

What's on This Week?

Sunday 26th

9.30am

Lent 1

Worship

Tuesday 28th

9.00am - 2.30pm

10.00am

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

Bible Fellowship

Wednesday 1st

9.00am - 2.30pm

2pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

Red Dove Choir

Thursday 2nd

9.00am - 2.30pm

5.30pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

Lenten Study

Friday 3rd

10.00am

World Day of Prayer - Salvation Army

Sunday 5th

9.30am

Lent 2

Worship

For You to Note

CONGREGATION MEETING

Please note, the next Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 5 March at 11 am in the hall following morning tea. All are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item to be added please inform Cathie Smythe by Wednesday, 1 March.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Our Thursday afternoon Bible Study for Lent began on Thursday afternoon. The study booklet is entitled “How to be a good Global Neighbour” and it has been prepared by the staff of ‘Uniting World’. It is designed to run for the 6 weeks of Lent, and here in Morisset it will conclude on Thursday 30th March. The group meets on Thursday at 5.30 pm in the Grevillea Room. The hour-long study is followed by participants sharing in a simple meal together, and all is finished by 7.00pm. It is not too late to join in - we would love to see more people coming. There is no need to register - just come to the Grevillea Room at 5.30 pm next Thursday 2nd March, or speak to Bruce or Helen Edgell.

INDUCTION SERVICE FOR REV NANCY BRAWN - 2pm Saturday 29 April.

Nancy will also be taking services for us on 26 March and 30 April.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 28 February at 10 am at Barbara Dufty’s home. Final study #6 in the book of James. The group decided to follow this with Romans, and have obtained booklets with 7 Studies on Romans chapters 1-7. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, and newcomers are welcome.

PRESBYTERY GATHERING 10 AM THURSDAY 18TH MAY - As we are hosting this event, a planning meeting was held to gather ideas and begin preparation. Guest speaker Flying Padre David Shrimpton has agreed to come as guest speaker. Please mark the date in your diaries, and more information will be given later.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES -

Photocopier - Our aging photocopier can no longer be serviced, so our provider has offered to swap for an upgraded model for a one-off fee of \$250 for delivery and installation.

Parking - The area behind the hall, which has in recent years been used for car parking, is becoming degraded due to heavy rains and runoff. It will be closed off for parking except for special occasions, and people can use the lower area for parking instead. An additional disabled spot will be established.

Bookings - Due to concerns that our premises are becoming increasingly unavailable for our own activities, and with our new minister starting shortly, it was decided to accept no new bookings (except for one-off events) for the time being.

Election Forum - 7 pm Thursday 16 March. Bob is again organising this event, which takes place the week before pre-poll voting.

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 MARCH:

5 Mar - Bruce Edgell

12 Mar - Stephen Downie (guest preacher)

19 Mar - Cathie Smythe

26 Mar - Rev Nancy Brawn

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.

DIRECT GIVING - Your offering can be set up to go directly from your bank account

Duties for 5th March - Lent 2

Preacher	<i>Bruce Edgell</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Joan Harley & Cathie Smythe</i>
Welcomer	<i>Joe Sloey</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Douglas Stewart & Joan Harley</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Eliz. Chapman & Tina Davies</i>
Communion Servers	<i>Barbara Dufty & Owen Smythe</i>

Lectionary Readings for 5th March

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

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

- Tonight is the Interdenominational Service for South Lakes Christian Education - Pray for all of our local school personnel (parents, staff and students) and especially the SRE teachers. Pray that this time will be a time of thanksgiving for the work or SRE in our schools and that it will inspire others to take part in such an important ministry.
- Pray that the World Day of Prayer service at the Salvation Army on Friday will be a time of friendship between the churches, and a time of support for the work of the churches in Taiwan.
- As the season of Lent begins, we pray for the Lent Event of the Uniting Church which supports projects in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, providing clean water, education, healthcare, leadership, child protection, small business startups, empowerment for women and building resilience through disasters and climate change.

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 1303 26th 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.

Preacher **Pat Coster**
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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell
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