

## What's on This Week?

### Sunday 1st

9.30am

### Lent 2

Worship

Congregational Meeting

### Tuesday 3rd

9.00am - 2.30pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

10.00am

Friendship Group - Picnic

### 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

### Lent 3

Worship

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## For You to Note

### GENERAL SECRETARY OF SYNOD - REV DR PETER WALKER

Parriss, Bruce and Nancy met with the new General Secretary of Synod, Rev Dr Peter Walker, at the Presbytery meeting held at Margaret Jurd College at Shortland. Peter talked of the three most significant challenges he sees for our Uniting Church (NSW/ACT) Synod:

1. The number of churches that are no longer viable.
2. The processes for placing and supporting Ministers and congregations are broken and not working.
3. The financial stress weighing on the church.

Therefore his focus will be on how to revitalise our congregations. He said we are governing a relatively small church as though we are still a big church. Please pray for Peter's leadership and the whole synod of which we are a part.

### SENIORS WEEK

Meals on Wheels is hosting a morning of connection, fun and community at Bonnell's Bay Youth and Community Centre for Seniors Week this Thursday 5 March, from 10am–1pm. Register at <https://shorturl.at/oEsvq> to enjoy being recognised and celebrated for the valuable role you and other older adults play in our local area.

### NOTES FROM FEB CHURCH COUNCIL

- a 8 kW reverse cycle split air conditioner is to be installed in the KangaRoom asap thanks to financial generosity of the Friendship Group.

- an organ to replace our defunct one is coming, donated by the Hesters. Muscle-help is needed for the transfer.

- our Op Shop has two new volunteers, however another two are still needed to cover those on leave.

- Winston continues to fix many things all over the place.

- plans are underway to re-felt the pool table.

- noted that Cooranbong's population is catching up to Morisset's, but has a much younger demographic.

- Culture of Safety training is available for all leaders or interested persons on 28th March 9.30am-1pm at Toronto UC.

### SOUTHLAKES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (SLCEA)

Scripture in Schools Commissioning Service for teachers will be held at the Anglican Church, Morisset on 15th March at 6pm. The year has begun with 17 volunteer teachers(including 5 new teachers). They will teach 435 students in 7 Primary Schools including Dora Creek, Cooranbong, Wangi Wangi, Bonnells Bay, Mannering Park, Morisset & Wyee. We continue to pay Anna(2 days) & Chris(2 days) Davis who teach in Primary Schools on the Northern part of the Central Coast & Warren Ekerman(1 day Morisset High & 1 day Wadalba). Your financial & prayerful support of this ministry & outreach to the children in our schools is blessed by God & the Board continues its work in faith & trust. Helen Edgell

**THANK YOU** - Those of us who couldn't help with physical work say, Thank you, all you people who worked so hard to make the Blessing of the Animals service the wonderful time of worship that it was. With deep appreciation, thank you.

**PICNIC MORNING IN MARCH** - On Tuesday 3rd March the Friendship Group have arranged to hold a picnic in Pendlebury Park, Bonnells Bay. Everyone is welcome to come to the park from 10 am, and if you would like transport, or if you need directions, see one of the Friendship Group. Bring a hat and a folding chair if you have one. Devotions by Rev Nancy.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - Meets at 2 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. In March the group will be starting a new study on the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Let Nancy know if you are interested.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held at the SDA church (Memorial) in Cooranbong on Friday 6th March, with the service starting at 10am followed by morning tea. Entrance from the rear of the church ( not the front steps) or disability access is from the side carpark. The country this year is Nigeria. We will be hosts next year.

**PALM SUNDAY** - Our next big event is PALM SUNDAY 29th March 2026 with celebration, fun and games for all ages as we think of Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem.

### **Duties for 8th March - Lent 3**

Preacher	Nancy Brawn
Bible Reading	Barbara Dufty & Winston James
Welcomer	Tina Davies
Offering/Banking	Helen Edgell & Ian Maier
Prayers of the People	Roger Hester
Morning Tea	Sue Kesterton & Dianne James

### **Lectionary Readings for 8th March**

Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42

**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**

- Pray that the World Day of Prayer service on Friday will be a time of friendship between the churches, and a time of support for the work of the churches in Nigeria.
- International Women's Day will be marked this week. Pray for an end to discrimination everywhere, and pray especially for women in countries where they are oppressed and unable to find freedom and fulfilment.
- The leaders of our country and our state need to be upheld in prayer in these difficult times, as they strive to make hard decisions for the common good.

### **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 1446 1st March 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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