

Welcome to Morisset Uniting  
Church in the Trees

## **Blessing of the Animals Service**



We hope this time will be a positive one for you and your animal/s. If they get agitated please feel free to take them for a little walk or increase the distance between them and others.

Water containers are available for animals to share.

Toilets for humans are located on the left at the far end of the foyer.

Any donations you give today will be shared equally between Morisset Uniting Church and the Newcastle-based STAY Foundation which seeks to keep animals with their human throughout times of crisis and hardship.

We'd love you to stay for morning tea after the service.

## Hymn:

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,  
and silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
O fire, so masterful and bright,  
providing us with warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfold rich blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them His glory also show;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear  
praise God and on him cast your care;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him  
alleluia,alleluia,alleluia!

William Henry Draper 1855–1933 alt  
TiS 100

**Prayer** - *Helen*

**A Reading from Psalm 8** - *Ian*

O Lord, our Lord,  
your greatness is seen in all the world!  
Your praise reaches up to the heavens.  
When I look at the sky, which you have made,  
at the moon and the stars, which you set in their  
places—  
what are human beings, that you think of them;  
mere mortals, that you care for them?  
Yet you made them inferior only to yourself;  
you crowned them with glory and honour.  
You appointed them rulers over everything you  
made;  
you placed them over all creation:  
sheep and cattle, and the wild animals too;  
the birds and the fish  
and the creatures in the seas.  
O Lord, our Lord,  
your greatness is seen in all the world!

**Leanne and her Animals**

**Joan and Loss**

**Remembering Lost Pets**

**Introducing the STAY Foundation**

**An Opportunity to Give**

**Announcements**

**A Reading from Psalm 104** - *Pat*

You make springs flow in the valleys,  
and rivers run between the hills.  
They provide water for the wild animals;  
there the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
In the trees near by,  
the birds make their nests and sing.  
From the sky you send rain on the hills,  
and the earth is filled with your blessings.  
You make grass grow for the cattle  
and plants for us to use,  
so that we can grow our crops  
and produce wine to make us happy,  
olive oil to make us cheerful,  
and bread to give us strength.

Lord, you have made so many things!  
How wisely you made them all!  
The earth is filled with your creatures.

## **Minister's Comments**

### **General Blessing of the Animals**

#### **Individual Blessing of the Animals**

during singing of this hymn:

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful—the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden – God made them everyone.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The wildflowers in their beauty, the mountain ranges tall,  
the billabongs and rivers, and friendly birds that call.

The coloured walls of gorges, the gum trees green and tall,  
the rocks, and pools, and palm trees, the sparkling waterfall.

The many -coloured corals, the creatures of the sea,  
of bushland, field or desert, on farms or roaming free.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty who has made all things well.

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818–95 and Brian Black  
AHB 70, TiS 135

### **Closing Words**

## Information to Share

**Recycling** of used eye glasses, postage stamps still attached to some of the envelope, tablet blister packs, and dental ware can be done in the church foyer in designated containers. Dental ware refers to manual plastic toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, floss picks and interdental brushes.

**Easter Services** here include

Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am

Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am

**Recruiting** helpers to work as volunteers in our Op Shop. The Branch Op Shop brings hope and cheerfulness to many people who enjoy a browse, a bargain, a chat, an outing, whatever their circumstances. If you would like to talk about helping please talk to Rev Nancy who will point you in the right direction.

**Open Kitchen is on this Thursday.** Open Kitchen provides a fantastic sit down dinner here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month February – November. It's free but donations are welcome. Whether in need of free food, or a good night out, or some company, this is for you. Starts from 6.00pm with vegetarian and meat options and is provided here by a wonderful team of Adventists.

### ***Connect in Prayer***

- Pray for our world in turmoil; pray that religious leaders and various nations' secular leaders will continue to seek peace and harmony in their decision making.
- Thank God for the many blessings of life: for freedom to worship in a safe environment, for easy access to medical facilities and services, for caring aged care facilities and staff.
- Ask God to bless all those who work for the welfare of animals, from local groups like the STAY Foundation and WIRES, to national or worldwide agencies such as RSPCA and WWF.

### **Morisset Uniting Church**

*"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"*

**Worship Service** 9:30am Sunday

**Church** Ph: 02 4973 5554

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**Op Shop** Ph: 0249 735967 Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.00am-2.30pm

**Prayer Circle**— prayer support for needs of the congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell Ph: 02 4970 5359

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