

Together



Sunday 23 June 2024

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When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the
wind and said to the waves,
"Silence! Be still!"

*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 23 June	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30 pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 30 June	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 and there will be great sharing and fellowship.

Wendy and Greg will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

2 Sm 1:1,17-27	Ps 130
2 Cor 8:7-15	Mk 5:21-43

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 24 June

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with games this week

Tuesday 25 June

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 27 June

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 28 June

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 2 dates

June 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 Maitland - Morpeth Uniting Church

Morpeth Uniting Church is now a part of the new Maitland Uniting Churches Regional Mission. We meet at Morpeth each Sunday at 9.00am for Service followed by morning tea and Fellowship. We conduct Playmates weekly for mothers, grandmothers and preschool children and weekly exercise classes. Each fortnight FOCASS meets for outreach with visiting speakers and events.

Prayer: We pray for Morpeth Church, her leaders, and her people as we move to become the new Maitland Regional Mission. We pray for the people being contacted through our outreach groups that they might find us a place of welcome to all. Amen.

1 **9.45am Communion Preparation Roster**

People are needed to be a part of the 9.45am Communion preparation roster. If you are able to take a turn, please write your name on the list on a date that suits you.

2 **Frontier Services Bush Chaplains Appeal**



Rev John Flynn established the Australian Inland Mission and 112 years later Frontier Services continues supporting people living in rural and remote Australia which is why the work of the Bush Chaplains is so important.

Frontier Services Bush Chaplains Appeal envelopes are available and can be placed with the offering to assist Frontier Services keep the Bush Chaplains on the road.

3 **Road Rules**

On Monday 1st July at 10am at the Activity Centre, Warren James (ex policeman, driving instructor and examiner) will be speaking on road rules and driver testing. There will be a time for questions. Everyone welcome to come.





Lake Macquarie, It's time to prepare for extreme weather

EmergencyRedi™ FREE Workshop

Working together to prepare for disasters

Date: 2nd July 2024

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: Belmont 16s Sailing Club

This workshop will help you to prepare for emergencies. It provides you with an introduction to emergency preparedness, helps you to start your own emergency RediPlan, and gives you the information and tools to continue preparing yourself, and those you care about, for emergencies. As part of Help Nation, this workshop will also help you learn about your local risks.

Registration is FREE but essential.

Contact: Karen Maloney 0428 634 272

1 Samuel 17:1a,4-11,19-23,32-49 NIV

David and Goliath

Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah.

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armour of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the

carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Mark 4:35-41 NIV

Jesus Calms the Storm

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"