

What's on This Week?

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| Sunday 7th 9.30am | Advent 2 Worship Congregation Christmas Lunch |
| Tuesday 9th 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Wednesday 10th 9.00am - 2.30pm 2pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open Red Dove Choir |
| Thursday 11th 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Sunday 14th 9.30am | Advent 3 Worship |

For You to Note

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS - The November meeting focussed on the op shop extensions, which have been planned for several years and for which a DA was obtained some time ago. The blowout in costs has put the original plans beyond our capacity financially, but the op shop is seen as integral to the mission of our church so the meeting was keen to find a way forward. After considerable discussion, Council decided on a three-pronged approach.

- 1) Formulate a new mission plan. This will help establish the potential missional or outreach activities of the op shop and the benefits of the extension.
- 2) Seek funding grants to enable us to proceed with the original plans, or with modified plans.
- 3) Consider alternative low-cost plans that are within our financial capacity, which will still increase space and potential.

One alternative plan has been put forward with creative use of shipping containers, and Bob has built a scale model of this, as well as the original plans. Anyone interested can have a look at these in the hall over lunch today.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH TODAY - In the hall after morning tea. Cold meat and salads, pavlova and much else, plus carols and entertainment. Even if you have not put your name on the list before today, you can still come. Everyone is welcome, and there will be plenty for all. Cost is \$15, which you can pay to Jan Miller.

MORE SINGERS NEEDED

As we have several new members of the congregation who have joined us it would be great to include as many of you as possible in the Singers Roster for leading worship services if you are keen and able and can 'make a joyful noise to the Lord'. Please speak to Cathie Smythe or email me at cathiesmythe52@gmail.com if you are interested, even if only once a month. A new roster is being prepared this week and will be out before Christmas.

T SHIRTS - The recently produced church T shirts would be a great gift for Christmas for anyone who would like to advertise our church community. At \$24 each they are a bargain! See Cathie Smythe for assistance.

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

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|  | GRAHAMSTOWN: RAYMOND TERRACE Raymond Terrace Uniting Church is one of the five congregations in the Grahamstown Congregation. We are a welcoming group of about 20, meeting each Sunday at 9am. Every month we have Sunday lunch after the service. A Discipleship Share & Care group meets weekly to discuss the upcoming lectionary readings. We join with our other Grahamstown centres for the monthly GrUnCh21 social gatherings, on the 21st of each month. This is an opportunity for all Grahamstown folk to come together in a social and casual setting in different localities. | 7th December PRAYER: We pray for Raymond Terrace Uniting Church and the Grahamstown Multi-centre Congregation for guidance in continuing to seek ways to appreciate the similarities and value the differences that build a diverse and responsive church, locally and beyond. Amen. |
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REMINDER - save and leave your used stamps, eyeglasses, and blister packs in the relevant boxes in the foyer for recycling and the good of others please.

OP SHOP BREAK - this is the last week of operation of our Op Shop for 2025. We are extremely grateful to all the helpers who make it possible to serve the community in this ministry. We pray they all enjoy a Christmas of blessing and a holiday break of refreshment. For those who are retiring, we give thanks and send them off with our blessing.

CAROLS AT BONNELLS BAY

11am at the Shopping Centre on 13th December with Red Dove Choir.

Duties for 14th December - Advent 3

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| Preacher | Nancy Brawn |
| Bible Reading | Helen & Bruce Edgell |
| Welcomer | Margaret Arbon |
| Offering/Banking | Ofa TaPukalanga & Priscilla Hester |
| Prayers of the People | Joan Harley |
| Morning Tea | Betty Small & Dianne James |

Lectionary Readings for 14th December

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING - please distribute leaflets as you are able.

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

- As the Op Shop winds down for the year, give thanks for volunteers and pray they will experience refreshment and renewal over the Christmas break.
- Pray that in the hustle and bustle and stress of preparation for Christmas we might experience the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.
- Pray for the Growing Young team as they take a break from their planning. Give thanks for their willingness to seek your guidance and inspiration to plan activities that might reach families and especially, young people.

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 1438 7th December 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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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell
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