

Together



Sunday 29 September 2024

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the Lord
is my
Strength
and my
Shield

Psalm 28:7

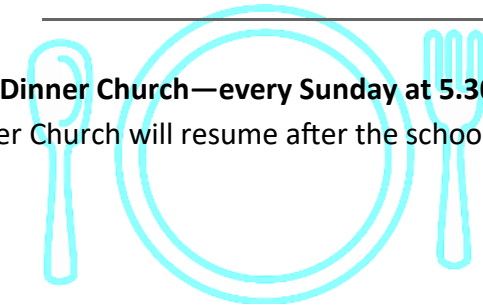
We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land

Worship services

Sunday 29 September 8.00am Rev Greg McConnell
9.45am Rev Greg McConnell

Sunday 6 October 8.00am Mr John Nowland
9.45am Mr John Nowland

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 3.45pm



Dinner Church—every Sunday at 5.30pm

Dinner Church will resume after the school holidays

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Jb 1:1;2:1-10 Ps 26
Heb 1:1-4;2:5-12 Mk 10:2-16

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

Tuesday 1 October

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Wednesday 2 October

Fellowship meet from 9.30am

Thursday 3 October

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Just Kids Term 4 dates

October 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15



Presbytery Prayer Diary

This diary provides an opportunity to pray each week for congregations in the Presbytery. By praying together, we can encourage one another in mission, as we grow in faith and unity and develop understanding and relationships across the region.

This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Scone Uniting Church

Scone Congregation includes the rural worship centres of Scone, Rouchel and Bunnan. The Scone Uniting Church meets each Sunday at 9:30am with approximately 25-35 people in attendance. Rouchel has an average attendance of 2-8 people who meet for a monthly service. Bunnan has just begun to meet after a 3-year hiatus. The Scone congregation is an aging congregation but welcomes a number of Asian and Pacific Islander worshippers who are employed locally. On a weekly basis, there is a Monday Bible Study group, a Tuesday Open Door coffee morning, and a Saturday English Language Conversation class. The Pacific Islander (Pasifika) attendees also hold regular services, mostly on Saturday evenings in conjunction with a Brazilian church.

Prayer: We pray for the members of all worship centres and their families. May the centres of worship be places of welcome and hospitality in their communities. We pray for God's guidance for all who lead us and may they be faithful to God and to His Word. We also pray that we will be open to God's leading in this changing world, and that we will be sensitive to opportunities in the path forward regarding Mission and Ministry, and the use of our properties and other resources. Amen.

1 **Unite / All Families—Barefoot Bowls and Bistro**

Reaching out to everyone in their 30's—60's



Saturday, 12th October 10.30am.

Note change of date - now Sat, 12th October (one week earlier)

Kotara Bowling Club—2 Howell St, Kotara.

Get ready for some outdoor fun with barefoot bowls followed by a scrumptious bistro lunch (meals approx. \$15). RSVP by 9th October to Alison via text 0435 653 531

2 **Help needed!**

Help needed! Meredith is looking for someone to take Just Kids for the first 2 sessions in Term 4 as she is not available - dates October 20 and November 3. We are working through the theme of being Christ's body on earth (hands, feet, mouth etc) and Meredith can help with ideas/materials.

Please note that if you take the kids to the Community Centre, at least one adult needs to have a valid Working With Children Check. Please let her know as soon as possible if you can assist ... it's lots of fun and the kids are awesome! Meredith: Ph 0425 259 020, email: pmhudson@optusnet.com.au

3 **Safe Church Workshop**



If you are a member of the Church Council, or leader of a pastoral group, or work with any children's groups/activities then it is a requirement that you undertake a Safe Church Workshop every three years. The next one that will be held in our Presbytery will be on Saturday 12 October at Morpeth Uniting Church. Brochures with booking details are available on the back table.

4 Fellowship

The next Fellowship meeting is Wednesday 2nd October, and as usual commencing with morning tea from 9.30 prior to the meeting commencing 10 am. We are

always pleased to welcome visitors to join us to hear our speakers and at this meeting our speaker is Vicki Dougherty who many know from the Sunday 8 o' clock service. So come along for a pleasant morning of Fellowship.



5 Thursday Bible Study—Alpha Course

The Thursday 1:30 Bible Study will continue at St. Luke's.

The fourth week of each month we will view a session of the Alpha program hosted by Nicky Gumbel filmed at Holy Trinity Brompton, London.

For more details contact Barbara Bell.

If you plan to view the Alpha program phone Betty 0435 908 102 for catering purposes.



6 Week of Prayer for the Middle East

Following on from the devastating air strikes this week which killed hundreds and displaced thousands in Lebanon, The Uniting Church President, Rev Charissa Suli has called for a Week of Prayer for the Middle East from 29 September to 5 October 2024. Please join with other members of the Uniting Church across Australia this week and pray for the people in the Middle East and for peace and justice in these countries.

7 Cows for Cambodia

We'd like to thank Jean for organising the Cows for Cambodia fundraising lunch held on Friday 20th September. We'd also like to thank Alison, Robyn, Andrew and Tracey for helping out on the day.

Including a kind donation from Activity Centre, \$1700 was raised for the charity. We are very appreciative of the people who came to the lunch and the many additional generous donations that were received. These donations will make a big difference in the lives of many Cambodian people.

Cathy & Michael



8 Thank you St Luke's Preschool

Last Friday, Rev Greg and myself were invited up to the pre-school for a visit. We were greeted by a staff member and 5 preschool boys (aged 4 and 5). When asked if they knew where we were from, they all individually replied "The church".

We were then presented with a certificate and \$145 cash to be put towards the 'Family Fun Day' takings.

The money was raised from the children making and painting sculptures and the parents purchasing them.

We say a huge thank you to the preschool staff for this initiative, and support, and look forward to continuing our relationship with the preschool as a whole. A copy of the certificate is on display on the fundraising table.

Alison Gill



9 St Luke's Community and Outreach Team

Dates for your Diary

'Bunnings' Fundraising Fortnight

Sat 30th November: Home Cooking Stall & Homecrafts stall
(leftover items).
Inside the foyer of Bunnings. 8:30am for
9am start

Sat 7th December: BBQ (our 3rd one).
Outside under gazebos. 8:30am for 9am
start

More info on how you can help, shifts etc will be advertised closer
to the dates.

Project Blessing (Christmas Hampers for schools)

Sun 10th November: Sun, 8th December: Donations of money
and suitable food asked for.

Wed 11th December: Delivery of hampers to schools

More information on Project Blessing, including ways to help, how
to nominate individuals etc will be provided closer to the dates.

Alison Gill - Leader, Community & Outreach Team



James 5:13-20 NIV

The Prayer of Faith

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50 NIV

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’

Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”