

What's on This Week?

Sunday 15th

9.30am

Lent 4

Worship

Tuesday 17th

9.00am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

Wednesday 18th

9.00am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 19th

9.00am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

Saturday 21st

8.00am

Prayer Breakfast

9.30am

Pastoral Care meeting

Sunday 22nd

9.30am

Lent 5

Worship

For You to Note

PRAYER BREAKFAST - Saturday, 21 March (next Saturday) at 8 am in the hall. All welcome. Please add your name to the sign on sheet. The Edgells are leading the prayer time and Cathie and Owen are catering.

PALM SUNDAY EVENT

Plans are well underway for this next Growing Young Event, Palm Sunday with a difference. It is an all age-event so please invite family members, friends, especially young people you may know. We will need some help with morning tea (please see the sheet on the foyer table) and the following bits and pieces for the event:

- Large cardboard boxes (perhaps if you are Bunnings you could collect a few)
- Clean, empty Small Plastic water or juice bottles
- Palm Branches

We will also need help setting up on Saturday, 28th March from 2.30pm.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - meet 2pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month and is meeting at Brodies' home, Crooks Road, Mandalong. The current study is on the Book of Esther. See Barbara or Nancy if you are interested, or would like a booklet, or need transport.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY FROM JOHN VAN DE LAAR

In our daily lives we all make choices (consciously or subconsciously) about what we will see and what we won't. It's tempting to choose not to see the suffering and injustice in our world – to switch off the news, and to ignore reports of grief, war and trauma. It's tempting to avoid seeing certain people and to allow them

to just blend in with the landscape, removing their need and struggle from our vision. It's tempting to avoid seeing God's truth and grace in those with whom we disagree, and whom we would rather see as "all bad". It's tempting to avoid seeing the brokenness in those we support and with whom we agree and to see them as "all good". It's tempting to avoid seeing the resources, the opportunities and the capacity we have for making a difference, and to rather believe we can do nothing. But, if we have really seen Jesus, and if we have truly seen God's reign proclaimed and manifest in Christ, then we have to confront how we see things, and allow God's grace and mercy, God's truth and justice to change our seeing and shed light on our world, our relationships and our neighbourhoods. And our seeing must be informed by God's perspective where the greatest are the least, and where everyone – even a young shepherd boy, or a carpenter from the countryside – can make significant differences in the world.

SONG SOIREE

Our "Song Soiree" last month was a very enjoyable afternoon, so I am organizing another on Saturday 21st March, at 2pm in my home at 15 Dewrang Cres., Toronto.

Some of the songs to be sung, include:

- "Oh, what a beautiful morning", except that it will actually be afternoon.
- "Ariverdici Roma", although it will not be until we depart later in the day that we may say "until we meet again in Toronto".
- Tchaikovsky's "Concerto For Two", but with everyone invited to join in.
- And then half-way through "Everything Stops for Tea", or perhaps "What I Want Is A Proper Cup Of Coffee"

We then contemplate "The More We Are Together", consider the life of "Billy Boy", as well as reflect on the story of "Another Dream Gone Wrong".

As has been the custom, we will include a "Musical Round" for all to sing, a "Tongue Twister, learn a new "Musical Term, and hear another "Shaggy Dog Story". I look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, or would like to assist me with some of the singing, please contact or message me on 0432 799 297.

Roger Alcorn

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.

Duties for 22nd March - Lent 5

Preacher	Barbara Dufty
Bible Reading	Joan Harley & Kelvin Ward
Welcomer	Dylan Hartley
Offering/Banking	Geoff Beesley & Winston James
Prayers of the People	Parris McDougall
Morning Tea	Dianne J, Kathy B & Colleen Maier

Lectionary Readings for 22nd March

Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

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 season of Lent begins, we pray for the work of Lent Event, helping communities in the Pacific and Asia fight poverty, build food security and safeguard lives.
- As the many groups which use our church facilities are now in place for the year, give thanks for the space we are able to offer them, and pray that those who come into our spaces will feel welcome, and that we may find ways to connect at a deeper level.
- This Tuesday is Random Acts of Kindness Day. As we commemorate this day and following the example of Jesus who was kind and generous, do something out of the ordinary for someone on that day. Commit that person and their family to prayer.

Submissions to the Newsletter

Articles for the Weekly Newsletter should be submitted in writing by Wednesday.
Email: morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au



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"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"



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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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