



# CONTACT



Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting  
Church Multi-Centre Congregation

**2 June 2024**

## DIARY

### **Thursday 30 May**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community - common seated area opposite Butcher at  
Charlestown Square

1.30-2.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb Church

### **Friday 31 May**

10-11.30am Grief, Loss and Change at Toronto Uniting Church (see notice in Contact)

### **Sunday 2 June – Pentecost 2**

9.00am Worship Service. Leader: Margaret White and Preacher: Project Reconnect  
Including Children's Corner

*1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6*

### **Monday 3 June**

10.00am Garden Suburb Nursing Home Pastoral Care Visitation

1.30pm SFED

### **Tuesday 4 June**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

### **Thursday 6 June**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community - common seated area opposite Butcher at  
Charlestown Square

1.30-2.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb Church

### **Saturday 8 June**

The Friendship Circle - TBA

### **Sunday 9 June – Pentecost 3**

9.00am Worship Service. Leader: Kerrie Dixon and Preacher: Rev Tom Stuart  
*1 Samuel 8:4-11; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35*

### **Monday 10 June**

1.30pm SFED

### **Tuesday 11 June**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

### **Wednesday 12 June**

Charlestown Ladies Fellowship - TBA

# THE PRAYER PAGE



As part of the Uniting Church 35 days of Prayer pray for Luga Brae Bronte Uniting Church and access the prayers available each day on line, by joining Uniting in Prayer 2024.

## Pastoral Prayer Points

\* those in our congregation whose loved ones have died in recent times

\* Elaine Ross

\* Vivianne

\* Shirley Elkin

\* Lorraine Pepper

\* Vicki

\* Lesley

\* Judith Fuller battling cancer

\* Pam and Ken

\* Lyn Benson

\* Graeme

\* Jean

\* Fred Bryant

\* June Locker

\* Ryan Walpole

\* Kathryn Gray

\* Jacqueline Fenwick

\* Isabella

\* Janice Wright

\* Eileen Dunn

\* Mert

\* Judith and family

\* Enid Power

\* Max

\* Tom and Kathy on holidays for rest and restoration

## Congregational Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the sale of Whitebridge property
- Pray for guidance and discernment for missional use of buildings into the future
- Project Reconnect
- Worship Services
- Cathy Beeton and SRE classes
- Worship Committee

## Wider Community Prayer Points

- Pray for orphanage as they deal with the aftermath of floods
- Tom and Neos
- HCA and ongoing issues of homelessness, affordable housing and climate change
- Praise for the attendance and results obtained from the Founding Assembly of HCA
- those affected by climate change in Australia eg floods, droughts and fires
- Pray that a cease fire agreement will be negotiated between Israel and Hamas and that there will be relief from all the suffering
- The situation in Ukraine and other trouble spots





# The Hunter 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. Each week there will be information and a prayer for each of the congregations in the Hunter Presbytery. This week we pray for:

## 2 June 2024 – Wallsend Shortland Uniting Church

Wallsend Shortland Uniting Church meets each Sunday at 9.30am with a regular attendance of 20 people and weekly fellowship meetings over coffee and crafts. We are a loving and supportive community of people, mainly in their 70s, 80s and 90s, who have been long term members. We have had a few new people come to our fellowship group and are making an effort to promote this in our community as there is a need for connection.

**Prayer: We pray for the leaders of the Wallsend Shortland Uniting Church as they lead this community in ways of possibilities for change in a changing world, and maintain the buildings, and for the congregation as they seek to be a place of welcome and hospitality in their community. Amen.**

## Children & Family Worker Update



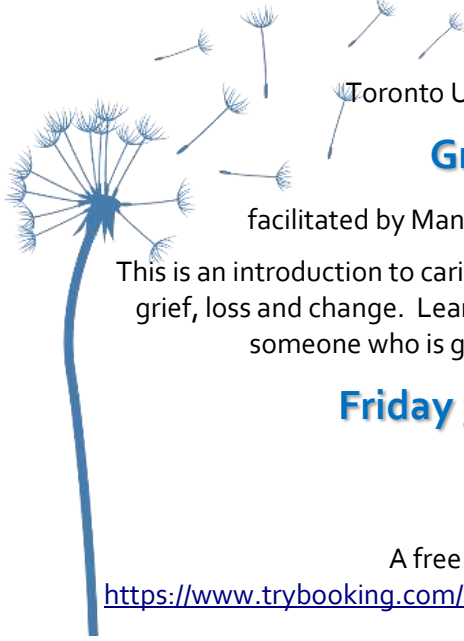
Hello everyone, I pray you have had a lovely week, as I am writing this the sun is shining beautifully I pray it continues into the weekend.

Just want to remind you that this Sunday I will be presenting Children's Corner and I had a phone call last night that Savannah & Sebastian would like to join us again, so I hope you will enjoy the children's corner message as much as the children.

I will include a song that is familiar to many of you from your childhood and throughout your church life, though it has a slight twist on the old version but still the same meaning. Hope to see you Sunday

Cathy





Toronto Uniting Church is hosting a workshop on

## **Grief, Loss and Change**

facilitated by Mandy Cox, Bereavement Counsellor and Educator.

This is an introduction to caring for others, and for ourselves, through the experience of grief, loss and change. Learn about the impacts of loss and change, ways to support someone who is grieving, and when grief gets stuck – what then?

**Friday 31 May at 10am – 11.30am**

Toronto Uniting Church  
118 The Boulevard, Toronto

A free workshop, but please register here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/1215499/sessions/4580807/sections/2285709/tickets>  
for catering purposes:



## **IS IT TIME FOR A CHANGE?**

**Would you like to attend the Sunday Worship Service, but find 9am too early?**

**Would you be more able to attend Worship at 9.30am?**

**Would you prefer worship to remain at 9.00am?**

**Your Elder will be speaking with you soon!**

Almost time for another trip to the **Resource Recovery Centre**.

Don't forget xray films, clean polystyrene and fluoro tubes don't belong in general garbage but are collected there.

Many of you are keen collectors of soft plastics but please, no foil lined packets eg crisp packets.

Light globes and batteries to church as usual.

Thank you, Julie Fenwick





# THE WAY, MY WAY

MIRACLES HAPPEN ON THE CAMINO

## Fundraising Movie Night:

Thursday 20 June at 6.30pm  
Lake Cinema, 62 Main Rd, Boolaroo

Funds raised will help the purchase and  
transport of relief supplies into Gaza.

Buy your ticket at Eventbrite using the QR code



*The Way, My Way* is the charming and captivating true story of a stubborn and amusingly self-centred Australian man who decides to walk the 800 kilometre-long Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route through Spain. He doesn't know why he's doing it, but one step at a time it will change him and his outlook on life forever. Based on Bill Bennett's best selling memoir of the same name, *The Way, My Way* has been described by Camino elder statesman Johnnie Walker as the most authentic film ever made about the Camino.



Book using QR code, or follow on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fundraising-movienight-the-way-my-way-tickets-894077428657?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

# A Life at Sea

Our speaker is Senior Chaplain Murray Lund recently retired Fleet Chaplain, Royal Australian Navy and current Reservist, is a Uniting Church Minister who has served as a Navy Chaplain for 25 years.

He has deployed on operations to the Middle East during the Second Gulf War, served ashore at the ADF Middle East Headquarters supporting personnel in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bahrain and Kuwait, and served on anti-piracy operational deployments to the Gulf and Africa coast. He has posted to HMA Ships Kanimbla, Success, Anzac, Melbourne and Choules and to Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

He was privileged to officiate at ANZAC Day Ceremonies at Gallipoli and Villers Brettoneux. Murray will be talking about the challenges and joys of life at sea, and the unique nature of serving Jesus in a secular war fighting outfit such as the ADF.

## A Men's Breakfast

at Charlestown Uniting Church –  
24 Milson St

**8am Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

\$12 RSVP: Paul Russell

[pmraus74@gmail.com](mailto:pmraus74@gmail.com),

or 0411 236 047

*Please advise of any special dietary requirements*

**By Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Please do not attend if you are unwell or have been to a Covid-19 hotspot in the previous 14 days.*

### Some of our Church Contacts:

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Mrs Cathy Beeton is also our Safe Church Contact Person

#### Bank Account Details for the Charlestown Garden Suburb Multi-Centre Congregation:

Bank Account held with: Uniting Financial Services

Account Name: Charlestown Congregation General Account

BSB: 634 634 Account No.: 100030837

**For Offering please put Ref: Offering**

#### Keep up to date with happenings and info:

Webpage: <http://www.chagsuca.org.au>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CharlestownUnitingChurch>

Project Reconnect: <http://www.projectreconnect.com.au>

Worship Services: <https://tinyurl.com/CHaGS-YouTube-Link>