

What's on This Week?

Sunday 12th	Lent 3
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 14th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
10.00am	Bible Fellowship
Wednesday 15th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
2pm	Red Dove Choir
Thursday 16th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
5.30pm	Lenten Study
6.30pm	Election Forum
Saturday 18th	
8.00am	Prayer Breakfast
10.00am	Pastoral Care Morning Tea
Sunday 19th	Lent 4
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

STATE ELECTION FORUM - Once again we are giving people from the Southlakes area the opportunity to hear from their local candidates. All 6 candidates have been invited but not all have replied yet. The event is on Thursday 16th March and starts with a cuppa and biscuits at 6.30pm. The forum starts at 7pm with all candidates given 4 minutes then questions from the audience. Everyone welcome.

ELECTION FORUM - THIS THURSDAY 16 MARCH - For refreshments as people arrive from 6.30 pm, the Friendship Group have offered to make biscuits, but helpers are needed to set up tables from 6 pm, and servers from 6.30 pm. If you can help, please put your name on the list in the foyer.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 14 March 10am at Barbara Dufty's home. If you would like to take part in the 7 sessions of Romans, there are booklets available and you will be warmly welcomed. See Barbara for a book (\$10).

PRAYER BREAKFAST - Next Saturday, 18 March is the monthly Prayer Breakfast-8am to 9am. Bruce and Helen are leading the prayers and Pauline and Betty are catering. Please add your name to the sign-on list on the foyer table if you would

like to attend. All are welcome.

GRAHAM HOPPER - Graham Hopper died Saturday morning in Bayside Aged Care after a prolonged illness. Everyone will remember Graham as the talented musician who played his wind synthesizer of a Sunday morning. Graham and Sophie's family members live in many different parts of NSW & ACT and his funeral will be arranged when they can come together.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY presents free Webinar on 'How to make the most of your NCLS results'. This Tuesday 14th at 11.00am NCLS Research will present "How to make the most of your National Church Life Survey Results", a free webinar right across Australia, which will guide church leaders and interested people through their Church Life Profile of results, with insights and tips for exploring these results and using them to inform their ongoing ministry. Come along to the church on Tuesday morning just before 11.00am and join some of Morisset UC's leaders to see how our NCLS results and resources can help our church.

LENT EVENT - A reminder that you are again being invited to participate in Uniting World's LENT EVENT. The theme this year is "Live Simply, Reduce Noise & Pray, Give". Many of you will have already taken one of the 'Lent Event' jars, but if not there are still plenty on the table in the foyer. The idea is for you to give up something you really enjoy (e.g. coffee, chocolate, driving your car everywhere) and putting the money you save into the jar. At our Easter Day service we will dedicate the all the money in our jars to LENT EVENT. This year one of the projects is supplying clean water to villages in the south-eastern part of PNG, and we will be telling Uniting World that this is one project that Morisset wants to support.

PREACHERS FOR MARCH/APRIL:

19 Mar - Cathie Smythe

26 Mar - Rev Nancy Brawn

2 Apr - Rev Joan Horgan

6 Apr - Christian Passover meal - Rev Bruce Edgell

7 Apr - Good Friday - Rev Ron Loom

9 Apr - Barbara Dufty

16 Apr - Pat Coster

23 Apr - Owen Smythe

30 Apr - Rev Nancy Brawn

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 -

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.

Duties for 19th March - Lent 4

Preacher	Cathie Smythe
Bible Reading	Winston James & Roger Hester
Welcomer	Morven Cumberworth
Offering/Banking	Winston James & Hazel Rolfe
Morning Tea	Cathie Smythe & Owen Smythe

Lectionary Readings for 19th March

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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 the election forum will be an important link with the community and that it will be a time where different points of view can be shared with civility and understanding.
- Give thanks for Redeemer Ministries in freeing people from bonded labour in the brick kilns of Pakistan, and in providing schooling and medical help to the brick kiln communities. Pray for new Christians who are being mentored by Redeemer Ministries.
- Pray for refugees in Australia and our community who are faced with challenges such as finding affordable housing, finding jobs, language and communication barriers, racism and discrimination, community attitudes, impact of disrupted education on schooling, learning English and many more. Ask God how we might help as a church and/or individually.

Submissions to the Newsletter

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



MORISSET UNITING CHURCH

"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **ISSUE 1305 12th 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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