

Together



Sunday 16 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 16 February	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell

Sunday 23 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 Rev Greg McConnell will give the message. There will be sharing, and Marilyn and Ron will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Gen 45:3-11,15	Ps 37:1-11,39-40
1 Cor 15:35-38,42-50	Lk 6:27-38

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 17 February

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with Book Club this week

Tuesday 18 February

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 20 February

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 21 February

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 1 Dates

February 23rd

March 9th & 23rd

April 6th



1 Friday Plus Bible Study

Friday Plus Bible study will be continuing with our study on Ecclesiastes this week. We meet at 9.30am for tea/coffee before a 10am start and we aim to finish at 11.30am. Ecclesiastes is a book about the meaning of life, it's challenges and contradictions. Life is meaningless if we leave God out of it but there are many wise 'prods' that provide direction for living.

Please feel welcome to join us in these studies. Any enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.

2 PNG

Cathy and Michael T will be doing some volunteering in March in Papua New Guinea with YWAM Medical Ships.



YOUTH WITH A MISSION

They will have the opportunity to work alongside PNG's local health workers and other like-minded volunteers around a shared vision: healthy villages and a healthy Papua New Guinea.

With over 84% of PNG's population living in rural areas, the isolation and lack of infrastructure makes delivering healthcare and training very challenging. The YWAM Team they will be a part of, will stay on the ship at night and then set up clinics in villages each day where they will deliver medical help, health education and other forms of community engagement. Your prayers would be appreciated. More details of their experience will appear in Together on their return.

3 Thank you

It is good to have Rev Greg McConnell back with us after his long leave and we trust that he has had a good break and is feeling refreshed. Thank you to Rev Tom Anderson, Pastor Kim Langford, Helen Weavers & John Nowland who have led worship during this time, and to Rev Tom Anderson for his pastoral visits. Thank you also to Michael Turner and John Nowland who have given leadership at Dinner Church. You have all been appreciated very much.

Thank You

4 Twilight Dinner at the Community Garden

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

Thank you to those who have already booked for this Twilight Dinner. It is going to be a great night! Please note that the booking deadline has been extended until Sunday 23rd. You may book by a text message to Kylie: 0417 273 778 or Alison: 0435 653 531, or write your name on the sheet on the back table at the church. Money to be paid to Jenny Mathieson by Sunday 23rd.

5 Our Sympathy and our Prayers

Our sympathy and our prayers are with the family of Bessie Johnson. Bessie passed away very suddenly on Wednesday afternoon. Bessie has been involved in the Belmont Methodist Church and then St Luke's all of her life in a variety of ways over all these years. In latter years she has remained involved in the Fellowship group and Monday morning Activity Centre. We will miss her.

6 Friendly Foodies

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



7 Dates for your Diary

from St Lukes Community & Outreach Team

- **Saturday 1st March:** Twilight Dinner (St Lukes Community)
- **Saturday 14th June:** Annual Trivia Night (fundraiser/ outreach)
- **Saturday 30th August:** A Special Morning Tea (fundraiser/ outreach)

8 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.

9 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.

10 Wool Donations

As part of our recycling initiative, we've added a tub for donations of wool. If you or your friends have wool at home you're not going to use, please put it in the wool tub. We have people in the congregation and the church's activity groups who knit and crochet. All types and plys of wool can be donated and we'll find a use for them.

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....

*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— Carnival 2000



Jeremiah 17:5-10 NIV

This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

“I the Lord search the heart
and examine the mind,
to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve.”

Luke 6:17-26 NIV

Blessings and Woes

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.