



The Hunter Presbytery

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1 November 2024

SPRING CONCERT

“Church in the Trees”

- MORISSET UNITING

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 1:30PM

➤ Individual Artists and groups.

➤ Singers and Musicians

Tickets \$10 each - includes afternoon tea

Enquiries ...

• 0410 604 730

• morisseunitingchurch@gmail.com

• purchased at the door - Cash or EFTPOS

Toronto Uniting Church

Presents

NATIVITY ON DISPLAY



Thursday 21st November 10.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 22nd November 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday 23rd November 10.00am - 4.00pm

(Christmas Market – Saturday in conjunction with Nativity Display)

Sunday 24th November 10.30am - 12.00noon

Come and view some of the many ways the Christmas story is presented in painting, tapestry, figurines and more.





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**



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

**For those who grieve at Christmas
A Service of Remembrance,
Thanksgiving and Hope
Sunday 8th December 2024, 3pm
at
Toronto Uniting Church
118 The Boulevard, Toronto
You are welcome**



**You are welcome to
supportive space for
join us in a safe and
anyone who finds Christmas
difficult.**

**The service will include a special remembrance ritual for those
who grieve the loss of a loved one at this time.**

**To assist with preparations, please RSVP as soon as possible to
torontouniting@bigpond.com or 4950 4077**

Quiet Day

"A Quiet Christmas"

Saturday 7 December

9am – 12.30am

Garden Suburb Uniting Church

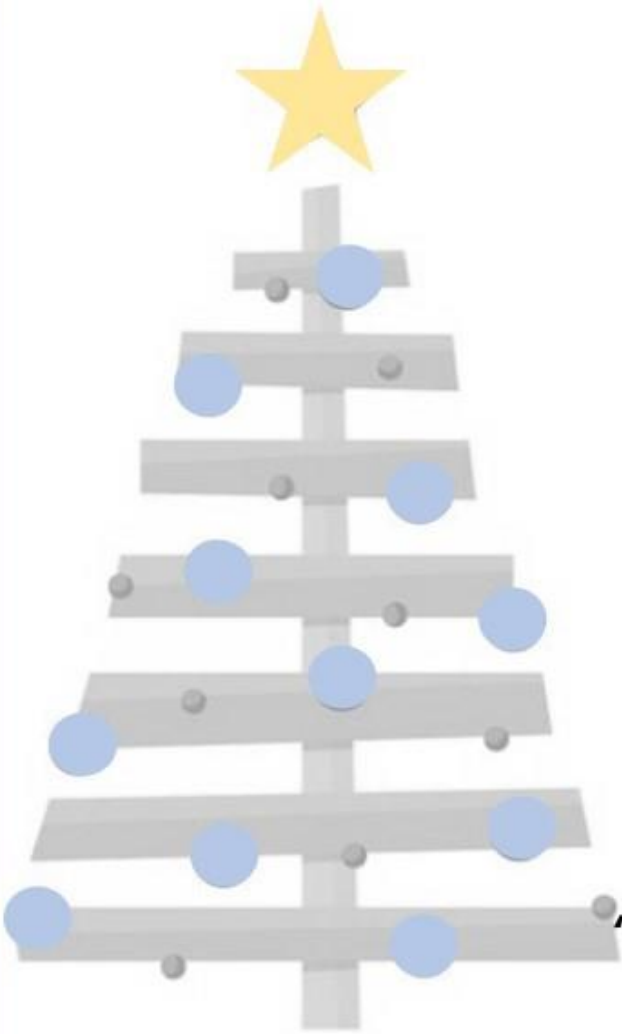
158 Marshall Street

Cost: \$10

Includes morning tea

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

For information and registrations contact Anne Threlfo: annethrelfo@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.

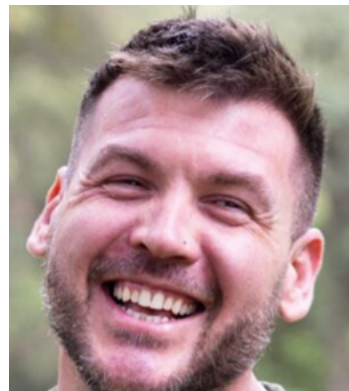
Individual workshops: \$75 Waged or \$50 Concession. Registration on website

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

Family Ministry Gathering



Connecting The Hunter Presbtyery



Gathering to share resources, hear about the new position for a Presbytery family worker, and to meet key members of the Pulse Synod resource team, Joyce Tangi, Ofa Foiakau, and James Aaron. Lunch will be provided please book below and indicate any dietary requirements. Anyone working in or interested in children's and family ministry are welcome to attend.

**Sunday 10th November 12.30 - 2.30pm
New Lambton Uniting Church
Portland and Regent Sts**

**Book for Lunch by Friday 8th 5pm:
To: cyw@newlambtonuc.org.au**

**The Hunter Presbytery
Uniting Church in Australia**

Celebration & Thanksgiving



Rutherford Uniting Church

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the witness and mission of the Rutherford Uniting Church. This service will celebrate the life and history of the congregation, and its work in the community. This will be a combined service of the Maitland Uniting Churches and be followed by morning tea.

Sunday 10am
24th November 2024
Rutherford Uniting Church
Cnr North Mall and Weblands Sts

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





'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**



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 editorwlv@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 wlvuca@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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