

Together



Sunday 19 May 2024

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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 19 May	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 26 May	5.30 pm	Rev Greg McConnell
	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30 pm	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. Cathy & Michael Turner are sharing "Our Fiji Experience" and Meredith and Peter will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Is 6:1-8	Ps 29
Rom 8:12-17	Jn 3:1-17

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 20 May

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with Book Club this week

Tuesday 21 May

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 23 May

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 24 May

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 2 dates

May 26

June 9, 23

July 7



Presbytery Prayer Diary

The Hunter Presbytery has produced a Prayer Diary which includes prayer points for every congregation in the Hunter Presbytery over the next few months. Each Sunday every congregation will be praying for one of our other congregations. By praying together we can encourage one another in mission as we grow in faith and unity and develop understanding and relationships across our region.

This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Dungog Uniting Church

For the past 20 years, Dungog Uniting Church has operated without an Ordained Minister in placement. It has been able to continue its ministry during this time with Lay Leadership, and together with the assistance provided by Retired Ministers and Lay Preachers from the Hunter Presbytery, along with retired Ministers living in the area, has been able to conduct a weekly service of worship. There is a Sunday School which, though small in number, is a welcome inclusion in our worship. We are a loving community of people who care for and support one another, as well as endeavour to extend that care into the local community.

Prayer: We pray for the Dungog Uniting Church; for its leaders as they endeavour to meet the challenges that are before them in continuing to provide a place of worship, along with a welcoming environment in which to engage with the local community. Amen.

St Luke's Community and Outreach Team – News

Earlier this week the team met to evaluate the trivia night and plan the remainder of 2024.

As a team we are continuing to look for ways to

- *connect with our community
- *provide opportunities for outreach and
- *raise funds to keep St Lukes Uniting Church operational, viable and meaningful.

Events like the recent Trivia Night encompass all 3 of the above, but like any big event, it took a lot of planning, time and people for it to be successful.

In September, we have another opportunity for outreach, connection and fundraising and it will take a larger group of people at St Lukes willing to put up their hand and help in whatever capacity they can. (please be assured this event will require a lot less man-power than the Carnival).

The 1st step in showing your support is to attend a "Family Fun Day" information session on **Tuesday, 28th May at 7pm** in the gathering area.

At this info session you will...

- Find out more about the initial planning that has taken place for the day that includes indoor and outdoor activities plus inside stalls (x 4) run by St Lukes, outside market stalls run by community members, a BBQ, characters and more.
- Discuss the ways in which the event will connect with our new playgroup and St Luke's pre-school
- Hear about how we plan to use leftover carnival items
- Provide feedback and suggestions for the day
- Think about ways in which you can be involved
- Help decide if the day will go ahead on Sat, 7th September

*Please RSVP your attendance to me via text (or call) on **0435 653 531** by 24/5.

*If you cannot attend the info session, it is important you let me know that you are in support of this event so that we can contact you when needed.

Thankyou in advance,

Alison Gill - Leader/St Luke's Community and Outreach Team

1 **Missing : Red Chair Trolley**

If you know the whereabouts of our second red chair trolley please let me know.



Peter Hudson

2 **St Luke's Trivia Night - "Blind Auction" - continued**

We received a few bids last weekend and TODAY is your last chance to bid on 1 of 4 items that are on a table in the gathering area.

The 4 items are...

- 1) Accommodation at The Retreat/Anna Bay
- 2) \$100 Voucher at Total Tennis (Belmont and Mt Hutton)
- 3) Juanita's Pizza Voucher (Belmont) and 4 x Drinking Glasses
- 4) Pamper Pack/Basket – Blooms The Chemist (Belmont Citi Centre)

If you would like one of them for yourself or to give as a gift, grab a yellow slip from the table, write your details and bid amount and place it in the green box.

On Monday, the bids will be assessed and the highest bidder for each item will be contacted to pay and... given the item!

Then...next week in Together, we will let you know how much was raised, add the amount to the Trivia Night funds and we will then have the full total!

Thanks for your continuing support!

3 **Our Sympathy and our Prayers**

Our sympathy and our prayers are with Bessie Johnson and her family in the passing of Bessie's husband, Don on Thursday

4 **Friday Plus Bible Study**

This week Friday Plus Bible Study group will look at the topic "The history of the Jews". Rev Greg McConnell will be taking us through

this topic. Please join us at 9.30am in the Gathering Area for tea/coffee before a 10am start. All welcome. Any enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 04245 139 100.



5 **Uniting Church National Assembly Prayer Chain**

The Uniting Church National Assembly Prayer Chain starts today – Pentecost Sunday: Congregations all over Australia will be Uniting in Prayer and praying for two other congregations from today until 22nd June. St Luke's has been asked to pray for the congregations of Warradale in South Australia - a suburb of Adelaide and in the City of Marion, and for St Luke's Uniting Church in Bothwell – Tasmania. Bothwell is a small historic town about one hour north of Hobart. We have not been able to make contact with Bothwell for their prayer needs. Warradale has told us that they not have any particular prayer needs, but over the few weeks have had a lot of funerals and so their prayer request is " To keep our community and congregation in your thoughts and prayers while they are dealing with the loss of loved ones and community members".

Understanding Grief, Loss and Change

in people we care about, and in ourselves

A workshop with **Mandy Cox**

Grief Counsellor and Educator

Certified Bereavement Practitioner

Member of PACFA (Clinical Counsellor and Supervisor)

Member of NALAG (National Association of Loss and Grief)

B.Min (theological and pastoral studies)

M.Counselling

A great opportunity to learn about

- * The impacts of loss and change
- * Ways to support someone who is grieving
- * When grief gets stuck – what then?

Friday, 31st May 10 – 11.45 am (refreshments on arrival)

Toronto Uniting Church

enquiries: 0439 136 522

No charge, but please book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CREBZ>



Acts 2:1-21 NIV

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’