



# CONTACT



Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting  
Church Multi-Centre Congregation

**9 February 2025**

## DIARY

### **Thursday 6 February**

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 February**

10.30am Charlestown Friendship Circle at the 16 Foot Sailing Club

### **Sunday 9 February – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

9.00am Divine Worship – The Reverend Dr Judy Redman  
*Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

### **Monday 10 February**

1.30pm SFED on Zoom

### **Tuesday 11 February**

10.00am Morning tea in the Community at Lake Macquarie Square

### **Wednesday 12 February**

10.00am Ladies Fellowship at Charlestown Church

### **Thursday 13 February**

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 14 February**

6.00pm Ladies Night at Kahibah

### **Saturday 15 February**

8.00am Men's Breakfast – The Camino

### **Sunday 16 February – The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

10.00am **The Holy Communion**  
Leader and Preacher – The Rev'd Tom Stuart  
*Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26*

### **Monday 17 February**

1.30pm SFED on Zoom

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Friday 7 March**

10.00am World Day of Prayer at Charlestown Church

# THE PRAYER PAGE



Prayer is the Voice of Faith

## Pastoral Prayer Points

- \* Those who are mourning loved ones
- \* Ange
- \* Kim
- \* Janice and Don Wright
- \* Kelly
- \* Laraine Chegwiddden
- \* Tony Sellen
- \* Vivianne
- \* Lorraine Pepper
- \* Vicki
- \* Pam and Ken
- \* Lyn Benson
- \* Jean
- \* Fred Bryant
- \* June Locker
- \* Ryan Walpole
- \* Kathryn Gray
- \* Jacqueline Fenwick
- \* Isabella
- \* Eileen Dunn
- \* Pam and Mert
- \* Enid Power
- \* Max
- \* Don Humphries

Maintained by SFED and Enid Power

## Congregational Prayer Points

- Church Council
- John Lewis and his work with Wesley Mission in Windale and Hamilton South
- pray for guidance and discernment  
missional use of buildings into the future
- Project Reconnect
- Worship Services
- Cathy Beeton and SRE classes
- Worship Committee
- Tom & Kathy on holidays

## Wider Community Prayer Points

- World Day of Prayer on 7 March at Charlestown Church
- Orphanage in Kenya and Wilfreda
- Neos ministry
- Those affected by climate change in Australia eg floods, droughts and fires
- Pray that a cease fire agreement will be negotiated between Israel, Lebanon and Hamas and that there will be relief from all the suffering
- The situation in Ukraine and other trouble spots





Tom and Kathy will be on holiday from 1 January to 12 February 2025

*If you have any concerns during this time, please contact Julie Fenwick, or your Elder*



### Guest Preachers during Rev Tom's leave

<b>5 January 2025</b>	Rev Dr Peter Oliver
<b>12 January 2025</b>	Rev Dale Yardy
<b>19 January 2025</b>	Rev Dale Yardy
<b>26 January 2025</b>	Ms Kim Langford
<b>2 February</b>	Mrs Cathy Beeton / Mr Ben Waters (SRE)
<b>9 February</b>	Rev Dr Judy Redman

## Spiritual Practice of the Week

**Detachment:** means replacing the attachment to (1) idolatrous relationships and (2) self-serving goals and agendas for success, money, power, ego, productivity and image with wholehearted attachment to and trust in God alone.

**Practice:** Take an attachment inventory. Write a list of the defence mechanisms you are attached to (sarcasm, temper tantrums, aloofness, clowning around). • Ask God to make you aware of the times you instinctively move into your defensive response. Consider what seems to trigger your response. • What response would you like to cultivate instead? • Share your observations with a trusted friend, asking them to pray with you. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you change your attachment to these behavioural patterns.

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

# Children & Family Worker Update



Please pray for me as I start a very busy week for SRE and also keep the many teachers, new & experienced, who will be starting with their usual & or new schools.

Cathy

A poster for an SRE Dedication Service. The background is light blue with a row of colorful pencils at the bottom. The text is as follows:

*You're Invited!*

**SRE**

**SCHOOL SCRIPTURE**  
Special Religious Education  
*a good thing*

**DEDICATION  
SERVICE**

**2pm , 23rd February 2025**

**@ New Vine Beaches - Jewells cnr Ntaba and Dalrymple Streets and Halewood Close Jewells**

**Come along and support our Primary and High School SRE Teachers!**

## Charlestown Ladies Fellowship

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Will be held at Charlestown Church  
from 10.00am**

**Come have a cuppa and join in  
Fellowship with stories and a laugh**

**ALL WELCOME**





## Charlestown Friendship Circle

**Saturday 8 February**

10.30am at Belmont 16 Footers for Morning Tea  
and Lunch

All Welcome



Bring a  
Friend!

With Guest Speaker

**Frank Wortley**

## **The Camino**

**A Way of Encountering the Divine**

Charlestown Uniting Church - 24 Milson Street

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

Cost \$12 RSVP to Paul Russell

0411 236047 [pmraus74@gmail.com](mailto:pmraus74@gmail.com) By 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**2025**

HUNTER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

# “ASSEMBLY”



Coming together as civil society for the common good  
Celebrating commitments, change and hope

## 6th March 2025

6pm inside for briefing

6.30pm to 8.30pm Assembly

The Great Hall, University of Newcastle

TIME FOR THE UNITING CHURCH TO SHOW UP AGAIN!  
SIGN UP TO ATTEND BY BOOKING YOUR FREE TICKET/S  
HUMANITIX [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2VD6D5MS](https://tinyurl.com/2VD6D5MS)



Energy Transition, Affordable Housing,  
Stretched Services and more....



*You're invited to turn out and participate in God's mission*

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nua9cb2>

HUNTER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ASSEMBLY  
FROM 6PM 6TH MARCH GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

# UCA HUNTER

## T-SHIRTS

**ORDER  
TODAY!**

**ORDER BY 11AM 11TH FEBRUARY 2025**



**Uniting for the Common Good  
in the Hunter**

Order your UCA tshirt  
for the 6th March Assembly,  
and/or your own events, activities, workshops  
Wear this black tshirt to the Assembly!  
**WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 30 TSHIRTS TO ORDER**

### HOW TO ORDER:

**BANK DETAILS TO TRANSFER MONEY**

Account Name Robert J Hanks

BSB 637000

Account No 726784574

Add your name + quantity

**\$30  
each**

Unisex tshirt Size	XSM	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL	4XL
Body width cm	43	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  
Email your order with details

OR

Print, write on, scan and send this form with details here:

BLACK



Tshirts will be available approx. 10 days before the Assembly (stay tuned for pick up plans)

Sign up to attend The Assembly by booking your ticket/s here or via QR Code  
Humanitix <https://tinyurl.com/2vd6d5ms>



[www.thehca.org.au](http://www.thehca.org.au)

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Change is Inevitable. Growth is Optional. John Maxwell.



**Seasons for Growth** is a program which explores the effects of **change, loss and grief**. The program helps participants to understand that life is always changing. Just as one season follows another there are certain things we can do to accept and deal with "the seasons in our life". Seasons for Growth is an educational program and not counselling

It is designed to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of adults who are dealing with significant life changes. Like the loss of someone or something you love, parents and families separating, moving to a new place, impact of illness.

Seasons for Growth Adult program provides a small group environment to support adults understand the personal impacts of change and develop skills in communication, decision-making and problems solving. It aims to build resilience and hope.

A program will be run starting on **February 25<sup>th</sup>** and go four weeks.

Timing would be from **9:30 – 12**.

There is a cost of \$30 to cover the cost of the manual but if this creates a financial burden please discuss with co-ordinator.

It will be held at

NLM Uniting Church,

342 Hillsborough Road,

Warners Bay

**For further details or to register please contact**

Helen

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## Some of our Church Contacts:

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

Mrs Cathy Beeton  
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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>