

What's on This Week?

Sunday 11th 9.30am	Advent 3 Worship Congregation Christmas Lunch
Monday 12th 4.00pm - 5.00pm	Stop Listen Pray
Tuesday 13th 9.00am - 2.30pm 10.00am	"The Branch" Op Shop is open Bible Fellowship
Wednesday 14th 9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Thursday 15th 9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Sunday 18th 9.30am	Advent 4 Worship

For You to Note

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 be holding a service at 6 pm to which everyone is welcome.

CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS LUNCH - TODAY!! - Please stay for lunch, even if you have not put your name on the list as there is plenty of food for everyone. It will be a salad, followed by pavlova (fruit salad alternative) and gluten free is also catered for. Entertainment, carols, and trivia. Cost \$15.

STOP, LISTEN, PRAY - The final 'Stop, Listen, Pray' for this year will be tomorrow 12th December from 4pm - 5pm in the church. The group will be in recess during January, and will resume the first week of the school term on Monday 30th January.

FLASH MOB - The Red Dove Choir did a wonderful job of providing carols and Christmas music for shoppers at Morisset Square yesterday morning. We look forward to hearing the choir sing for us next Sunday during our worship service.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 13th December at 10 am at Hazel' home. There will be no meeting on 27th December, but the group will meet on 10th and 24th January.

PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY:

18 December - Pat Coster
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY - Bruce Edgell
1 January COVENANT SERVICE - Joan Horgan
8 January - Bruce Edgell
15 January - Ron Loom
22 January - Barbara Dufty
29 January Pat Coster

CHURCH COUNCIL - No meeting in December. The next meeting will be held at 3.30 pm on Thursday 19 January, a week earlier than usual because of the Australia Day holiday on 26th.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Christmas luncheon at Wyee Nursery was enjoyed by everyone. It was a busy meal, as plans were made for setting up and catering for the funeral of Ruth Boaden on Friday, and also planning for today's Congregation Christmas Party. The Friendship Group will not meet in January Next meeting 10 am on Tuesday 7th February.

DATES FOR JANUARY:

Covenant Service - 1 January
Bible Fellowship Group - 10th and 24th January
Church Council - 19th January

POLICE COMMUNITY PRECINCT MEETING - WARNING ABOUT SCAMS

Lake Macquarie Police are concerned earlier warnings may have been forgotten. Each of the following HAS resulted in criminal activity, in OUR AREA, which could have been prevented:-

- Make sure that you keep your home secure at all times. This includes locking all doors, whether you are at home or away – even if this is only in your yard.
 - Ensure that you do not leave keys, including car keys, near the front door.
 - Do not leave wallets, keys, etc lying around. Criminals are experts at breaking into homes, even while people are asleep, to steal such items. Car keys and credit/debit cards are special targets. Stolen credit/debit cards can be used, in multiple stores, to pay-wave items up to \$200.00, each time, often before card providers realise that something is amiss and refuse more payments. The card owner is usually held liable for these debts.
- For the same reason, never leave credit/debit cards or keys in an unattended car.
- Check your number plates, when returning to your car. These are stolen to place on vehicles before committing a crime, such as driving away before paying for fuel at a service station.

To contact Police -

000 - For serious emergency – crime in progress

131 444 - For non-emergency police assistance line

1800 333 000 - Crime Stoppers - To report real or suspected criminal activity (reports can be made anonymously)

Duties for 18th December - Advent 4

Preacher	<i>Pat Coster</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Lesley M Robinson & Peter Robinson</i>
Welcomers	<i>Douglas Stewart & Pam Stewart</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Tina Davies & Douglas Stewart</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Cathie Smythe & Owen Smythe</i>

Lectionary Readings for 18th December

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

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/>

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

- Pray that in the hustle and bustle and stress of preparation for Christmas we might experience the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.
- Think of those who are bereaved and feeling out of step in this season of joy and festivity, as they face a Christmas without their loved one, whether for the first time or after many years.
- As the Op Centre winds down for the year, give thanks for volunteers and pray they will experience refreshment and renewal over the Christmas break.

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 1298 11th 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	Rev. Jason Street
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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