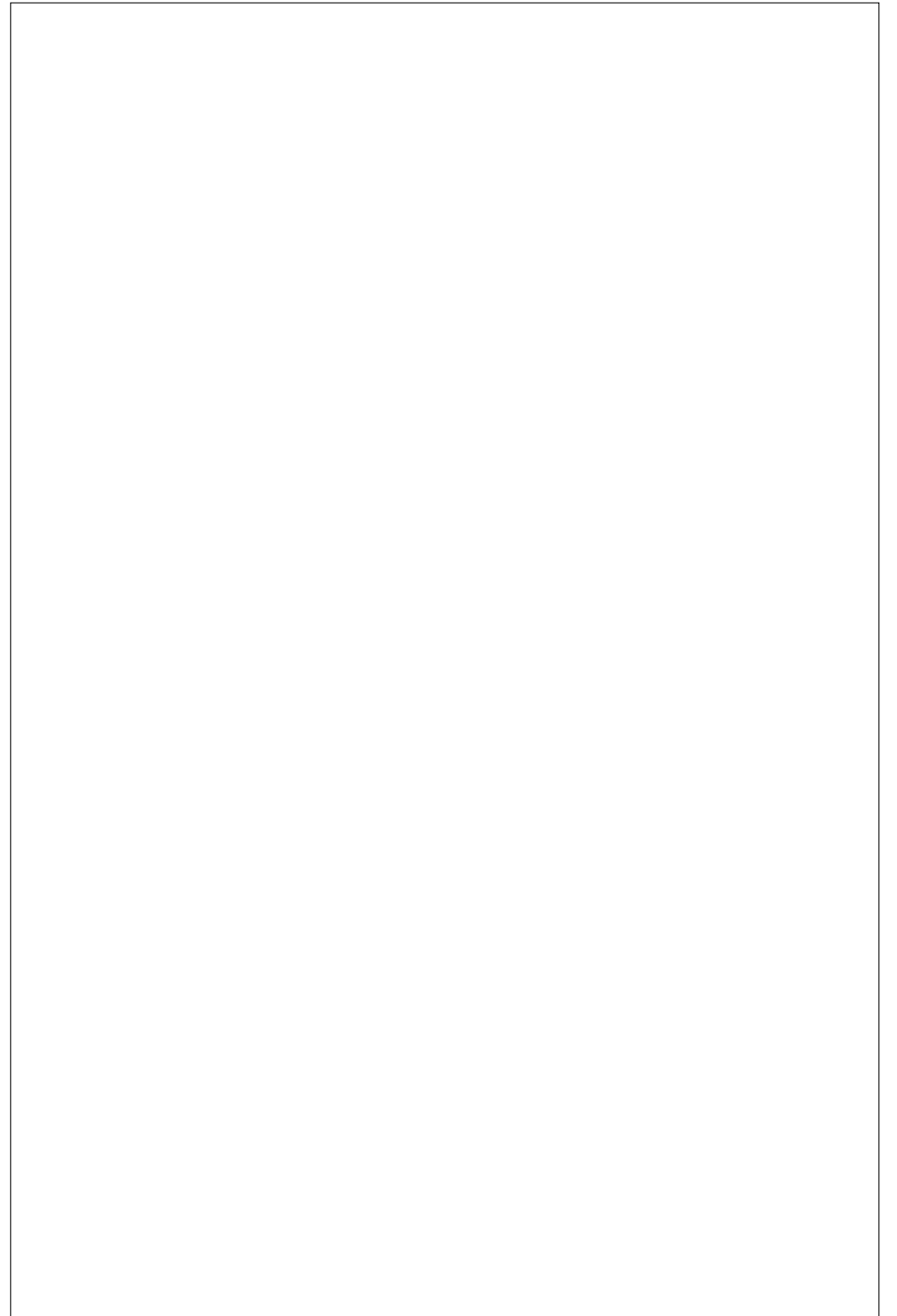
RSVP via text to: Kylie 0417 273 778 or
Alison 0435 653 531 or on sign up sheet
in gathering area by 20th February

Come and enjoy fellowship
and a great dinner cooked
by head chef and
Community Garden
Coordinator, Kylie!



Photos from the archives—The Next Step Musical 1983!





1 Corinthians 15:1-11 NIV

The Resurrection of Christ

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Luke 5:1-11 NIV

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.