

What's on This Week?

Sunday 4th 9.30am	Advent 2 Worship
Monday 5th 4.00pm - 5.00pm	Stop Listen Pray
Tuesday 6th 9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open Friendship Group Lunch
Wednesday 7th 9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Thursday 8th 9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Sunday 11th 9.30am	Advent 3 Worship Congregation Christmas Lunch

For You to Note

FUNERAL - RUTH BOADEN - The death occurred in Wyong Hospital last Monday of Ruth Boaden. At age 99, Ruth was the oldest member of our congregation. She hasn't been able to attend church in recent years but she was well cared for by our Pastoral Care Team. Her funeral will be conducted in the church by Rev. Joan Horgan next Friday 9th at 12 noon, followed by a private cremation. After the service the Friendship Group will serve light refreshments in the Hall.

THANK YOU to everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother Patrick Cullen. Pauline Wilding.

THE THRIFT HONOURS | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Experience the musical excellence of Avondale University's best students at this graduation concert. Features: Avondale Conservatorium's graduands, high distinction recital and prize-winning students. Presented by Avondale Conservatorium as part of the 2022 Avondale Concert Series. Freewill offering to support academic prizes, including the Alan and Yvonne Thrift Memorial Excellence Prize. This prize honours the late Alan and Yvonne Thrift who devoted their working lives to the development of music at Avondale. Ella Hughes Chapel (Lake Macquarie campus), Saturday, December 10, 7.30 pm. www.avondale.edu.au/events

PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER

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.

Last day today - Sunday 4th December 2022 - 10.30am - 12.00noon

MODERATOR'S FLOOD APPEAL TO HELP DEVASTATED COMMUNITIES –

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/>

Duties for 11th December - Advent 3

Preacher	Owen Smythe
Bible Reading	Tina Davies & Maurice Davies
Welcomers	Morven Cumberworth & Cathie Smythe
Offering/Banking	Maurice Davies & Joe Sloey
Morning Tea	Joan Harley & Helen Edgell

Lectionary Readings for 11th December

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

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

- Continue to pray for Ukraine and the people there. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort may draw near to them.
- Pray that this second Sunday in Advent may be a time of strengthening of our faith as we focus again on the events of Christmas.

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 1297 4th December 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 **Ron Loom**
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Op Shop Ph: 0249 735967

Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell
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