

## What's on This Week?

### Sunday 1st

9.30am

### Epiphany 4

Worship

### Tuesday 3rd

9.00am - 2.30pm

10.00am

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Friendship Group

### Wednesday 4th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

### Thursday 5th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

### Sunday 8th

9.30am

### Epiphany 5

Worship - Blessing of the Animals

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## For You to Note

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** - 10 am this Tuesday 3 February, meeting in the hall with morning tea to start. This will be the first meeting for the year, and some planning will take place for the months ahead.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE** - next Sunday 9.30am. Please keep inviting people whether or not they have animals to bring. We will be celebrating the human-animal bond and fostering an appreciation for nature, along with recognising the sense of loss when separated from a pet through death or life changes. We will be splitting the offerings collected between our church and the STAY Foundation. The STAY Foundation is a Lake Macquarie-based charity launched in 2024 to meet a gap in animal welfare support. Their mission is to help people and pets remain together in their homes, where they're safe and secure, and avoiding the trauma of shelters. For pet parents experiencing financial hardship they are providing pet food, supplies, bedding, toys. They offer access to essential pet care to vulnerable people and emergency boarding when pet parents are in crisis of temporary homelessness, domestic violence, or medical emergencies.

**PIANO?** - We have a request for a working piano that is no longer needed to donate to a lady in need of one. See Bob.

**PILE BURNS** - Bob hopes to burn off the piles of dead branches etc 3pm this Tuesday. If you can assist please talk to Bob today.

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

- Thankful for Helen Edgell's repair of the flag.
- Bruce Edgell resigned as Secretary so a new secretary is needed.
- It was noted that the air hockey table was not working (It has since been fixed by Winston).
- Air Conditioning to be considered for the KangaRoom.
- Op Shop needs more staff so advertising has been happening.
- First Aid Kits are to be made available in the hall, Grevillea Room and the KangaRoom.
- ongoing water leaks in the church foyer may require new roofing.
- church organ needs to be replaced.

**RECYCLING** - remember that used eye glasses, stamps, dental items, and blister packs can be left in relevant containers in the foyer for re-use and recycling.

**HAY BALES** - three hay bales need to be picked up from Mandalong Stockfeeds for the service next Sunday. If you have a trailer and can assist with this please talk to Phill.

## SATURDAY SONG SOIREE - 21ST FEB

Roger Alcorn recently received a large selection of songs from a country relative, and has found some which he enjoyed singing in the past, as well as numerous others whose tunes he recognized, but had never sung. He wondered how many other people would also enjoy listening to these songs.

Roger is organizing a "Saturday Song Soiree" at his home at 15 Dewrang Cres., Toronto (off the southern end of Brighton Ave), at 2pm on Saturday 21st February, with songs including Sacred songs and Gospel choruses, Operetta, Gilbert & Sullivan, musicals, films, Australian, Negro Spirituals, traditional English, popular, fun and a few children's.

If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please contact Roger by email ([alcornau@optusnet.com.au](mailto:alcornau@optusnet.com.au)), or a short message on 0432 799 297.

**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.

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## **Duties for 8th February - Epiphany 5**

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Pat Coster &amp; Ian Maier</i>
Welcomer	<i>Bruce Edgell</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Helen Edgell &amp; Ian Maier</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Helen Edgell</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Barbara Dufty &amp; Sue Kesterton</i>

### **Lectionary Readings for 8th February**

<i>Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)</i>	<i>Psalms 112:1-9 (10)</i>
<i>1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)</i>	<i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>

## **Connect in Prayer**

- Pray that the advertising for the Blessing of the Animals Service next Sunday will be effective and many families will come along. Pray that those who attend will find us a welcoming and safe place to belong.
- Pray for all students, parents/caregivers and teachers now that the school year has commenced. We especially pray for students for whom school is a new experience (kindergarten) and those who are transitioning to High School or University.
- Give thanks for the commencement of a new year. Give thanks for new beginnings...new relationships, new babies, new places to live, new opportunities to serve God in Morisset and beyond. We pray that we will be open to God's leading, exploring new ways to connect with young people.

### **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 1442 1st February 2026**

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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