

Together



Sunday 4 August 2024

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**" Make every effort to keep
the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace."**

EPHESIANS 4:3



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 4 August	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell	HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell	HC
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell	
Sunday 11 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 Alison will be sharing about “Life post Stroke”

Alison and Jenny will be catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33	Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35,41-51

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**

**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 5 August

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am

This week there is a discussion

Tuesday 6 August

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Wednesday 7 August

Fellowship meet from 9.30am

Thursday 8 August

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Friday 9 August

Playgroup meet from 10am

Just Kids Term 3 dates



Aug 11 & 25

Sept 8 & 22

Today : A variety of Soup and slices for sale after each of the Services. Cost \$5 each or if the slice box has two layers then it is \$7.50 . Take some home for lunch !



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 Morisset Uniting Church

Morisset Uniting Church, known as "Church in the Trees" seeks to be a place where people can draw near to nature and to God in an accepting community of Christ Jesus. We reach out to the wider community through our Op Shop, Over 55s Expo, hiring our facilities, the Open Kitchen meals, and involvement with other groups and charities. We are in the process of constructing a Bush Chapel along with other ideas for service and growth.

Prayer: We pray that the worship, witness and service of Morisset Uniting Church will bring many into the presence of God. We pray for each person to be aware of their blessedness as they interact with others, blessing each one with good news, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Invitation : to a Hiroshima Day Commemoration at 6pm on Sunday 4 August at Christ Church Cathedral , Church Street, Newcastle



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 at the Family Fun Day and Markets in the Trees on 7th 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.

Fellowship : Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 7th August in the Gathering Area with morning tea from 9.45am. Polish up your knowledge of musical instruments and be ready to share any amusing anecdotes from the little people in your life.



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 at 6.30pm . Cost \$20 per person . RSVP to Greg A : 0412 010 170



Church Office Hours

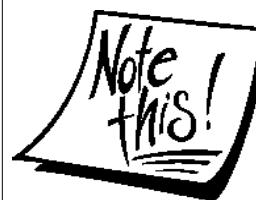
Office Hours

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

Last Monday the members of **St Luke's Activity Centre** enjoyed a Heptathlon in the spirit of the current Olympic Games. Each team decided on a team name depicting one of the Olympic sports then the Olympic Torch was lit and the Games began !. It was a fun morning of games and Olympic quizzes. The Gold Medal was won by the Skateboarding Team - Silver medal by the Football team and the Bronze Medal by the Wheelchair Basketball team . Thank you to Jean for her organization . Photos of the day are on St Luke's website under "events"



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.



Family Fun Day & Markets in The Trees

A St Luke's Fundraiser: Saturday 7th
September 9-2pm

In last week's Together we provided you with an update on what the day will look like - stalls, entertainment, activities and markets. This week we have outlined how you can help this day be a wonderful event for our church and local community.

Needed - before the day :

- i. Using a provided list , someone to order and collect a bulk number of sausages, bread and onions on Friday 6th or early on Saturday 7th for the BBQ stall.
- ii. A few more people to add their names to help on a stall on the day. - The Kids Zone activities and BBQ (serving) have the most spots to fill.
- iii. **Donations :**
 - * Items for the Kids Biz stall - toys, books, games, puzzles etc. Please drop in to the Pre-School during opening hours or place in the box provided in St Luke's gathering area.
 - * Flat cardboard or plastic containers for kids to transport/take home their finished Plaster of Paris items - approx. 10cm x 10cm or bigger. Recycled plastic meat containers are ideal so please start collecting them and place them in the box provided.
 - * Homecrafts - new homemade items. If you crochet , see the provided towels and cottons in the basket in the gathering area for you to take home and complete and return prior to the day.
 - * Home cooking : some can be made ahead of time and freeze if need be. Cakes, biscuits, slices, sweets, jams, pickles, chutney etc. Always a very popular stall !

The Markets in the Trees component of the day will be 29 stalls set up on the grassy area at the top of the car park (adjacent to Narla) Church or community members can book a stall at a cost of \$50 each . To sell new or second hand items. Bookings for the stalls are now open on the trybooking site and close on 1 September (or until sold out). More details on the flyer.



Flyers : Note : there are two different flyers for the Family Fun Day /Markets in the Trees

- i. Focussed on the **Family Fun Day** is the general one to use - hand out hard copies ; take a photo and send as text to someone or share on your Face Book page or ask for a digital copy and email out to friends and family.
- ii. Focussed on **The Markets** - this one is to hand out or share with people that you think might be interested in booking a stall . Perhaps they make things to sell or have lots of second hand items they want to get rid of while making a bit of extra cash ?

Both Flyers have lots of information about the whole day but are a bit different !

In summary :

Please have a look at all the Family Fun Day information and how you can support it You will find it on your right just as you exit the church and enter the gathering area.

Thank you for your help and support . It is appreciated !

If you have any questions regarding this day, please email Alison Gill: a.gill@optusnet.com.au or phone her: 0435653531.

**Mark
Your
Calendar**

Next Sunday we will be privileged to have at the 9.45am Service two members of the Synod Pulse Team - David Toogood who is the Education and Resourcing Facilitator and Ofa Folakau who is the Youth Ministry Facilitator. They will be participating in the Service and sharing the message . Pulse is the Synod Children's and Youth Ministry Unit.



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.



BBQ/Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings -

Bennetts Green - Saturday 4 August

from 9am - 4pm : A huge thank you to Mererdith, Peter H, Ian ,Julie, Gary, Greg A Alison G , El, Bronwyn, Robyn, Virginia, Cathy, Vickie, Beverley & Peter who helped

at our 2nd Bunnings BBQ on Saturday . Next week we will give you an update on how it went and how much money was raised. !



August

Be present

Let the day flow with grace

Expect joy. Be positive

Serve with compassion

Speak only kindness

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.



Mary Davis

Faith :

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem

Faith takes you through the problem

Faith doesn't always take away the pain

Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain .

Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm .

Faith calms you in the midst of the storm

