

## What's on This Week?

<b>Sunday 17th</b> 9.30am	<b>Pentecost 10</b> Worship
<b>Tuesday 19th</b> 9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
<b>Wednesday 20th</b> 9.00am - 2.30pm 2pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open Red Dove Choir
<b>Thursday 21st</b> 9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
<b>Sunday 24th</b> 9.30am	<b>Pentecost 11</b> Worship

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## For You to Note

### CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

- Several members will be attending the Culture of Safety workshop next Saturday at Warners Bay. Formerly known as Safe Church, this training is necessary for everyone in a position of leadership, not just Church Council.
- In response to queries re getting the sewer connected, Hunter Water is being approached for information.
- The problem of disposing of green waste is still an issue, and a possible solution is to ask for a hazard reduction burn.
- To encourage the development of Christian education, study booklets for the Bible Fellowship Group will be subsidised.
- Parriss reported on Synod which he recently attended.

**AL-ANON** - each Tuesday at 10.30am the local Al-anon group meet here in the Grevillea Room. This group shares their experience of being affected by someone else's disease of alcoholism. Together they are learning to understand their situation and their own reactions, and finding new skills to live more positively. It is a very welcoming and encouraging group you may like to join or refer someone to.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** - Thanks to Tina and Maurice Davies for hosting the August meeting, which everyone enjoyed. Main item for discussion was equipping the new Kanga Room with eating and drinking utensils, and this has now happened, with a fine selection from our op shop. Nice to see meetings already taking place in the new facility.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP** - New term, new study, new venue. There are booklets available on “David: God's True King”, so speak to Barbara Duffy if you would like a copy (\$10 each). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, starting at 2 pm and finishing by 4 pm after a cup of tea. From now until the end of the year, meetings will be held at Barbara's home, 5A Macquarie Road, Morisset Park. Anyone who is interested in coming along to see what it is like, speak to Barbara for directions.

**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

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

**17th August**



**MAITLAND**

Worship Services take place each Sunday at 10.30am, with communion on the first Sunday of the month. On Mondays and Wednesdays at 5.00pm, the MUNCH program provides free takeaway meals for homeless and disadvantaged people. There is also a Nursing Home Ministry on the first Tuesday of the month at Largs and Benholme Nursing Homes.

**PRAYER**

Please pray that in this time of major change for the Uniting Churches in the Maitland area, we will be able to focus on prayerfully discerning God's will for our congregation and on supporting each other through the time of change.

## **Duties for 24th August - Pentecost 11**

Preacher	<i>Roger Hester</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Leanne Koenen &amp; Winston James</i>
Welcomer	<i>Bruce &amp; Helen Edgell</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Ofa TaPukalanga, Sue &amp; Phillip K</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Helen Edgell</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Pauline Wilding &amp; Anne Kloet</i>

### **Lectionary Readings for 24th August**

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*  
*Psalm 71:1-6*  
*Hebrews 12:18-29*  
*Luke 13:10-17*

**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.

**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**

- Thank God for Christian brothers and sisters everywhere in the world who are sharing their stories of faith with others, often at great risk to themselves.
- Pray for the Congregation AGM today. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us to serve God in this community and for us to seek and listen for God's will for our church going forward.
- Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of younger people in our community, that they will respond to our Growing Young activities.

### **Submissions to the Newsletter**

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



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** **ISSUE 1422 17th 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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**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**