

## What's on This Week?

### Sunday 22nd

9.30am

### Lent 5

Worship

### Tuesday 24th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Bible Fellowship

### Wednesday 25th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

### Annunciation of the Lord

### Thursday 26th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2.00pm

6.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Church Council

Open Kitchen

### Sunday 29th

9.30am

### Palm Sunday

Worship

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## For You to Note

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - Meets 2 pm this Tuesday 24 March at Brodie's home, Mandalong, to continue its study of the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Did you know Esther is the only book in the Bible where God is never mentioned? And yet the whole book demonstrates the working of God in wonderful and unexpected ways. This week looking at chapter 2.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** - Meets 2 pm this Thursday in the Kanga Room. Please read reports as you receive them by email so everyone is prepared and the meeting runs smoothly.

**50 YRS OF WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD** - WLW is a daily Bible Study guide written by Australians (mostly Uniting Church), for the church in the Southern Hemisphere and follows the ecumenical lectionary. It began in March 1976 as a partnership between the Strathfield-Homebush Methodist Parish and United Theological College, then located at Enfield. It has always been oriented towards lay people in the church and has continued under the auspices of the Synod of NSW and the ACT. Every subscription to WLW pays for the resource and contributes to its Scholarships Fund. Over 60 students have received scholarships since then including John Squires, current Editor of WLW.

**STAYING ACTIVE INFORMATION BOOKLET** - a very handy resource provided by NSW Ministry of Health with tips about falls prevention, mobility issues, exercise and healthy eating can be found online. Just google 'staying active information booklet' to find it.

## EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm

Good Friday 9.30am

Easter Sunday 9.30am

**NOVA FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN** - Easter Appeal - for easter eggs and gifts to go to children living in refuges and transitional accommodation in the Western Newcastle-Lake Macquarie area. If you would like to contribute please pass items on to Rev Nancy this week, to be passed on to their local representative, Leonie Brann.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

**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 29th March - Palm Sunday**

Preacher	Cathie Smythe
Bible Reading	Sharon & Mark Seaman
Welcomer	Joan Harley
Offering/Banking	Ofa TaPukalanga & Phillip Kesterton
Prayers of the People	Joan Horgan
Morning Tea	Anne Kloet & Pauline Wilding

### **Lectionary Readings for 29th March**

Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 21:1-11

## **Connect in Prayer**

-In this time of global instability and uncertainty, remember God's enduring presence and ask for his guiding hand on nations and leaders as they try to find a way through the current turmoil.

- Pray for those living with dementia, and their families, who witness slow deterioration and experience the grief of gradual loss.

- Ask God to bless the special service for Palm Sunday next week, that it might be a time of joy and a time to connect more deeply with our community.

### **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 1449     22nd 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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