

What's on This Week?

Sunday 8th

9.30am

Lent 3

Worship

Tuesday 10th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Bible Fellowship

Wednesday 11th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 12th

9.00am - 2.30pm

6.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Open Kitchen

Sunday 15th

9.30am

Lent 4

Worship

For You to Note

SOME POLICING INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE USEFUL:-

If you see a crime or have an emergency which is happening right now, call Triple Zero (000), For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. Otherwise, go to portal.police.nsw.gov.au If you've got information about a crime, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Reports to Crime Stoppers can be made anonymously, if you wish. If you see people damaging public property, call the police first and then contact Council on 4921 0333. Please note that Morisset Police Station has no General Duties Officers. It is much quicker to ring one of the above numbers.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP NOTES -

It was too wet to hold the planned picnic, so that has been postponed until April. So on Tuesday 7 April (two days after Easter) there will be a picnic at Pendlebury Park, Bonnells Bay, to which all are invited. Future plans include a Wrap With Love morning in May, and a barbecue lunch after church on 3rd May.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - 2 pm this Tuesday, meeting at Brodies' home, Crooks Road, Mandalong. Startling a new study on the O.T book of Esther, which looks very interesting. See Barbara or Nancy if you are interested or would like a booklet or need transport.

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.

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

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.

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 15th March - Lent 4

Preacher	Nancy Brawn
Bible Reading	Helen & Bruce Edgell
Welcomer	Phillip Kesterton
Offering/Banking	Priscilla Hester & Maurice Davies
Prayers of the People	Joan Harley
Morning Tea	Barbara Dufty & Ofa Tapukalanga

Lectionary Readings for 15th March

1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

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

- Give thanks for those who lead services at Bayside Aged Care Facility each month. Pray that the residents who attend will be blessed and encouraged by the words spoken, by the prayers and hymns and by interacting with those who lead.
- Pray for the Growing Young Team as they seek inspiration from the Holy Spirit to plan and implement activities for young people and their families.
- Ask God to continue to bless the ministry of Open Kitchen, to strengthen those who prepare the meal, and be with those who come seeking food and friendship.

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 1447 8th 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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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell
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