



# CONTACT



Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting  
Church Multi-Centre Congregation

**15 February 2025**

## **From Rev Tom**

Next Tuesday marks a very special occasion - we're welcoming a new member to our ministry team! Joining Cathy Beeton and me, and Jenny in the office, is Piteeri Michail, who will begin her new role as the Milson St Hub Communications Coordinator.

Piteeri's role will focus on connecting with all the groups that use our Charlestown church facilities, helping to build a deeper sense of community - both within our congregation and beyond. She'll also help share our story with the wider community by communicating the many activities and events that happen on-site and those run by regular users of our space.

As part of this work, Piteeri will collaborate with each group (and with us) to gather stories and highlights to share on our foyer TV, social media, and soon-to-launch website.

Piteeri brings a wonderful breadth of experience in community development. She previously served as a Community Development and Families in Cultural Transition (FICT) Project Officer, working closely with migrants for whom English is a second language. She has also run her own business training people in social media use, and contributed to communications and project support in the Northern Territory. Many will know of the Uniting Church's missionary work in Bidwell - Piteeri played a key role there as Community Network Developer.

She will be serving both the Hamilton Congregation and ours, carrying out similar work across both communities. This shared arrangement allows flexibility as she works two days a week for each.

In our conversations with Piteeri, her creativity and passion for growing and connecting communities have shone through. Beneath that lies a vibrant faith and a deep ability to bring our biblical and spiritual traditions to life in fresh, meaningful ways.

Exciting times are ahead! Please keep this new ministry in your prayers, and when the opportunity arises, offer your encouragement and support to Piteeri as she begins this important work - especially as we continue discerning what God is calling our congregation toward in the future.



# DIARY

## Thursday 12 February

- 10.00am Morning tea in the Community – common seated area at Charlestown Square  
10.30am Worship Service at Garden Suburb Aged Care Facility  
1.30-2.30pm **Bible Study at Charlestown Church – ALL WELCOME**

## Friday 13 February

- 6.00pm Ladies Night at Kahibah

## Saturday 14 February

- 9.30-12.30 **Lenten Quiet Morning at Warners Bay Uniting Church**  
2.00pm **Friendship Circle at Charlestown Church to plan for 2026**

## Sunday 15 February 2026 – Epiphany 6

- 9.00am The Divine Worship  
Leader and Preacher: Rev'd Tom Stuart  
*Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

- From** **SANCTUARY** – Singing Workshop + Twilight Service at Adamstown Uniting  
**4.00pm** Church. (More information further in Contact)

## Tuesday 17 February

- 10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

## Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday

- 10.00am Leader and Preacher: Rev'd Tom Stuart  
*Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

## Thursday 19 February

- 10.00am Morning tea in the Community – common seated area at Charlestown Square  
1.30-2.30pm **Bible Study at Charlestown Church – ALL WELCOME**

## Saturday 21 February

- 8.00am Men's Breakfast at the Milson St Hub (Charlestown Church)

## Sunday 22 February 2026 – Lent 1

- 9.00am The Divine Worship  
Leader: Sue Warren and Preacher: Rev'd Tom Stuart  
*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

## Tuesday 24 February

- 10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square  
12.00pm Garden Suburb Ladies Fellowship meeting at Wests Cardiff

## Thursday 25 February

- 10.00am Morning tea in the Community – common seated area at Charlestown Square  
1.30-2.30pm **Bible Study at Charlestown Church – ALL WELCOME**

## Sunday 1 March 2026 – Lent 2

- 9.00am The Divine Worship  
Leader and Preacher: Rev'd Tom Stuart  
*Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9*

# THE PRAYER PAGE



## Prayer is the Voice of Faith

### Pastoral Prayer Points

- \* Those who are mourning loved ones
- \* Family and friends of Barbara and Lily
- \* Beryl
- \* Rene Kelly
- \* Nelda Marshall
- \* Lorraine Pepper
- \* Glen and Marion
- \* Valmai
- \* Janice and Don Wright
- \* Kelly
- \* Tony Sellen
- \* Vicki
- \* Pam and Ken
- \* Lyn Benson
- \* Jean
- \* June Locker
- \* Jacqueline Fenwick
- \* Isabella
- \* Eileen Dunn
- \* Pam and Mert
- \* Max
- \* Don Humphries

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### Congregational Prayer Points

- Ash Wednesday Service on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> February and Quiet morning this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- Church Council
- John Lewis and his work with Wesley Mission in Windale and Hamilton South
- Pray for the ministry of our new appointment as Communications Coordinator for the Milson St Hub - Piteeri Michael who commences on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- Project Reconnect
- Worship Services
- Cathy Beeton and SRE classes
- Tom and Kathy
- Worship Committee

### Wider Community Prayer Points

- Margaret Jurd College and Darren Twist the Principal
- Orphanage in Kenya and Wilfreda
- Neos ministry
- Those affected by climate change in Australia eg floods, droughts and fires
- Prayer for the situations in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine



## Children & Family Worker Update



**Last Friday I delivered 33 stationary packs to Wiripaang School**, these packs are full of colouring pencils, textas, high lighters, lead pencils, pens, coloured pens, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, all the things that will allow children to get on with class work & home work without having to ask to borrow from others. I was blessed with a couple of good donations so there was no need to ask for help this year.



I hope I will have some photos of the children & their packs next week so watch out for them.

**I start back with my scripture classes** next week with Valentine on Monday, Teralba on Tuesday & a SRE Assembly at Charlestown East on Thursday. **Please pray for these classes & for all Scripture teaches & classes in the Hunter.**

**Thank you for those of you who came along to the SRE Dedication Service** last Sunday we truly are blessed to have so many friends take the time to come & support SRE at this service.

Cathy

**Last Tuesday** the Garden Suburb Aged Care Facility recognized Margaret Barlow's many years of service in organizing the monthly Church Services at the Aged Care Facility. Margaret has now stepped away from this role.



**There was also** an unveiling of the Piano, previously from the Garden Suburb Church, which had been purchased by the Garden Suburb Ladies Fellowship, now donated to Garden Suburb Aged Care.



Lenten Quiet Morning

Living the Counter-Cultural Gospel

# Heart Softening in Lent

9:30am - 12:30pm  
Saturday 14 February

Warner's Bay Uniting Church  
342 Hillsborough Rd, Warner's Bay

Morning tea will be provided  
Optional donation of \$10

Please register by 12 February using QR code or contact the minister of one of the organizing congregations

A Collaboration of the Charlestown & Garden Suburb, North Lake Macquarie and Toronto UCA congregations

You are welcome to prepare for the Lenten time of reflection and spiritual renewal at this Quiet Morning. Please RSVP using the QR code, or this link: <https://events.humanitix.com/lenten-quiet-morning> , or by contacting Anne Threlfo.

ADAMSTOWN UNITING CHURCH

TAIZÉ

# SANCTUARY

*an evening of prayer, silence and song  
from the Taizé Community*

**3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
BEGINNING 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**SINGING WORKSHOP + TWILIGHT SERVICE**

4-5pm: Song workshop - Learning the songs of Taizé  
5:30pm-6:30pm: Twilight Service

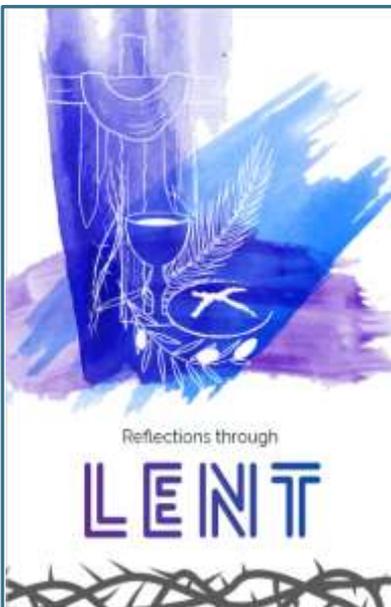
**228 BRUNKER RD ADAMSTOWN**  
TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE BETWEEN WORKSHOP + SERVICE  
NO NEED TO REGISTER, DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

**Gratitude:** is a loving and thankful response toward God for his presence with us and within this world. Though particular blessings can move us into gratitude, it is not at the root of a thankful heart. To be truly transformed we practice gratitude for less obvious blessings or when life is hard. Constant delight in God and his good will is the heartbeat of thankfulness.

**Practice:** End every day by saying thank you to God for at least one thing. Then tell God what that one thing meant for you.

*These resources come from Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us (Transforming Resources). InterVarsity Press*



Lent is almost upon us!  
Ash Wednesday is 18  
February.

This lent devotional  
resource is available to  
download here:  
[https://www.ltm.org.au/res  
ources/downloadables](https://www.ltm.org.au/resources/downloadables)

There are also printed  
copies available in the  
foyer if you prefer.

## Bible Study

Thursdays @ 1.30pm  
At Charlestown Uniting Church

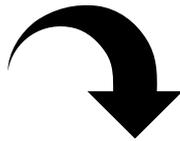
*Study on Hebrews*

All Welcome



Contact Sue Warren  
for more information

# NOTE CHANGE TO DATE AND TIME



## Friendship Circle

Will meet at the Church on  
**Saturday 14 February at 2.00pm** for  
afternoon tea to make plans for 2026  
and to hear about Margaret and Noel's  
trip to Vanuatu.

All Welcome

### Some of our Church Contacts:

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#### **Children & Families Resource Worker:**

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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>