

What's on This Week?

Sunday 3rd

9.30am

Pentecost 8

Worship

Tuesday 5th

9.00am - 2.30pm

10.00am

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

Friendship Group

Wednesday 6th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

Red Dove Choir

Thursday 7th

9.00am - 2.30pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

Sunday 10th

9.30am

Pentecost 9

Worship

Congregational AGM follows Service

For You to Note

THANK YOU to Trish Mitchell who lovingly sewed our 2 new banners. From Pentecost to Advent the seasonal colour is green as the church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity and seeks to relate its faith as the people of God to Christ's mission in the world. Leaves, vines and branches have many interpretations in the Christian faith. This reflection was in Insights 39- Autumn 2025 following “Retreat Yourself” Young Adults Retreat-Jan'25.

“It was as we unwrapped ourselves from the vines and ladders of life to look over parts of our branches and leaves, that we, in community, were gathered up, pruned, watered, cared for and took time to give thanks to that great Gardener, who from the beginning garden, and the one in the resurrection story knows us by name and calls us into them.”

David Toogood (Education and Resource Facilitator) NSW Synod

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - This Tuesday 5th August. Tina and Maurice Davies have kindly invited us to their home at Wyee Point for the meeting. Car pooling is available, cars leaving the church at 10 am. Please let Tina know if you can come so she can plan accordingly. All are welcome, but see Jan or Barbara if you are unsure or would like to know more.

VITALITY OF CALL - Since Rev Nancy has been here for over two years, there is a scheduled Vital Ministry Consultation to be held by a team from Presbytery. The purpose of the consultation is the oversight and appraisal of ministry in the

Presbytery. They will be visiting this Tuesday, and will meet with Nancy herself, then with a small group designated by Church Council. If you have any comments you would like the group to pass on to Presbytery, you may speak with Bruce, Bob, Barb or Cathie.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD - This helpful little booklet is used by several of our members for their daily Bible readings, with its thoughtful commentary relating to our Sunday readings each week. If there are spare copies on the table in the foyer, feel free to take one, but it would be appreciated if you would let Parriss know you have one, and pay him the \$7 cost.

DR JOAN MACDONALD, who was involved in the building of this church building and many of its activities, passed away last Sunday. She was a member of the Church Council and a loyal member of the Red Dove Choir. Rev Dr Kenneth Brown will conduct her funeral at the Barbara King Chapel & Crematorium, 100 Gimberts Road Morisset – 3pm Thursday 7th August. Refreshments in church hall at 4pm.

FUNERAL REFRESHMENTS - Following the funeral of Joan MacDonald this Thursday afternoon, we will be providing refreshments in the hall. There is a list in the foyer where you are asked to indicate whether you can help with refreshments, or with the setting up and clearing away afterwards.

PRESBYTERY PRAYER DIARY - Each week, we are asked to pray for a different congregation, and Presbytery has compiled information and a prayer.

3rd August



PRAYER:

We pray for Rev Garry Derkenne (our Supply Minister for 2025) and Rev Dr Rod Pattenden as they work with the Leaders and congregation of Bolwarra Uniting Church. We pray that we will be able to interest the younger generations of our community to come along and join our services and our congregation. Amen

BOLWARRA

Bolwarra Uniting Church meets every Sunday at 9am with a small but growing congregation of around 20 people. Our services conclude with a friendly cuppa and chat in the hall afterwards.

Our services are mostly traditional which reflect the older demographic of our congregation.

We are interested in building our church and reaching out to people in our community.

Our Leaders are beginning to offer services with a more modern twist.

Our Leaders would also like to implement a regular Sunday evening service with Rev Dr Rod Pattenden. .

Duties for 10th August - Pentecost 9

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Anne & Phill Hart</i>
Welcomer	<i>Morven & Sylvia</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Priscilla Hester & Winston James</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Betty Small</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Dianne James & Colleen Maier</i>

Lectionary Readings for 10th August

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

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

- On the anniversary of Hiroshima Day this week (6 August), we renew our commitment to peace individually, collectively and globally. Ask God to give to the leaders of nations wisdom and compassion, that they will search for peace and be open to new paths of compromise and reconciliation.
- The cold and darkness of winter causes depression and sadness in many people. Ask God to bring comfort and peace to those who find this season hard to get through.
- Pray for the Growing Young initiative in our church, that young people and families may find a connection in Church in the Trees, and come to know our Lord.

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 1420 3rd August 2025**

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 area at the back of the worship area.

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