

## ***What's on This Week?***

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| <b>Sunday 19th</b>    | <b>Transfiguration of Jesus</b> |
| 9.30am                | Worship                         |
| <b>Tuesday 21st</b>   |                                 |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm       | "The Branch" Op Shop is open    |
| <b>Wednesday 22nd</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday</b>            |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm       | "The Branch" Op Shop is open    |
| 2pm                   | Red Dove Choir                  |
| <b>Thursday 23rd</b>  |                                 |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm       | "The Branch" Op Shop is open    |
| 3.30pm                | Church Council                  |
| <b>Sunday 26th</b>    | <b>Lent 1</b>                   |
| 9.30am                | Worship                         |

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## ***For You to Note***

**CHURCH COUNCIL** - Meets this Thursday 23 February at 3.30 pm in the Grevillea Room. Agendas have been sent out, and it is requested that anyone presenting a report emails the report in advance, in order to streamline procedures and save time.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Uniting World is encouraging local congregations to form a group(s) to study its 2023 Lent Event Bible Study booklet. The study is entitled "How to be a good Global Neighbour" and it is designed to run for the 6 weeks of Lent. At its meeting on Thursday the Worship Committee decided to have a study group at Morisset Church starting next Thursday at 5.30 pm (straight after Church Council) in the Grevillea Room. The hour-long study will be followed by participants sharing in a simple meal together, and all will be finished by 7.00pm. There is no need to register - just come to the Grevillea Room at 5.30 pm next Thursday 23rd February.

**THE "CONNECTIONS" RIVERBOAT POSTMAN TRIP** on the Hawkesbury River on Friday was a most enjoyable outing. Several church members invited their friends and neighbours, and altogether 25 of us were on the cruise as well as lots of other people. We enjoyed morning tea and lunch on board as we watched the boat deliver the mail to the isolated riverbank settlements. A big thanks to Phill and Anne Hart for organizing the day, taking the bookings beforehand, and making sure everyone was safe.

**SENIORS LEISURE EXPO** - Morisset showground Sunday 19th Feb 10am to 2pm. NSW Dept of Communities and Justice in association with the Rotary Club of Morisset is hosting a Senior's Leisure Expo. Come along to see how you can improve and enjoy your lifestyle by connecting with like minded people. There will be stalls, displays, and information for fitness and health, craft, past-times, hobbies, gardening, and more.

**U3A RED DOVE CHOIR** has resumed rehearsals, each Wednesday 2pm. Please hand back the Flash Mob Christmas music and any other songs you may have.

### **PREACHERS FOR FEB/MAR:**

19 Feb - Owen Smythe  
26 Feb - Pat Coster  
5 Mar - Bruce Edgell  
12 Mar - Stephen Downie (guest preacher)  
19 Mar - Cathie Smythe  
26 Mar - Rev Nancy Brawn

### **YOUR SAY ON PARKING**

Over the last 12 months, with all the rain and frequent use of the carpark beside the hall, the surface has degraded to the extent that we need to do something about it. On a noticeboard in the foyer are 4 options to remedy the problem. Before we go ahead and get quotes we need to get an idea of which option, or another one, is the preferred one. You can record your preference by writing on a piece of paper next to the board a drop it in the box provided, or speak to a Church Councillor.

### **INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE FOR SRE TEACHERS**

This service will be held at the Morisset Branch of the Salvation Army, corner of Marconi Road and Station Street on Sunday, 26th February beginning at 6pm. At this service we will meet the new High School teacher, Warren Eckerman and he and the primary school teachers will be prayed for. We will hear from the SLCEA President, Barry Hill and the Primary Coordinator, Desiree Sleight. You are very welcome to attend and support our local SRE teachers.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 3 March at 10 am at the Salvation Army church in Station Street. The focus this year will be Taiwan. A warm invitation is extended to all.

**WELCOME:** We welcome Rev Nancy Brawn and her family to the Manse. They have moved in and are getting settled, but Nancy is on Long Leave for the month, so we are giving them some space and time together before she begins her ministry. During March and April Nancy will be carrying out Supply for Cessnock, (which was already arranged before we began discussions) and during that time will take one service for us each month, before she begins her actual placement with us in May.

## **Duties for 26th February - Lent 1**

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| Preacher         | <i>Pat Coster</i>                     |
| Bible Reading    | <i>Phil Kesterton &amp; Ian Maier</i> |
| Welcomer         | <i>Helen Edgell</i>                   |
| Offering/Banking | <i>Maurice Davies &amp; Joe Sloey</i> |
| Morning Tea      | <i>Barbara Dufty &amp; Anne Kloet</i> |

## **Lectionary Readings for 26th February**

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

*Psalm 32*

*Romans 5:12-19*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

**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**

- 20 February is United Nations World Day of Justice-Poverty and inequalities within and among countries are on the rise in many parts of the world. The economic and social crises of recent years have been exacerbated by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters due to accelerating climate change, geopolitical tensions and armed conflicts. Pray for all of those who are impacted.

- Pray for those living with dementia, and their families, who witness slow deterioration and experience the grief of gradual loss.

- As the war between Russia and the Ukraine continues without any end in sight, pray that their leaders will "give peace a chance" and find a way to peacefully resolve the stand-off.

## **Submissions to the Newsletter**

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



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** **ISSUE 1302 19th February 2023**

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.

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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell  
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**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**