



# CONTACT

Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting  
Church Multi-Centre Congregation



**11 January 2025**

## DIARY

### **Tuesday 6 January**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

### **Wednesday 7 January**

Church Office is open

### **Thursday 8 January**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – common seated area at Charlestown Square

### **Sunday 11 January 2026 – Baptism of Jesus**

9.00am The Divine Worship

Leader and Preacher: Project Reconnect

*Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17*

### **Tuesday 13 January**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

### **Wednesday 14 January**

Church Office is closed

### **Thursday 15 January**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – common seated area at Charlestown Square

### **Sunday 18 January 2026 – Epiphany 2**

9.00am The Divine Worship

Leader and Preacher: Rev'd Tom Stuart

*Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42*

### **Tuesday 20 January**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

### **Wednesday 21 January**

Church Office is open

### **Thursday 22 January**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – common seated area at Charlestown Square

### **Sunday 25 January 2026 – Epiphany 3**

9.00am The Divine Worship

Leader and Preacher: Project Reconnect

*Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23*

# THE PRAYER PAGE



## Prayer is the Voice of Faith

### Pastoral Prayer Points

- \* Those who are mourning loved ones
- \* The family and friends of Enid Power as her funeral is held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- \* Margaret
- \* 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

### Congregational Prayer Points

- Church Council
- John Lewis and his work with Wesley Mission in Windale and Hamilton South
- Prayer for discernment re ongoing mission for the Milson St Hub into 2026
- Employment of a Communications Coordinator
- 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

A poster for the Organ Recital Series 2026. It features a background image of a large pipe organ. The text includes:

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
ST PETER'S EAST MAITLAND**  
WILLIAM ST, EAST MAITLAND - EST 1834

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2026**  
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE 'FATHER' WILLIS ORGAN 1876-2026

**LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH**  
**FEBRUARY - NOVEMBER**  
**AT 2.00PM**

**FEATURING ORGANISTS**

MARKO FRY	- 22nd FEBRUARY	JAMES BREW	- 26th JULY
PHILIP REICHARDT	- 29th MARCH	TIM LI	- 30th AUGUST
GERARD NICHOLLS	- 26th APRIL	ROBERT EATHER	- 27th SEPTEMBER
SEAN WEATHERLEY	- 31st MAY	DAVID DRURY	- 25th OCTOBER
GAVIN WARD	- 28th JUNE	SUZUKI MUSIC	- 29th NOVEMBER

**TO BOOK, SCAN THE QR CODE OR HEAD TO:**  
[www.123tix.com.au/events/profile/organrecitals2026](http://www.123tix.com.au/events/profile/organrecitals2026)



If you enjoy organ music, you might like to mark these dates for 2026 on your calendar to join St Peter's Anglican church at East Maitland celebrate 150 years of their Willis Organ.

## Save the date

### A Men's Breakfast

Saturday 15th February when our Speaker is Garry Dodd, senior Chaplain for the Mission to Seafarers, Newcastle and he will share stories and answer questions about the men and women who sail into our port.



### A prayer written by President Rev Charissa Suli

In this time of uncertainty and change, we hold before God the people of Venezuela – those who are celebrating, those who are fearful, those who are grieving, and those who long for peace, dignity, and a future shaped by hope.

We pray especially for Venezuelan communities here in Australia, for families living with distance, anxiety, and deep love for home.

May God's peace surround all who suffer. May wisdom guide leaders.

May justice be pursued without violence. And may the voices of ordinary people be heard and honoured.

We join our prayers with those offered across the global church, trusting in God's promise of peace, restoration and life.

Amen.

# SRE

### The 2026 SRE Dedication Service

will be held at Cardiff Heights Baptist Church  
33-35 Main Rd Cardiff  
at 2.00pm on Sunday 8th February 2026

## Who can solve the mystery of the Chocolates??

If anyone knows about the boxes of chocolates that were left on the Communion table, would you please contact Paul Russell and let him know what or who they were intended for.

Thank you

(Otherwise they may mysteriously disappear)

## Over the December/January holidays the Office will be closed for the following days:

Wednesday 24 December

Wednesday 31 December

Wednesday 14 January 2026



The Office will be open on the 7 January 2026 as usual

and then resume normal scheduling from Wednesday 21 January.

## Last Service at Garden Suburb

The subtitled video of the Last Service at Garden Suburb Church is available on Vimeo (you should be able to download a copy for yourself)

here is the link

[Last Service at Garden Suburb](#)

Martin McGrevey has done an excellent job editing it - it will be a great reminder of the day with plenty of people to be seen as well as the slide show during the service.

Please tell Paul Russell 041123647 if you would like a copy on a memory stick (\$9.00 each - the prices have gone up!)

## Mens' December Breakfast Video

Spirit and Stardust with Pastor Kim Langford

is available on Vimeo -

Here is the Link

<https://vimeo.com/1147886022>

## 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>  
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Project Reconnect: <http://www.projectreconnect.com.au>  
Worship Services: <https://tinyurl.com/CHaGS-YouTube-Link>