



The Hunter Presbytery

ENews

17 October 2024

LUNCH BREAK CONCERTS



1.10PM TO 1.50PM

OCTOBER 2024

3RD "CADENCE"

17TH "TWO VOICES IN THE CROWD"

22ND "STEEL CITY SUE" MORLEY

31ST "THE SINGING CIRCLE"

**"BILL'S PLACE" HAMILTON UNITING CHURCH
150 BEAUMONT ST M: 0407401833**





Worship + Celebration

All welcome
9.30am
20th October 2024

Hamilton Uniting Church
150 Beaumont St,
Hamilton NSW

observing the
**65th Anniversary of the Ordination
of Reverend Richard Wrightson**

ENQUIRIES:
PH: 4961 4040

20TH OCTOBER
2024

AT 9.30AM



Women on the 4th Monday

Jonte's Journey



Come and hear Melissa's story -
Her son's battle with eczema.

- Gain an understanding on how eczema mums do better research than the FBI
- The importance of perseverance
- Finding the silver lining in difficult times

Monday October 28th at 1:30pm

Church Hall

NLM Uniting Church

342 Hillsborough Road,

Warners Bay



Fashion Parade



With
Afternoon Tea

'Toronto Uniting Church' in conjunction with 'Allira Op Shop'



Fashion Parade

with a light afternoon tea Fund Raiser,
to be held in the Toronto Uniting Church
118 The Boulevarde, Toronto. NSW 2283



2pm

Saturday October 19th

Tickets \$10 each, available from Uniting Church & Allira Op Shop
Or via: www.trybooking.com



Afternoon tea, lucky door prizes & raffles.



The LGBTIQ+ Forum invites you to celebrate

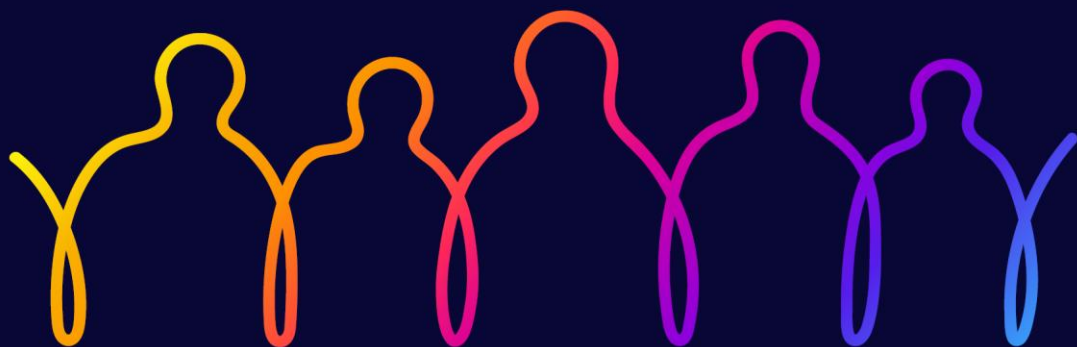
the Diocesan liturgy with LGBTIQ+ people, their families, friends
and supporters at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Date: Friday 18 October 2024

Where: 16 Tighes Terrace, Tighes Hill

Time: 6pm

Event contact: LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au





100 years CELEBRATION

Celebrating the Centenary of our church building, Adamstown Uniting Church (previously Adamstown Methodist Church)

and 150 years in Adamstown

**CELEBRATE WITH US
23RD AND 24TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

**OPEN DAY
SATURDAY, 23RD
10AM-2PM**

Sausage sizzle, face painting, stalls, art exhibition and historical display

**CONCERT
SATURDAY, 23RD
7:30PM**

A showcase of music and art and the history of Adamstown Arts

**SERVICE
SUNDAY, 24TH
9:30AM**

A special celebration worship service. All are invited!



**ADAMSTOWN
UNITING CHURCH**



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

52 CHURCH STREET, NEWCASTLE.

27TH OCTOBER, 3PM

DO YOU HAVE OR HAVE YOU HAD A
MENTAL ILLNESS?
DO YOU CARE ABOUT SOMEONE WITH A
MENTAL ILLNESS?
HAVE YOU LOST SOMEONE TO
MENTAL ILLNESS?

COME ALONG TO THIS MOVING SERVICE

PERFORMANCES BY UNDER CONSTRUCTION
MENTAL HEALTH CHOIR INC

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Candlelight
VIGIL



A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR YOU

to join with the Charlestown and Garden Suburb Congregation at

CHARLESTOWN UNITING CHURCH

24 Milson St

on

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

at

9.00am

During the service we will be giving thanks to God for the lives of those who have died during the last twelve months.

Your loved one will be remembered with an especially prepared candle which you, or a member of your family, will be invited to light.

As you arrive in the foyer, please collect your candle from the usher.

Morning Tea will be served immediately follow the service.

Please contact Beryl Gaul on graeme.beryl@icloud.com with the name of your loved one, or with any enquires.



Branxton Uniting Church presents



**17TH
NOVEMBER
5:30PM**

What happened to the Superwoman they told me I could be?

Jenny Barnes OAM
talks about her accomplishments
followed by light refreshments

RSVP on 6572 1652

Quiet Day

"A Quiet Christmas"

Saturday 7 December

9am – 12.30am

Garden Suburb Uniting Church

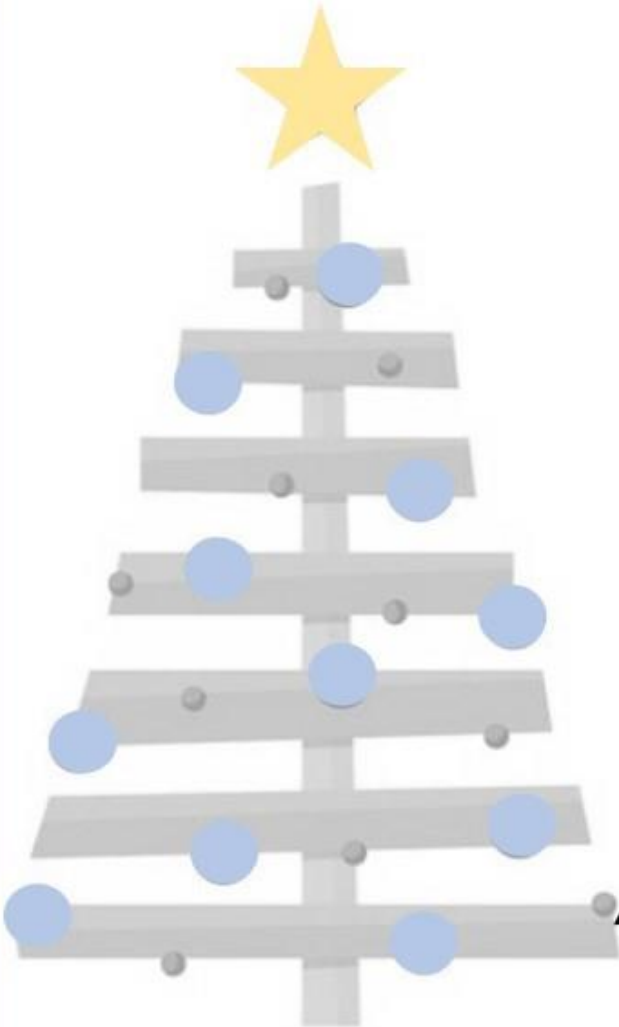
158 Marshall Street

Cost: \$10

Includes morning tea

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

For information and registrations contact Anne Threlfo: annethelfo@gmail.com





Petition EN6653 - Take action to stop the Israel, Palestine conflict-

Sign on at <https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN6653>

- **Reason:** Indiscriminate attacks on civilians violate international humanitarian law and our common humanity.
- We condemn both the deadly Hamas attacks on 1,200 civilians and the Israeli Government on the bombing of Palestinian Territory, the pitiless targeting of refugee camps, schools, hospitals and the civilian population leading to the deaths of currently 41,000 men, women and children. Cutting off water, electricity, food and fuel has created an unprecedented humanitarian crisis in Gaza, on top of the 16-year blockade.
- In response to the long-term impact of the violence and collective trauma on the hearts and souls of both Israel and Palestine, and to the calls from our suffering Palestinian brothers and sisters of all faiths and the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, we ask the Australian House of Representatives to take unified action on this awful situation:

Request: We therefore ask the House to request the Australian government To continue working for:

- a permanent ceasefire in Gaza
 - the immediate release of all captives and hostages, both Israeli and Palestinian
 - the observance of international law and an easing of tensions in the Middle East
- To take further meaningful action to sanction the State of Israel in the light of the International Court of Justice's judgement of 19th July 2024, that Israel's occupation of Gaza and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) is illegal.
- To take action against companies that are profiting from Israel's occupation of Palestine or are assisting the war through the supply of weapons, by withdrawing contracts and investments.

Joy Connor – current leader of the Wellspring Community

Signatures open: 10/10/2024 **Signatures close:** 7/11/2024

Wisdom of the Heart: Contemplative Workshop Series 2024

[Workshop Series – My WordPress \(wisdomspiritualityservices.com.au\)](https://wisdomspiritualityservices.com.au)

This series is designed to energise and strengthen your spiritual journey and will suit both beginners and experienced practitioners of meditation and other disciplines. Workshops are held in a comfortable and peaceful local environment with access to parklands.

All workshops are held at:
Mercy Centre, 20 Union Street, Tighes Hill (Newcastle).

Led by Matthew Lamont B.Soc.Sci., Spiritual Director

Workshop One:

Saturday October 12th 2024 2.00 – 5.30pm

Entering the Contemplative Heart (I)

What does it mean to have a ‘Contemplative Heart’? This workshop offers a basic introduction to Contemplation and the ‘Heart’ as a source of spiritual perception. We will experience the practice of sacred reading or Lectio Divina and explore contemplative experience as a wellspring of intimacy, compassion, wisdom, creativity and justice.

Workshop Two:

Saturday October 19th 2024 2.00 – 5.30pm

Entering the Contemplative Heart (II)

How do we put the Mind in the Heart and the Heart in the Feet and the Hands? In this workshop we will explore the basic elements of Centering Prayer or meditation including themes of trust, the art of letting go and some barriers to contemplation. This workshop includes two periods of silent meditation and opportunities to reflect deeply on this experience.

Workshop Three:

Saturday November 9th 2024 2.00 – 5.30pm

Extending the Contemplative Heart (I)

How do we live in the cave of the heart and the soul of the world? This workshop will explore this question through the practice of Deep Listening. We will draw on the teaching of *dadirri* as well as Celtic/Gaelic spirituality and recognise landscape as Elder and expression of Divine presence.

Workshop Four:

Saturday November 16th 2024 2.00 – 5.30pm

Extending the Contemplative Heart (II)

Matthew will be joined by Guest Facilitator: Anthony Palmer

What does it mean to see with the eye of the heart? This workshop will explore Contemplation as rest *and* luminous seeing. We will consider the place of Light and darkness in the experience of our spiritual ancestors as well as contemporary people. Matthew is excited to be joined by Guest Facilitator and Art Teacher Anthony Palmer for this final workshop who will guide us in the practice of Contemplative Photography and engagement with the local environment.

Please bring a smart phone or digital camera for this workshop.

Workshop fees:

All 4 workshops in this series: \$250 Waged or \$200 Concession.

Individual workshops: \$75 Waged or \$50 Concession. Registration on website

<https://wisdomspiritualityservices.com.au/home/workshop-series/>

CHURCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLE.

New Radio Program called Soul Sounds 9-12pm on PSFM100.9 starting Sunday

8th September, 2024.

Hi to all the members of Church, I have been offered to do a Gospel show on PSFM100.9 on Sunday evenings from 9pm to 12pm.

It will be a 2month trial to see how it is received by the Port Stephens community. Numbers of people listening to the show are captured to see how many the show is reaching. It would be great if church members could show support by listening and giving feedback as well as requests for favourite songs by ringing [02 4984 6666](tel:0249846666) and requesting the song or call me during the show on the same number.

I am currently compiling a playlist of songs to use and would love suggestions and can be contacted at my email on hovea9@yahoo.com.

To listen to the show, you can visit the PSFM100.9 website on your computer, iPad or mobile phone and sign up for the Free Live Streaming, which can be done from anywhere in the world.

We could also send messages e.g. Happy Birthday, Congratulations and Anniversary announcements to missionary families and family members living overseas via the program depending on the time differences from Australia to their county.

This is the first time PSFM100.9 have offered a Gospel Show and I am very excited about how this opportunity came about so unexpectedly and how the show can be used to spread a greater understanding of who Jesus is.

Thanks for your support in pray and participation.

Liz Berger (known on radio as Bea)

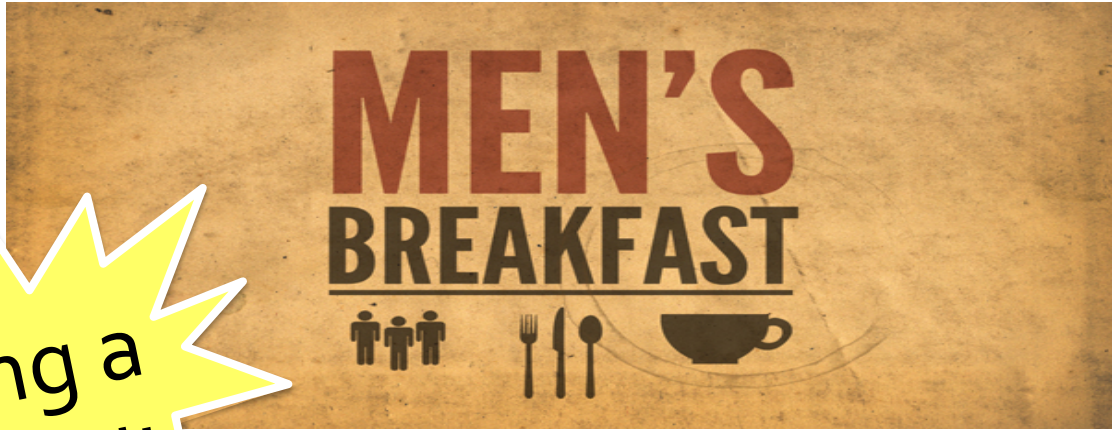
New Music Ministry Position

The Congregation of North Lake Macquarie Uniting Church is seeking to employ a suitably proficient and experienced church musician to expand their music ministry on Sunday mornings, in both traditional and current genres. The position would involve:

- * leading the music on two Sundays per month
- * encouraging Congregation members with singing/ instrumental skills to help lead the singing and
to present musical items in the Services
- * being a Consultant to the Mission Council for developing the music ministry of the Congregation.

The position would be Part-time Casual for approximately 6 hours per week, with negotiated remuneration within the guidelines of the Synod of NSW/ACT. For more information, please contact Rev. Brian Brown on

0407 693 034 or brianbrownuca@gmail.com



Bring a
Friend!

With Guest Speaker

Gwenda Brownell

Taking hold of the near edge

Social Justice

Why Bother?

Charlestown Uniting Church - 24 Milson Street

8am Saturday 19th October

Cost \$12 RSVP to Paul Russell

0411 236047 pmraus74@gmail.com By 16th October 2024

Our Speaker will be **Gwenda Brownell**, leader of the social justice team at Toronto Uniting Church. This team has led a variety of activities both advocating for and taking action towards bringing about social justice where unjust systems bring harm to people. Our hope brings us to work in the small ways available to us for Australia to be a nation that is just, compassionate, inclusive and courageous.

From little things



PICNIC FOR NATURE

2024

Sunday 20 October
from 11.30 am

Blackalls Park

bring your picnic, rug /
chair, friends & a small plant or
cutting to give away



Hosted by:
Toronto Uniting Church

**You're
invited**



Because Safety Matters ...

Save the Date! Friday October 25 at the Warners Bay rotunda you're invited to our annual **Reclaim the Night Event**.

Reclaim the Night is an annual worldwide march supporting women's right to be free from sexual violence and abuse.

Live music, giveaways, free BBQ and family friendly.

See you there from 5:30 - 7:30pm

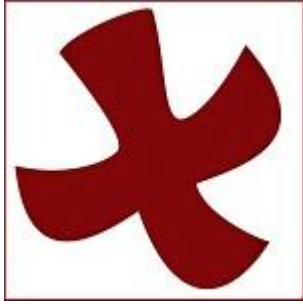
A poster for the 'Reclaim the Night' event. The background is a dark purple and blue night sky with a crescent moon and a silhouette of trees at the bottom. At the top left is the 'LAKE MACQUARIE CITY' logo. At the top right is the 'Lake Macquarie Domestic Violence Committee' logo, which features a stylized bird and water. The main text 'RECLAIM THE NIGHT' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. At the bottom, the date 'Friday 25 October 2024' is written in white capital letters.

**LAKE
MACQUARIE
CITY**

**Lake Macquarie
Domestic Violence
Committee**

RECLAIM THE NIGHT

Friday 25 October 2024



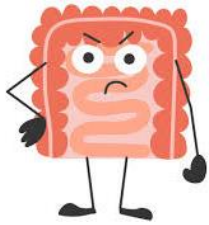
Taizé Prayer in Sydney October 2024

Prayer and Reflection

Three Taizé prayer events are planned for later in October to coincide with the Sydney visit of a Taizé Brother who will lead each session.

You are warmly invited to join any of the following:

- **Evening Prayer Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7.00pm,**
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr. Victoria Road & Marist Place, **Parramatta**
- **Quiet Day, Saturday: 26 October 2024, 9.00am – 2.00pm,**
Uniting Church, 10-12 Clanwilliam Street, **Willoughby**
- **Sunday Prayer: 27 October 2024 2.00pm,**
St James' Anglican Church, 173 King Street, **Sydney**



TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT! THIS YEAR'S THEME IS



IRRITABLE VOWEL SYNDROME

Friday, 25th October, at the hall at The Uniting Church at
The Willows (342 Hillsborough Rd., Warners Bay)
Starts 7 p.m. (doors open 6.30 p.m.)
Organise teams of 8 now (or join a team on the night).



**COST: \$10.00 per adult
(\$5.00 for kids 5-15 yrs.)
B.Y.O. nibbles & soft drink (tea & coffee provided)**



SHOULD BE AN ENTERTAINING EVENING, AND NOT JUST VOWELS BUT ALL LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE ANSWERS TO REGULAR TRIVIA-QUIZ-STYLE QUESTIONS!



COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN!

Let Lyndy know if you plan to come
Mob. 0402 306 281;

Email: twoboosts@smartchat.net.au), and how many will be in your team

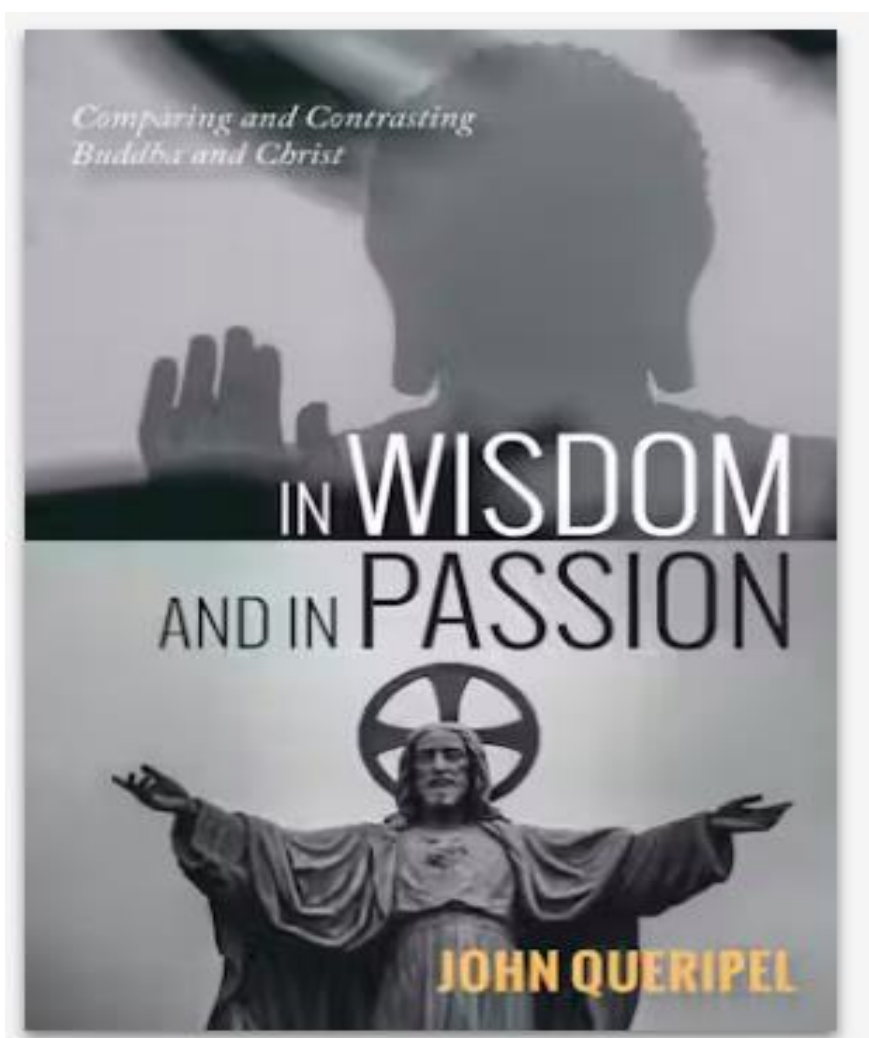


Local Uniting Church minister, Rev John Queripel has just had his fourth book published, 'In Wisdom and in Passion: Comparing and Contrasting Buddha and Christ.'

The link to information about the book is

here <https://wipfandstock.com/9798385206971/in-wisdom-and-in-passion/>

It may be purchased direct from me at an introductory offer of a 15% discount. Email John Queripel queripel@tpg.com.au (subject line 'Buddha-Christ book').





'Uniting For the Common Good in the Hunter'

There are still UCA Tshirts left

They work for any public occasion, protest, or gathering!
Let us know before you transfer the money to confirm stock!

Bank Details

Account Name Robert J Hanks
BSB 637000
Account Number 726784574

Unisex T shirt Size	SML	MED	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Body width cm	47	52	56.5	61	64	68	75

Select size by laying a shirt you already own on a flat surface,
measure it side to side and pick the next size up if you are in between

\$25 per T Shirt - send order details to robhanks@bigpond.net.au

Send name, address, T Shirt size, mobile, UCA congregation

**We can arrange collection/drop off or post once you've ordered
T Shirts will be The Hunter Presbytery Meeting 28th May**

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.



OPERATION HOPE
Australia Ltd

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





WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

With Love to the World is a daily Bible-reading resource published by the Uniting Church in Australia. It is based on the *Revised Common Lectionary* that is used in churches around the world. For each day, there is a daily bible passage, with a short commentary, a suggested hymn, a brief prayer, and a question for further consideration.

With Love to the World is edited by the Rev. Dr John Squires, who now lives in active retirement in The Hunter Presbytery (phone 0408 024 642; email editorwlw@bigpond.com). Writers are drawn from right across Australia, from a wide variety of ministry contexts, and from a range of cultural backgrounds. Many issues contain contributions by First Nations writers.

Using this resource on a daily basis means that you come to Sunday worship ready, through your own preparation, to engage actively with the Word of God as it is proclaimed in worship. There are four issues published each year.

You can subscribe to *With Love to the World* on your phone or iPad via an App, for a subscription of \$28 per year; just search for ***With Love to the World*** on the App Store, or ***UCA—With Love to the World*** on Google Play. For the printed hard copy resource, also available at \$28 for a year's subscription, email Trevor at wlwuca@bigpond.com or phone +61 (2) 9747-1369.

With Love to the World

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



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