

What's on This Week?

Sunday 11th	Transfiguration of Jesus
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 13th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
2.00pm	Bible Fellowship
Wednesday 14th	Ash Wednesday
9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
2pm	Red Dove Choir
Thursday 15th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
Saturday 17th	
8.00am	Prayer Breakfast
9.30am	Pastoral Care meeting
Sunday 18th	Lent 1
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - First meeting for the year this Tuesday 13 February 2 pm at Brodies. Looking at Unit 4 and the healing of the blind man, “I once was blind”. All welcome, and if you need a lift, see Barbara.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Rev Nancy invites interested people to a Lenten Study Series for five Wednesdays at 10am in the Manse. Beginning on 21st February, and followed by morning tea, we will look at the geography and distances of Israel, the layout of Jerusalem and the Temple, the sacrificial system. It is not so much a Bible Study as a look into the places and systems referred to in the Bible, especially in the accounts that lead up to the Easter story. Just turn up (park near the manse) on the Wednesdays you can come, but it is helpful for Nancy to have some idea of numbers.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Sunday, 18 February, commencing at 6pm at Ella Boyd Chapel, University Drive, Cooranbong, followed by refreshments and fellowship. Come along and support our Scripture teachers.

TUESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP - First meeting for the year will be in March, which will be the AGM and planning some activities for 2024.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 13th / 27th - Bible Fellowship Group #4 and #5

Wednesday 14 - Ash Wednesday

Saturday 17th - Prayer Breakfast 8am, Pastoral Care Meeting 9:30am

Sunday 18th - Congregational Meeting 11am

Sunday 18th - Scripture Teachers Commissioning 6pm

Thursday 22nd - Church Council 2pm

Tuesday 27th - Presbytery meets in our church 5.30pm

Friday 1st March - World Day of Prayer in Catholic Church (Palestine focus)

COVID-19 SURGES AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Unfortunately, over the holiday period, while many of us enjoyed the opportunity to gather and celebrate with family and friends, we also saw high levels of COVID activity in our community. NSW Health surveillance data indicates that COVID transmission is now higher than the 2023 winter peak.

With COVID no longer dominating our news cycle it is easy to forget the dangers, but it is important to remember many people in our community fall into high-risk categories. At times of high transmission we all need to be more vigilant, not just for ourselves but for the more vulnerable members of our community.

PRAYER BREAKFAST...

Starts up for the new year on Saturday, 17 February commencing at 8 am in the church hall. All welcome as we commit anew our church families, our world and ourselves to our creator God for 2024. New members are especially invited or just come along and check it out as a one-off. Warm fellowship guaranteed.

CONNECTIONS – HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS

Open to all - Invite your neighbors and friends. Friday 8th March 2024. Concession entry \$25. Carpool by arrangement. Details and a booking form are in the church foyer. Enquiries Phill & Anne Hart.

USED STAMPS:

Did you know your used stamps are not ready for the bin? Well if they are intact, on the envelope, and have a border of paper around them, they're not. Save them up, pop them in the box in the foyer and they can be sold by the Synod Stamp Committee to help finance grants for mission activities. They advise: "It is advisable to carefully tear around the stamp leaving at least one centimetre (half an inch) of surrounding paper. If you are willing, you can trim the stamp leaving about 3mm (1/8th of an inch) of paper around the stamp. If you are not in a position to trim the stamps, please forward them to us "as is" and one of our volunteers will trim them." Please don't send any stamps that are torn or otherwise damaged, for example, if the surrounding perforation is not perfect, creased, heavily postmarked, or cancelled with a biro line or felt pen.

Duties for 18th February - Lent 1

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Parriss McDougall & Pat Coster</i>
Welcomer	<i>Phillip Kesterton</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Hazel Rolfe & Winston James</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Helen Edgell & Sue Kesterton</i>

Lectionary Readings for 18th February

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalms 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

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

- Lent begins this Wednesday, and as we journey with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem over the next six weeks, may we give ourselves anew to the one who gave his life for us.
- Pray for the Lent Event of the Uniting Church which this year is calling for faithful action on climate change. Collective change requires personal, practical, and political action.
- Pray for those suffering with cancer, that God will be with them and their loved ones at this anxious time. Pray for the medical staff and carers, and for all the research trying to find a cure.

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 1348 11th February 2024**

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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