



The Hunter Presbytery

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28 March 2024

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

7pm, 28 March 2024

The Willows

342 Hillsborough Road

Warners Bay Uniting Church

A New Gathering for Spiritual Growth

All are welcome on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm.

To a new group focussing on spiritual growth at Warners Bay Uniting Church.

It will include:

- ✦ a quiet time of personal sharing
- ✦ basic meditation in a safe space of support and trust.

It is expected the group will meet fortnightly and develop its own life in accordance with the needs and guidance of the participants.

Warners Bay Uniting Church
342 Hillsborough Road,
Warners Bay.



Or

See below link attached for ARRCC community organising skills workshop.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/hca-founding-assembly>

The Hunter Community Alliance

Assembly

Founding

6.15 for 6.30pm

Food trucks 5.30pm
Wednesday 10th April
The Great Hall—University of Newcastle

**Over 100 people participating
from The Uniting Church so far**
gather 6.15pm in The Great Hall
register for latest details

<https://events.humanitix.com/hca-founding-assembly>

T Shirts

pre-order closed 19th March

contact robhanks@bigpond.net.au
to check extras for your size



Easter Worship@Hamilton Uniting

150 BEAUMONT ST. HAMILTON

9.00AM GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

9.30AM EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

All Welcome



Story

Job Available: Resourcing Faith@5: Admin, Online community, and Social Media Profile

Faith@5 is a joint activity of Jesmond Park Uniting Church and New Lambton Uniting Church.

We gather at 5pm on the second and fourth Saturday of the month during school terms at Jesmond Park Uniting Church, and currently have between 50 and 60 people attending.

We share in a time of worship and faith-based activity followed by a shared meal.

We are looking for a part time admin officer for 4 hours a week.

Faith@5 is a diverse and inclusive community which seeks to grow Christ-centred communities through:

- Creating space for God in open and flexible ways.
- Connecting and empowering our community especially the kids and teens.
- Providing an open space, where relationships with people of faith are developed, where stories of faith are shared, and those who are unsure of where they stand in relation to all things church, Jesus, and God can explore that freely.

This role will help Faith@5 engage in a new way with the local and broader community including non-church goers and build on the foundation already in place. The role will coordinate the creation and maintenance of a social media profile. An online presence will help Faith@5 to further connect and discover what the needs of local families, children and teens, regardless of any preexisting connection to church of any form. It will also provide an opportunity to connect with university students who live locally and might be looking for somewhere to worship and connect with a church community close to the campus. The position will work closely alongside, and with the support of, the core leadership of the Faith@5 team.

This role will take responsibility for the following areas:

- Respond to requests for information via the web or email.
- Maintain an up-to-date schedule of Faith@5 gatherings for use online and in print.
- Update online profiles/pages regularly with upcoming events and items of interest.
- Assist where appropriate with purchasing materials for use at Faith@5.
- Assist in preparing reports for JPUC and NLUC Church Council meetings when requested.
- Online community building, initially through setting up and providing input to WhatsApp groups or similar, and other methods as the role is established and other methods become suitable.
- Assist the volunteers in claiming for expenses incurred as part of Faith@5.

Applications close 12th April, 2024.

For a full position description please contact: Cecilia Russell Cecilia.C.Russell@gmail.com 0438439601

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\$5 entry at the door

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be served

For more information visit
berowra.unitingchurch.org.au



Hunter Community Alliance

Organising for the Common Good of the Hunter

Table Talks

A lead up to the Founding Assembly

Sunday 7 April, 10.45am to 12.15pm

Charlestown Uniting Church, 24 Milson Street, Charlestown

At the Table Talks we will be hearing about issues we will be taking action on at the Founding Assembly. We will share our stories of how these issues impact our lives, and the lives of those close to us.

After attending the Table Talk you will know what you want as outcomes of the Founding Assembly, and what commitments you want from Chris Bowen (Federal Minister for Climate Change) and Rose Jackson (Minister for Housing), as well as a chance to connect with each other before the big event!

The Hunter Community Alliance brings together non-government and public interest organisations, including churches, unions, community services and climate and environment groups, who share a commitment to the common good.

Table Talks are how we tune in to visions, hopes and concerns that are felt widely and deeply in the Hunter.

The program will be led by Natalia Soeters from the Hunter Community Alliance. Natalia is a member of the Alliance Climate Change research team.

Register at Humanitix:

<https://events.humanitix.com/hunter-community-alliance-table-talk>

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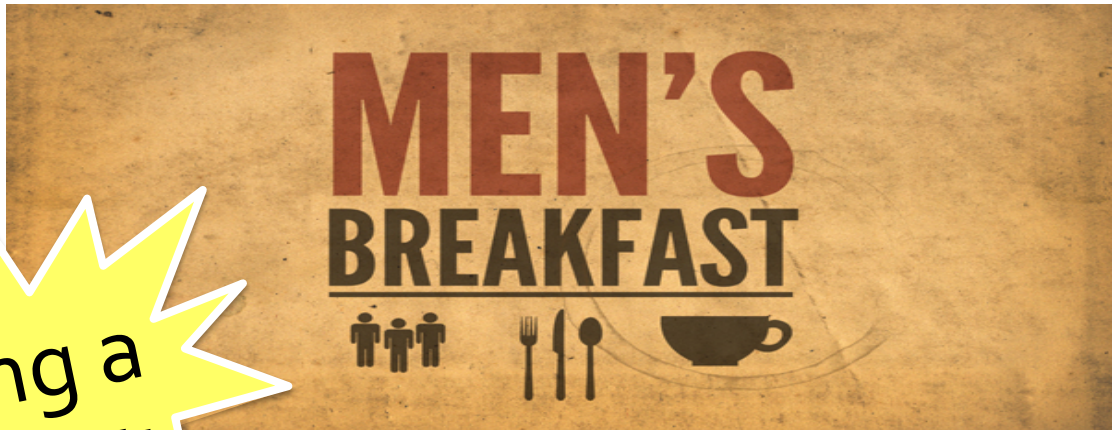
climate change

environment

coming together

sustainable future

This table talk event is convened by [Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting Church](#),
a member of the [Hunter Community Alliance](#)



Bring a
Friend!

With Guest Speaker

Stuart Bell

Kairos Team Leader

I've Spent Time in Prison

Charlestown Uniting Church - 24 Milson Street

8am Saturday 20th April

Cost \$12 RSVP to Robert White

4943 2096 whiterigg@westnet.com.au by 17th April 2024

Kairos Prison Ministry started in Australia in the early 1990's. It is an interdenominational Christian ministry to and for prison inmates and their families. The mission of Kairos in Australia, is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in their transition to becoming productive citizens.

Our speaker Stuart, active in Kairos since 2004 working in the Hunter to provide courses to inmates in Cessnock and St Heliers Prisons. Stuart will give an understanding of what this ministry is aiming to achieve for the inmates and their families.

Being A Welcoming Church

Welcome

We're glad you're here!



Resources for hospitality and welcome



Is your church ready to welcome newcomers? Here is a workshop opportunity to develop principles and strategies that give welcome and hospitality to visitors to your church who may, in the future, become members. Led by experienced pastor Rev Neil Smith, this workshop will give you clear strategies that can be developed in your congregation that give real impact as a welcoming community of faith. Participants will be asked to attend a church of another tradition as part of their preparation and research, and to have the experience of being a newcomer themselves. This workshop will provide an excellent resource for church leaders and elders and help you turn your Sunday worship into a form of community engagement.

Saturday 27th April 2024

9.30am - 1pm \$20/15 conc.

East Maitland Uniting Church - 35 William St

Bookings and Further details here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/865180186227?aff=oddtcreator>

The Hunter Presbytery Uniting Church in Australia

In 2022 it was Black & White ... In 2023 it was Bold & Bright

This year you are invited to a:



'Tropical' Trivia Night

When:

**Saturday, 4th
May 2024**

Where:

**St Lukes Community Centre
Narla Rd, Belmont North**



Doors Open:

6:30pm

Trivia Begins!

7:00pm

Tickets:

\$15pp

Book a table of 8 at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQFCO>

Deadline for bookings: 27/4

! Bring !

Snacks & Drinks

For your table

**Lots of prizes to
be won!**

Gold Coins

For activities

Amazing Auction!

**Fresh & Fruity
Bake Sale!**

Enjoy on the night or take home

Optional:

**Come dressed tropical
style and/or colours!**

Eftpos Available



Small is Beautiful



Thriving as a small Church



Presbytery Minister Graham Perry and Saltbush Scattered Community Minister Yvonne Ghavalas invite you to a time of deep listening and sharing together the challenges and opportunities of being a small church. Yvonne has worked extensively across intergenerational, multicultural, and depleted resource contexts as a social worker, high school teacher, and minister. She is passionate about creating authentic places of belonging through prayer, play, and ancient spiritual practices. Come and find inspiration together in this real and down-to-earth gathering which will include worship, Holy Communion, and sources of support for thriving small communities

Saturday 11th May 2024

10am - 1pm \$20/15 conc.

East Maitland Uniting Church - 35 William St

Bookings here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/865935605707?aff=oddtcreator>

The Hunter Presbytery Uniting Church in Australia

Appeal for Gaza

The human catastrophe in Gaza is unrelenting. Even when the bombs stop falling, Gaza is broken. Homes and buildings are shattered and the suffering never ends.

How can we give tangible support to Palestine?

Truckloads of aid are slowly making their way into Gaza from Egypt. Up to 6 inspections of every load, with authorisation from the Egyptian Red Crescent, government and Israeli authorities are needed.

Operation Hope has identified a UK-registered charity which has been able to deliver their first truck-load of supplies into Gaza. The charity 'Refugee Biryani and Bananas' (RBB) has been able to purchase a truck load of supplies for Gaza. The truck departed Cairo on 9 February, and arrived in Gaza 3 weeks later after all the required checks and inspections.

The delivery was supervised by the Egyptian Red Crescent and the Palestinian Red Crescent. Trusted and reference-checked relatives and friends known personally to the charity organisers conducted the aid distribution in Gaza.

Donate to purchase supplies

Operation Hope Australia has launched an appeal to fund the next truckload of supplies. The will cost up to £35,000 (\$60,000). Limited supplies are sometimes available in Gaza, so these will also be purchased if possible.

Your donation will be handled securely and donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Click on the QR code to donate.



ACN: 627532790

47 Coal Point Rd, Coal Point.

ENQUIRIES:

Erica Henley Ph:0409 505 945 Email: erica@operationhopeaustralia.com



The destruction in Gaza. Image AFP



Food distribution in Gaza by the UK charity, Refugee Biryani and Bananas. Image: RBB



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Connecting on Facebook

Newcastle Hunter Uniting Churches



A space to post events, share news, and connect members of your congregation with training events and gatherings around the Hunter, as well as accessing resources provided by the wider Church.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/newcastlehunterunitingchurches>

Seeing a bigger picture for the Uniting Church in The Hunter



The Hunter Presbytery

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