

# Together



Sunday 6 October 2024

**Minister**

Rev. Greg McConnell  
0404 046 697

**Website**

[www.stlukesbelmont.com.au](http://www.stlukesbelmont.com.au)

**Email**

[belmontuca@gmail.com](mailto:belmontuca@gmail.com)

**Administration Assistant**

Katy Burfield  
4945 4655 - office  
Tues 9am - 5.30pm  
Fri 9am - 5.30pm



*You are the light  
of the world.*

Matthew 5:14

*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

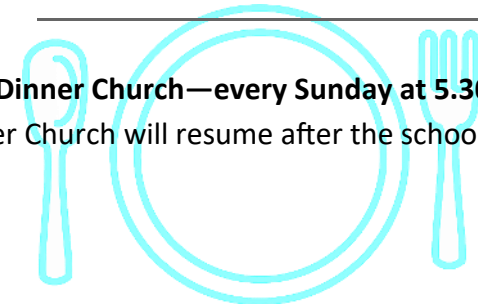
Sunday 6 October	8.00am	Mr John Nowland
	9.45am	Mr John Nowland
Sunday 13 October	8.00am	Pastor Kim Langford HC
	9.45am	Pastor Kim Langford HC

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 23:1-9,16-17	Ps 22:1-15
Heb 4:12-16	Mk 10:17-31

---

**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 8 October***

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

**Thursday 10 October**

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

**Friday 11 October**

Friday Plus Bible Study meet from 9.30am

---

## Just Kids Term 4 dates

October 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15



## Presbytery Prayer Diary

### **This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Toronto Uniting Church**

Toronto Uniting Church meets every Sunday at 9am with an attendance of approximately 50. Our Minister is a Deacon, Rev Allison Forrest. We have Ministry Teams which generally meet monthly and who report to our Church Council every two months. We have a weekly Christian Meditation Group, a monthly Prayer Group, a fortnightly Kinship Care Group, a monthly Men's Coffee Group and a weekly Faith Nurture Study Group. Our congregation are mainly in the over 60's age group at present. We are grateful for the receipt of a Presbytery Mission Development Grant, which has helped with the funding of the installation of new audio-visual equipment and will also be used to implement "Toronto Uniting Church Online" – a project which aims to open up some new ways into worship and discipleship for people not currently attending in-person worship. We hope that this project will open up ways for us to welcome in younger people, to get involved in the life of our church, and to take up opportunities to get creative in video and digital media production.

**Prayer:** For the Ongoing work of the TUC Online Project. Pray that a good number of our members will be equipped to operate the AV system confidently. Pray also for wisdom and encouragement for the members of the project team, as they guide this complex work. The Kinship Carers group – give thanks for the friendship, support and compassion shared between its members. Please pray that all the children and teenagers connected to this support group experience a wonderful year of life and growth. Each member of each Ministry Team – thanks for the gifts, skills and commitment which each person contributes to the mission of the church. Amen.

### 1 **Thank You**

All the groceries we were able to supply to Margaret Jurd College with the funds



that came in from the Appeal some months ago have now been delivered.

The \$330 was well spent and a great more value was able to be donated to the Pantry, by choosing to purchase the very good specials as they came up each week - the \$330 stretched to well up to around \$450!

The College is so appreciative for this kind of help as there is a real need for food for the students and some families, who are under financial pressure at the moment due to the current cost in living and rental.

'Thank You' St Luke's for supporting this need in our Uniting Church—know that it was really appreciated.

### 2 **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.



### 3 **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



### 4 **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

### 5 **Older Persons Sunday**

Today the Uniting church in Australia is celebrating Older Persons Sunday. We celebrate and affirm all the older people in our congregation and give thanks for their work and Ministry over the years.



### 6 **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.

### 7 **Friday Plus Bible Study**

The book of Acts has seen the unfolding of the early church and the problems and advances it made. Please join us as we look into chapter 12 and all the events that served to strengthen the faith of the believers.



We meet at 9.30 for tea/coffee followed by prayer, sharing and the study. We aim to finish by 11.30am. Any enquiries to Julie Killeen 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.

### 8 **Combined Morning Tea**

On Sunday 20th October we will be holding a combined morning tea at 9am between the two morning services. Come early before the 9.45am service or stay on after the 8am service. At the morning tea we will be celebrating with Rev Tom Anderson, the anniversary of fifty years since his ordination. What a wonderful milestone in ministry for Tom!



## St Lukes - Caring for the Environment

- At a recent Church Council meeting, it was agreed that St Luke's would set up a Recycling Station **and you will now find it all set-up and ready to use**, in the gathering area, near the entry doors.

**6 bins on the table** are provided for the following items ...

- **Household Batteries**
- **Medicinal Blister Packs:** foil or plastic
- **Soft Plastics:** Soft plastics also known as flexible plastics are materials that can be easily manipulated by hand, such as plastic bags, bread bags, lolly bags, cling wraps and packaging materials.
- **Aluminium and steel bottle tops**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Printer Cartridges**



The supplied bins will be emptied from time to time and taken to various drop off centres supplied by Lake Macquarie City Council.

### Return and Earn Recycling...

There are 2 bins on the ground beside the table provided for:

- **Eligible glass bottles and**
- **Eligible plastic bottles & aluminium cans**



These items will be collected and taken to a Return and Earn facility on a regular basis by Alison Cleary. We get 10c per item and the \$\$ raised will be used as a fundraiser to increase our donations to other organisations, e.g. The Margaret Jurd College.

*\*If you're not sure what is eligible, have a look on the back of the can/bottle – it should tell you if it is eligible for a 10c refund.*

Please rinse the containers out before you put them in the bin and dispose of the lids thoughtfully.

Thanks for your help in reducing waste and benefiting our environment.

*Thank you to Alison C, Alison G and Katy for helping set this program up so we can all be a part of reducing waste and benefiting our environment.*



## **Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12 NIV**

### **God's Final Word: His Son**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

### **Jesus Made Fully Human**

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified:

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honour and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

## **Mark 10:2-16 NIV**

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

"What did Moses command you?" he replied.

They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

### **The Little Children and Jesus**

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.