

# Together



Sunday 11 August 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 11 August	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 18 August	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 sharing.

This week Rev Greg McConnell will be giving the message and Julie and Jenny will be catering.

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#### Lectionary readings for the coming week :

1 Kings 2 : 10-12 & 3: 3-14 ; Psalm 111;  
Ephesians 5 : 15-20 ; John 6 : 51-58

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**Onsite internet:** St Luke's Guest - no password required



### Welcome to St Luke's Uniting Church, Belmont



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!*



## Calendar

### ***Monday 12 August***

**Activity Centre** meet from 9.30am

This week there will be a visit from the Pre School

### ***Tuesday 6 August***

**Quirky Quilters** meet from 10am

**St Luke's Leadership Team** meets at 7.30pm

### ***Thursday 15 August***

**Thursday Bible Study** meet from 1.30pm

### ***Friday 16 August***

**Friday Plus Bible Study Group** meets at 9.30am

**Playgroup** meet from 10am

## Just Kids Term 3 dates



Aug 11 & 25

Sept 8 & 22

## **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 Millers Forest Uniting Church :**

Millers Forest Uniting Church sits in a small rural community and meets on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11am. We are small in number and consist of long term members of the Community , the majority being around the 70's who were mostly born in the area. Most members are actively involved in other community groups being well known, if other community members need assistance. This year we have welcomed a new member who has undertaken the maintenance of the grounds with great enthusiasm . Since Covid we sometimes have Grahamstown worshippers join with us for our services which are led by Mrs Dianne Holden.

Prayer : We pray for the ongoing witness of the Millers Forest Uniting Church congregation as they commit to be a welcoming church to all and to do as called; God's work in their community witnessing and helping their neighbours and also maintaining the building and surrounds to reflect their caring to others .

Amen.

**The Crochet Basket is back!** If you are a person who can crochet kitchen towels then we would appreciate your help! We have kitchen towels ready for the crochet work to be done, available for you to take in a basket in the gathering area, crochet cotton is supplied. When completed, please return to the basket. These will be sold on our Homecraft stall on 5 September



**Date for your Diary :** A simple lunch to hear the latest news and support the charity Cows for Cambodia (Cathy & Michael T will be volunteering with the charity again later this year).



**Friday 20th September** at 12:30pm in the Gathering Area. More details will be released closer to the date.

**Unite / Families** - Dinner with the Two Greg's (&Wendy) . Enjoy a catch up over a catered two course meal at Rev Greg's house - 6 Narla Road, Belmont North on Saturday 31st August at 6.30pm . Cost \$20 per person . RSVP to Greg A : 0412 010 170



The next **Friendly Foodies lunch** will be held at Swansea RSL Club on Sunday 25 August at 12 noon. Come and join a group of people from the congregation for a meal , a chat and a lovely afternoon by the water .Everyone welcome. If you need a lift to or from Swansea , please let Alison Cleary know.



## Office Hours



### Church Office Hours

Katy is currently on leave and the Office will not be open on Tuesdays 6, 13,20 August. The Office will be open on Fridays as usual during this time from 9am - 4pm . If you have any enquires please contact Jenny : 49468143 or [jennyandray@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyandray@bigpond.com)

**Safe Church Workshop :** The Uniting Church requires all those who are Church Council members, Pastoral leaders, Ministers, Lay Preachers, Ministry program leaders and helpers including children and youth and SRE teachers to complete this workshop every three years. As you are aware we recently advertised two workshops coming up in August and October. The August one booked out within five days. However a second one has now been arranged for Sunday 25 August at 12.30pm at Garden Suburb Uniting Church. BYO lunch. Brochures are available on the table. However you will need to book in quickly to avoid missing out.



**Thank you** to all those who cooked soup and slices last Sunday . It was a very successful morning. The next one will be next Sunday 18 August . We have updated the list of those who indicated that they would be able to cook next Sunday. If you would like to add your name to the list it would be appreciated.



*Life is the most difficult exam .*

*Most people fail because they try to copy others, not realizing that everyone has a different question paper !*





## Family Fun Day & Markets in The Trees

Saturday 7th September 9-2pm

A St Luke's Fundraiser

4 weeks to go !

### How can you help ?

- Think about the people you will be seeing in the coming weeks - maybe you attend a social or sporting group or visit a centre - take some flyers today and invite them to the Family Fun Day.
- If you use Facebook - take a photo of the flyer and post it on your page
- Add your name to the sign up sheet and help on a stall of your choice or "where needed" on the day
- If you know someone who sells new items or has 2nd hand items they want to part with then suggest they might like to have a stall at our markets. The details are on the flyer with the green (markets) heading .
- Start thinking about what you can cook for our Home Cooking Stall - always so popular .Containers will be supplied two weeks before the day to help you with packaging.
- Remember to donate any unwanted toys, puzzles, books etc for Kids Biz stall. Tub provided in the gathering area.
- If you can crochet (or know someone who does) take some kitchen towels to crochet from the container in the gathering area.
- If you sew, you might like to make some items for the Homecraft stall : bags, plate holders, placemats, baby items etc.
- Collect flat cardboard or plastic containers for kids to transport/take home , their finished Plaster of Paris items in (approx. 10cm x 10cm or bigger. Place in box provided.

### What will the Community see on the day ?

- a church community working together to provide an enjoyable day
- Our Community Garden Volunteers - some dressed as vegetables !
- Our Pre School staff supporting our church by helping with the Kids Biz stall
- Our wonderful Community Centre
- Our beautiful grassy area under the trees filled with affordable market stalls
- The entertainment we will be providing - The Marching Koalas band -a visit from some guide dogs - free activities for kids and stalls to shop at and a sausage sizzle BBQ !



**In Summary :** Please have a look at all the Family Funday information and how you can support it - you will find it all on your right just as you exit the church and enter the gathering area . Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding this day , please email Alison Gill : [a.gill@optusnet.com.au](mailto:a.gill@optusnet.com.au) or phone her : 0435 653 531



Welcome

We warmly welcome to the 9.45am service today David Toogood and Ofa Folakau from the Synod Pulse Unit. David is the Education and Resourcing Facilitator and Ofa is the Youth Ministry Facilitator.

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**Friday Plus Bible Study Group** will meet at 9.30am on Friday 16 August in the gathering area .We begin with tea/coffee before a 10am start. Our study this week will continue looking at Acts Chapter 9:32-43 and into chapter 10:1-48. We welcome everyone wishing to join us in our observations of the growth of the early church. Any enquires to Julie Killeen : 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan : 0424 139 100



**Hunter Presbytery Gathering :**  
An invitation is extended to all to attend the next Presbytery Gathering to be held at Salamander Bay Uniting Church on Thursday 29 August 2024

commencing with morning tea at 10am. The speaker will be Rev Graham Perry - The Hunter Presbytery Minister. BYO lunch.

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*You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you.*

*What you do makes a difference , and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make .*

Jane Goodall



**Bunnings BBQ Wrap-up !** - A St Luke's Fundraiser ! Held last Saturday - 3 August from 9am - 4pm at Bunnings - Bennetts Green .Fifteen people helped with the BBQ in various roles - food preparation, cooking , taking orders, serving customers and taking payments . Here are some stats for the day !

- 816 sausages cooked and sold
- 20kg onions cooked on the day (peeled & chopped the day before - thank you to Greg Anderson and Robyn Lockwood. (we hope your eyes survived !)
- 50 loaves of bread buttered and used
- Over 432 orders filled for customers (some ordered 4 or more Sausage sandwiches at one time) Some customers returned for more as they were SO good !
- 203 drinks sold.

A great profit : \$2,214.45.

A huge thank you to Meredith Hudson who was the team leader for this BBQ - she ensured everything was bought and supplied before the day and that everything ran smoothly on the day.

Our next one is on Saturday 7th December - with it being Christmas shopping time, it could be even busier !!

**THANK YOU**