

# Together



Sunday 18 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 18 August	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 25 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 , Nic Gould will be sharing about his experiences in Marathon running and Renee and Eldrene will be catering.

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#### Lectionary readings for the coming week :

1 Kings 8 : 22-30 , 41-43 ; Psalm 84 ;  
Ephesians 6 : 10-20 ; John 6 : 56-69

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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 19 August**

**Activity Centre** meet from 9.30am  
The Book Club will meet at 10am

**Community Outreach Team** meeting at 1.30pm

### **Tuesday 20 August**

**Quirky Quilters** meet from 10am



### **Thursday 22 August**

**Thursday Bible Study** meet from 1.30pm

### **Friday 23 August**

**Playgroup** meet from 10am

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## Just Kids Term 3 dates



Aug 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 North Lake Macquarie :**

North Lake Macquarie consists of two congregations Boolaroo and Warners Bay. They are currently served by Rev Dr Brian Brown in supply ministry and are involved in mission planning this year towards the calling of a new Minister.

**Prayer Point :** Pray for the newly commissioned Elders and members of the Mission Council and for the two worship centres as they formulate a mission plan for 2024 and beyond . Amen.



**The Community Outreach Team** will meet on Monday 19 August at 1.30pm in the gathering area. If you are interested to talk about our outreach to the community , please come along. We would love to see you.

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**Date for your diary !** Friday 20th September at 12.30pm . A simple lunch in the gathering area to support the "Cows for Cambodia " project



**Today** .....after each of the services a variety of soups and slices will be for sale . \$5 each and if the slice has two layers it will be \$7.50. Thank you to all those who have cooked .



**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.



**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.



## 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.



**Invitation** : to attend a **“New Ventures Gathering”** with Rev Dr Karina Kreminski on Thursday 5th September from 9.30am to 12 midday at Adamstown Uniting Church for those from all congregations in The Hunter Presbytery who are interesting in exploring Fresh Expressions of the Church in the Synod and in developing new forms of mission and worship.. Karina has been an innovator and pathfinder in doing things differently. Register with Rev Dr Rod Pattenden : [Pattenden@bigpond.com](mailto:Pattenden@bigpond.com)





## Family Fun Day & Markets in The Trees

Saturday 7th September 9-2pm  
3 weeks to go !

A brand new event for St Luke's.  
Lets give it a try !

- *This family Fun Day is an event for all ages to enjoy !*



- **For the adults** : church stalls , market stalls & entertainment

- **For the kids** : Games , a toy stall and lots of activities

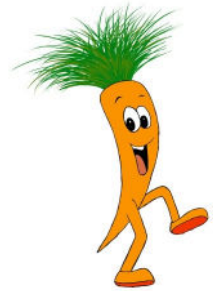
- **New** : Markets in the trees - Community members have started to book stalls so they can set up and sell their items in the lovely grassy setting we provide adjacent to the Pre School . So far we have 12 confirmed stalls including hair accessories , soy candles, jewellery, nik naks, homewares, hair braiding, clothes, spices & toppings !



- **New** : A visit from some local Guide Dogs and their raisers.



- \* **New** : Promotion of our wonderful Community Garden and their team of volunteers
- **New** : Two free activities for kids to enjoy along with our usual affordable \$2 ones.
- **New** : Our wonderful Pre School staff organizing a Kids Biz stall for us.
- **New** : An opportunity for Kids to March with the Marching Koalas for one song
- **Stalls** : Streamlined amount for less work for our congregation. Unlike our Carnival , we will not be having a plant stall, Red Dove Café, Book stall, Ritzy Rags, Live entertainment program on stage , Art Exhibition, or live broadcast from Rhema FM ....and .... no packing up of the church and putting back in place again !
- **In summary** : Please keep the Family Fun Day in your prayers - that it will be a wonderful outreach and that the funds raised will benefit our church and our community.  
The Fundraising Table in the gathering area has information about the day and flyers to take .  
For any further information or questions please contact Alison Gill : [a.gill@optusnet.com.au](mailto:a.gill@optusnet.com.au) or Jenny Mathieson : [jennyandray@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyandray@bigpond.com)



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