

What's on This Week?

Sunday 27th	Advent 1
9.30am	Worship
Monday 28th	
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Stop Listen Pray
Tuesday 29th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Wednesday 30th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Thursday 1st	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Sunday 4th	Advent 2
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER

4th Ron Loom
11th Owen Smythe
18th Pat Coster
25th CHRISTMAS DAY Bruce Edgell
1st Jan Joan Horgan

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Day - 8.30 am (no morning tea)

Note that we will not be holding a Christmas Eve service this year, but Lake Mac will hold a service (time as yet unknown) to which everyone is welcome.

CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS LUNCH - SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Share a meal, sing carols, enjoy some entertainment at our Christmas lunch after church on 11th December. Cost \$15. Please put your name on the list in the foyer, and feel free to invite others also.

JNC - THE JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE, which has been given the task of finding a new minister, is currently holding conversations with someone who we believe God may be calling to come to Morisset. The details must be kept confidential for the present, but we do ask for your prayers in following God's leading in this.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Tuesday 6th December.

Cars meet at church at 11.30 am (note the later time, rather than the usual meeting time of 10 am) and tables have been booked at WYEE NURSERY FOR 12 NOON.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 4th December from 4.30pm at Avondale School, Avondale Road Coorabong and featuring Chris Sebastian & James Morrison.

Friday 9th December from 6.00pm at The Salvation Army corner Station Street & Marconi Road Bonnells Bay. This is jointly sponsored by the Salvation Army & Bay Community SDA Church and will feature live music, hot food for sale and family fun. you are advised to bring a chair or picnic blanket. The night will end with a fireworks spectacular, and it is a an alcohol free, family friendly event.

NATIVITY ON DISPLAY at Toronto Uniting Church 118 The Boulevard.

Come and view display items depicting the Christmas Story.

Free Entry. Light Refreshments available.

Opening times:

Thursday 1st December 2022 - 10.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 2nd December 2022 - 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday 3rd December 2022 - 10.00am - 5.00pm

(Market Stalls on Saturday 3rd Only)

Sunday 4th December 2022 - 10.30am - 12.00noon

MODERATOR'S FLOOD APPEAL TO HELP DEVASTATED COMMUNITIES –

November 2022 - The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched another appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

The Moderator of the Uniting Church NSW/ACT, Rev. Simon Hansford, said the appeal was a response to communities in NSW which had been heavily hit by extremely high rainfall.

More information can be found at:

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/giving/moderators-appeal/>

REV. JASON STREET, for many years Hunter Metal Health Chaplain & Chaplain at Morisset Hospital, is leaving The Hunter in January to become Uniting Chaplain at Wellington Correctional Centre.

SPEAK OUT - The Uniting Church takes a safe church environment seriously. They have a confidential contact service called *Speak Out*



The image shows a banner for the 'Speak Out' service. On the left is a logo with a speech bubble and the text 'Speak Out IN CONFIDENCE'. To the right of the logo are three bullet points: 'Confidential', 'Secure', and 'Anonymous'. Further right is a blue box with the text 'INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE' and the phone number '1800 951 145'. On the far right is a stylized white outline of a person sitting at a desk. At the bottom left of the banner is the website 'speakout.uca.org.au' and at the bottom right are the logos for 'Uniting Church' and 'ccre'.

Duties for 4th December - Advent 2

Preacher	<i>Ron Loom</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Barbara Dufty & Parriss Mc Dougall</i>
Welcomers	<i>Lesley M Robinson & Peter Robinson</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Winston James & Hazel Rolfe</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Eliz. Chapman & Tina Davies</i>
Communion Servers	<i>Phil Kesterton & Pat Coster</i>

Lectionary Readings for 4th December

<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	<i>Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19</i>
<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA MORISSET- STAMP CLUB

Join us for the King of Hobbies. Meetings on 4th Saturday of each month (except December) from 10:00a.m. at Uniting Church in Australia Morisset NSW. BUYING AND SELLING, LUCKY DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE, TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE. VISITORS WELCOME. Enquiries: 43656568 www.philas.org/au/morisset

DIRECT GIVING - Your offering can be set up to go directly from your bank account into the Church accounts and thus avoid the need to use the envelope system on a Sunday. A direct credit can be set up using the Church's Westpac working account BSB 032-524 Account number 12-1985 or by filling in a form to go to Uniting Financial Services. This form is available from Parriss McDougall.

Connect in Prayer

- Bless the leaders of our country, that they may be given wisdom and guidance in these difficult times.
- Pray for our Opportunity Centre where our volunteers provide a listening ear, and much needed goods at low cost to our local community. Pray that more volunteers will join the team.
- On this first Sunday in Advent let us be thankful for the time and space to prepare for Christmas looking forward to shared time together.

Submissions to the Newsletter

Articles for the Weekly Newsletter should be submitted in writing by Wednesday.
Email: morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au



MORISSET UNITING CHURCH

"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **ISSUE 1296 27th November 2022**

Welcome to the "Church in the Trees" this morning. If you are a visitor, help us to get acquainted with you by signing the Visitors' Book & staying for a time of fellowship at Morning Tea after Worship. Please also collect our Information Brochure.

Children are especially welcome as we share stories and have an activity table at the front.

Preacher	Pat Coster
Service	9:30am Sunday
Church	Ph: 0249 735554 PO Box 533, Morisset, NSW 2264 www.morissetunitingchurch.org.au Facebook: churchinthetreesmorissetuniting
Op Shop	Ph: 0249 735967
Prayer Circle	Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell Ph: 49705359 or Mb: 0400 460770

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