

# Together



Sunday 20 October 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 20 October	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 27 October	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

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### Dinner Church—every Sunday at 5.30pm

#### Dinner Church commences again for Term 4 tonight.

Dinner Church is a casual service for all ages with a message, a catered meal, prayer, discussion and more. This week Rev Greg McConnell will be giving the message and Alison Gill will be catering.

### Lectionary readings for the coming week

Jb 42:1-6,10-17	Ps 34:1-22
Heb 7:23-28	Mk 10:46-52

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**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

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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 21 October**

**Activity Centre** meet from 9.30am with Book Club this week

### **Tuesday 22 October**

**Quirky Quilters** meet from 10am

### **Thursday 24 October**

**Thursday Bible Study** meet from 1.30pm

### **Friday 25 October**

**Friday Plus Bible Study** meet from 9.30am

**Playgroup** meet from 10am

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## 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.

*Philippians 4: 6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### **This week's Presbytery Prayer Point is Grahamstown - Raymond Terrace Uniting Church**

Raymond Terrace Uniting Church is one of the five congregations in the Grahamstown Multi-centre Congregation. We are a very welcoming group of about 20 who meet each Sunday at 9am. Every month we have a Sunday lunch after the service and there is a weekly Bible study on Friday afternoons. We join with our other congregations for the monthly GrUnCh21 social gatherings, on the 21st of each month. Everyone is invited to come along.

**Prayer:** We pray for Raymond Terrace Uniting Church and the Grahamstown Multi-centre Congregation for guidance in continuing to seek ways to appreciate the similarities and value the differences that build a diverse and responsive church, locally and beyond. Amen.

### 1 **Friendly Foodies**

The next Friendly Foodies lunch will be at Windale Bowling Club at 12:00 pm **today**, Sunday 20 October. All are welcome. We had lunch there last month and the venue was so good, we decided to go there again this month. Please come along and enjoy some good food and great conversation.



### 2 **Friday Plus Bible Study**

Friday Plus Bible Study group will meet again on 25th October in the gathering area. We will continue with our study on the development of the early church: Acts chapter 13. Feel free to join us at 9.30am for tea/coffee before a 10am start. If you are not able to attend but would like a copy of the study notes please contact Julie Killeen on 0427 505 874 or Jan Kellahan 0424 139 100.



### 3 **Working With Children Number**

If you are a person in the congregation who holds a Working With Children number, please give the details to Jenny Mathieson as soon as possible: full name, address, date of birth, WWC number and expiry date. The reason for this is to check if we have your correct details listed and have them all listed with Dept of Children's Guardian which is a requirement. We need to need to be prepared for a Synod audit of all congregations shortly. You can email the information if this is easier: [jennyandray@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyandray@bigpond.com)

#### 4 **Our Sympathy and our Prayers**

Our sympathy and our prayers are with the family of Bill Bryant. Bill passed away on Thursday morning. Bill was a much loved member of the 8am congregation and will be remembered for the many areas of ministry he exercised over a long time. Bill had been very actively involved in the Belmont Presbyterian Church prior to Church Union. At St Luke's he was very much involved in the bringing together of the Belmont Methodist and Presbyterian congregations and since then has served as an Elder and conducted the 8am choir and Narla Singers. He had a wonderful singing voice which he used in a variety of ways. He was a long time member of the Carnival Committee as well as serving as the Chairperson of the committee and Chairperson of the congregation. For many years he volunteered in St Luke's office on a Friday morning duplicating and stapling many reams of paper! He was an active member of the Monday Morning Activity Centre where he taught a French class. For many years prior to Covid when it stopped, Bill was involved in music at the monthly service held at Narla Nursing Home. Bill will be very much missed!

"Well done good and faithful servant"

#### 5 **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Rev Tom Anderson who is celebrating fifty years since his Ordination . We give thanks to God for Tom's ministry over the past fifty years and we are especially thankful for the ministry and friendship that he offers to St Luke's in his retirement years. Tom has served the church as follows;



Tom candidated for the ministry and was accepted by the NSW Methodist Conference in 1969.

From 1970-1973 Tom was undertook Theological Education and ministerial formation at Leigh College, Enfield and United Faculty of Theology, St Andrew's College within the University of Sydney and with his Circuit experience program at Loftus in 1971 – 72. He was a Graduate of the Melbourne College of Divinity .

Tom was appointed to the Forster-Wallamba Joint Parish where he served from 1974 – 1979. Tom was Ordained on 13th October 1974 at Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta.

Tom served in the Mayfield Parish from 1980 – 1984, at Port Stephens from 1985 – 1993 , Reid Parish (Canberra) 1994 – 1999, Milton-Ulladulla Parish from 2000 – 2007 where he retired on 30th June 2007 and moved to Belmont North.

Tom has exercised ministry in a wide variety of ways over the years and one of these areas was Chaplaincy. He was a Chaplain at Thredbo with the landslide and at Nyngan with the floods. At Milton-Ulladulla he was Chaplain to the SES which then led him to being a volunteer as well as Chaplain. He continued as a volunteer with the SES at Lake Macquarie after he retired and moved to Belmont.

We give thanks to God for Tom's long and faithful ministry and our prayers go with him as he continues to serve God in ministry in his retirement.

*Thank You*

## 6 St Lukes - Caring for the Environment

Thankyou everyone – within just 2 weeks of setting up our recycling station, the response has been amazing!

What is also amazing, is just how much goes to landfill if we don't recycle when we can.

To make it convenient to collect your recyclable items each week, find a container at home to place them all in and then it will be easier to drop them off when you attend church.

**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**



### 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**

## 7 **Thursday Bible Study**

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.

The Alpha program is a series of fifteen talks which look at different aspects of the Christian faith.

e.g. How can we have Faith?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Why & how should I read the Bible?



For more details contact Barbara Bell 4946 8549

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

## 8 **New Activity**

The Activity Centre will be offering once more Carpet Bowls as a special activity on 28th October at 9.30am in the Community Centre.

It is hoped that members of St Lukes will support this activity, especially the men who will be joining with community participants should they attend.

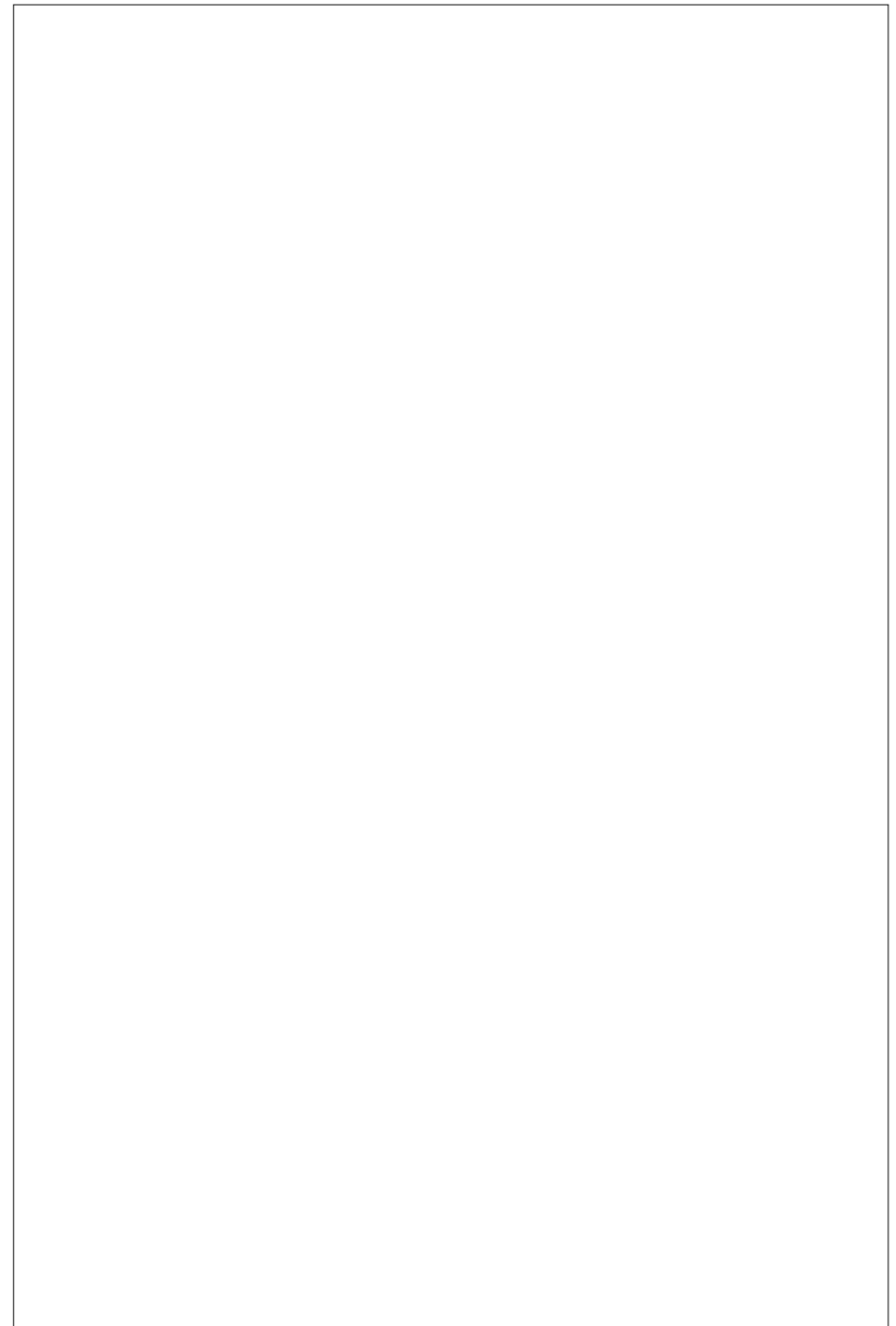
If there is enough interest golf, croquet, darts and Finska will also be organised at future dates.

Further information, contact Jean 0418 214 199 and Marjorie 0408 215 549



9 **Mental Health Month**

It is mental health month this month, and there is a Christian church service on at the Anglican cathedral next weekend. The service lasts for about one hour and all are welcome.



### **Hebrews 5:1-10 NIV**

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

### **Mark 10:35-45 NIV**

#### **The Request of James and John**

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

“Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”