



The Hunter Presbytery

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14 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**



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

This is a special one off ONE DAY YOUTH FOCUSED Community Organising Training, with info from the QR code etc

Hunter Community Alliance this time will teach the Organising Cycle for taking action and changing the world with a focus on Transition to a Renewable Energy Economy and Communities around the Hunter.....

Know any young people who'd be interested and great for this?
30.11.24

Rob Hanks robhanks@bigpond.net.au for more info



You're invited to attend Community Organising Training!

Learn the tools of organising and how to build power **with the community in the Hunter region.**

Meet other leaders, develop skills in the power of stories, public relationships, and acting for change.

Meet Learn Organise

HCA 1 Day Training
CDAH Office 202 King Street
30th of November
9am- 4:30

HX

**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 join us in a safe and
supportive space for 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**

Image: Broken Vessel © Lauren Wright Pittman lewpstudio.co

Quiet Day

"A Quiet Christmas"

Saturday 7 December

9am – 12.30am

Garden Suburb Uniting Church

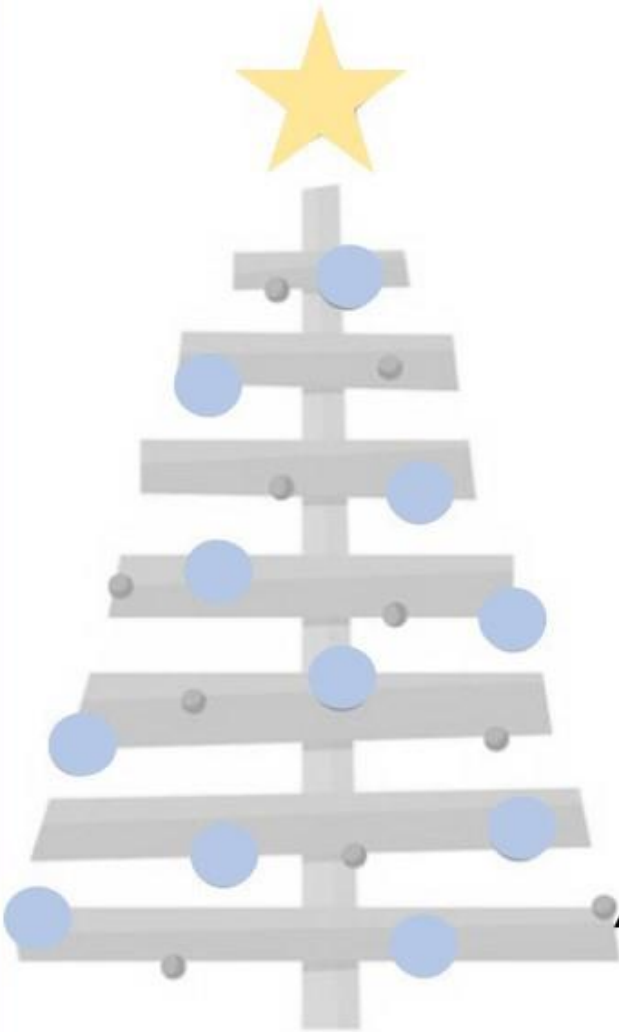
158 Marshall Street

Cost: \$10

Includes morning tea

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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



Appeal for Gaza

The human catastrophe in Gaza continues. Even as the world's attention turns to the Israeli conflict against Hezbollah, Palestinians struggle to find water in Gaza.

In Gaza, water is life. The widespread destruction of infrastructure by the Israeli forces has resulted in 97% of Gaza's water supply either destroyed, cut off or undrinkable. Water is now scarce and families are relying on unpredictable deliveries of aid.

'Refugee Biryani and Bananas' (RBB) has been able to source a tanker truck to deliver of 46,000 litres of water to 3,000 families. The RBB volunteers in Gaza have seen the overwhelming need which outstrips what RBB can provide.

Each family has only received 15 litres of water – barely enough for basic drinking needs, let alone cooking and washing.

Water is purchased by RBB from one of the water desalination plants in Gaza and transported across the territory to the most vulnerable people and those overlooked by other NGOs.

Donate to purchase water

Operation Hope Australia is able to support the work of RBB in Gaza. The cost of water is 10 litres for \$1 AUD.

- \$50 = 500 litres
- \$100 = 1,000 litres
- \$500 = 5,000 litres

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



Distributing water in Gaza



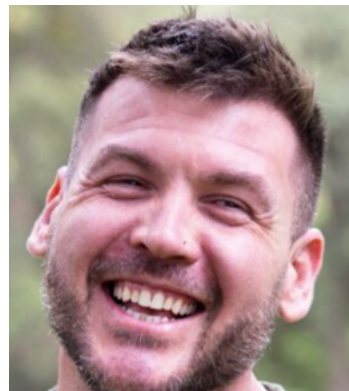
Children run to fetch water from the tanker.
Image: RBB



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**

Wondering how your community can adapt to a changing climate? Come to [this online forum](#) aimed at Uniting Church members and congregations and Uniting staff and programs.

Shaping a resilient future: Community Solutions for Climate Adaptation

Thursday November 14, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Changing climate and increasing severe weather pose a significant threat to all of us, no matter where we live. But there are things we can do to reduce the impacts, and build a good future.

This online forum will explore how you and your community can respond to the challenges and impacts of climate change. We'll especially consider things congregations and community services can do to help their communities adapt to climate challenges. All interested people are welcome.

We are excited to hear from our guest speaker, **Catherine Kerr, Manager of Adaptation Knowledge** in the NSW Department of [Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water](#)

Register now. [Shaping a Resilient Future: Climate solutions for community adaptation](#)

Have any questions or want more information? Contact Jon O'Brien at jobrien@uniting.org or 0477 725 528



Shaping a Resilient Future

Community Solutions for Climate Adaptation

Find out how you and your community can respond to the challenges and impacts of climate change !

ONLINE INFORMATION FORUM
THU 14 NOVEMBER | 7-8.30PM
ZOOM



REGISTER!



Guest speaker
Catherine Kerr
Adapt NSW

events.humanitix.com/adapt-nsw

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



Photograph from the Multi-faith Service at Rising Tide's Blockade Horseshoe Beach, November 2023

Multi-faith Sacred Service at Rising Tide's People's Blockade 2024

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) invites anyone from any faith tradition - Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish, Muslim, and none – to a multi-faith prayer and meditation 'Sacred Service' at Rising Tide's People's Blockade. Last year's was beautifully reflective and it became a great witness to the environmental protectors at the event, that people of faith care.

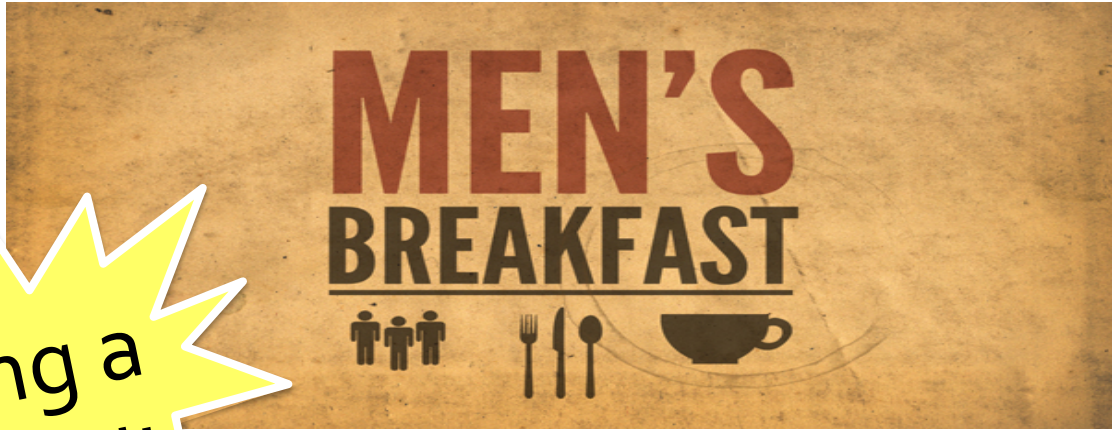
When: Sunday, 24th November at 7 – 7.30 am

Where: Horseshoe Beach, Wharf Rd, Newcastle East

Please come along, wear a colourful scarf, and bring a friend.

ARRCC will also be participating in a Sacred Space which is available in a Prayer Tent open during the days of the Blockade from 20 to 25 November.

For further details, contact Doug Hewitt on doug.isabel35@gmail.com or 0431 935 097.



Bring a
Friend!

With Guest Speaker

Dr Kira Mileham

Faith Gone Wild

Exploring the Nature of Creation Care

Charlestown Uniting Church - 24 Milson Street

8am Saturday 30th November

Cost \$12 RSVP to Paul Russell

0411 236047 pmraus74@gmail.com By 27th November 2024

Our speaker, Dr Kira Mileham, is passionate about creation care and works with more than 10,000 wildlife scientists, governments and zoos around the world driving solutions for nature and people.

Kira works as the Global Strategic Partnership Director for the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Species Program and sits on the Council of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

She will share with us some of her wildlife adventures from around the world - from hiking with Grizzly Bears in Alaska to swimming with Manta Rays in Hawaii or sitting with Mountain Gorillas in Uganda. She will also lead us in an interactive discussion about what creation care means for us as Christians in today's world and how we can stay connected to our role as custodians of nature in an optimistic way.



**Together in Spirit,
for Palestine & Lebanon**

**An afternoon of
reflective prayer
and poetry until
sunset.**

**Saturday 30th November 2024
4.00pm till 6.00pm**

Nobby's Beach Reserve, Newcastle

Bring a blanket, prayer rug or camp- chairs.

For more information Call 0432 640 482 or email diana_ra01@hotmail.com



'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 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.

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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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