

What's on This Week?

Sunday 5th

9.30am

Lent 2

Worship

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday 7th

9.00am - 2.30pm

10.00am

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Friendship Group

Wednesday 8th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Red Dove Choir

Thursday 9th

9.00am - 2.30pm

5.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Lenten Study

Sunday 12th

9.30am

Lent 3

Worship

For You to Note

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Meets 10 am this Tuesday 7 March. We will meet in the hall after the exercise class leaves at 10, as the Koala Room is very small for the group. This meeting is the AGM which will be chaired by Administrator Bob Starling.

PRESBYTERY GATHERING - Planning meeting this Thursday at 2pm in the Grevillea Room. Come along with ideas and suggestions, open to all. The Gathering will be 18th May, with guest speaker Frying Padre David Shrimpton.

ELECTION FORUM - Thursday 16 March, 7 pm. There will be refreshments available from 6.30, so we need volunteers to cook (plain biscuits only, nothing fancy) and also assist with serving. List in the foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB STARLING who has been named as a finalist for the Lake Macquarie Council "Lake Mac Senior of the Year Award for outstanding demonstration of leadership, skills and community contribution". The Awards Gala Night will be held Saturday 11 March at 6.30 at the Belmont 16-footer club. See Barbara if you would like a ticket to come along and make up a table.

POLICE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING - Julie and Kelvin will be attending a meeting, next Tuesday, with the Lake Macquarie Police

Crime Prevention Officer, as representatives of the West Lake Macquarie area. If you have any matters of concern, which the police should know about, please see Julie or Kelvin after church this morning.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Our Thursday afternoon Bible Study for Lent continues 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, 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.

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:

12 Mar - Stephen Downie (guest preacher)

19 Mar - Cathie Smythe

26 Mar - Rev Nancy Brawn

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 12th March - Lent 3

Preacher	<i>Stephen Downie</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Phill Hart & Anne Hart</i>
Welcomer	<i>Cathie Smythe</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Ian Maier & Priscilla Hester</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Sue Kesterton & Helen Edgell</i>

Lectionary Readings for 12th March

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

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

- Today after the worship service is the Congregation Meeting. Pray for this meeting to be a special time of sharing ideas and suggestions for the benefit of our church. Pray that everyone present will listen to one another's ideas and discuss them in an inclusive way.
- 8 March is International Women's Day - Pray for women around the globe, many of whom suffer unjust treatment in the home or the workplace. Pray for a voice for all women as we pray for them at the World Day of Prayer on 3 March.
- Give thanks to God for the leadership of the past two years at Church in the Trees; coming through two difficult years without a minister. Ask God to bless the ministry of Reverend Nancy Brawn as she begins the task of ministering in two congregations.

Submissions to the Newsletter

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



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"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **ISSUE 1304 5th March 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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