

## ***What's on This Week?***

### **Sunday 29th**

9.30am

### **Palm Sunday**

Worship

### **Tuesday 31st**

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

### **Wednesday 1st**

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

### **Thursday 2nd**

7.00pm

### **Maundy Thursday**

Maundy Thursday Service

### **Friday 3rd**

9.30am

### **Good Friday**

Good Friday Worship

### **Sunday 5th**

9.30am

### **Easter Sunday**

Worship

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## ***For You to Note***

**WELCOME** - a special welcome to all who have come to our Palm Sunday service today.

**LOCAL INTERAGENCY MEETING** - At the recent meeting at Bonnells Bay Rev Nancy heard that

- one third of school students come to school with no lunch. The Lions Eat-Up and Snack Drive are seeking to meet some of this need and welcome extra hands to make piles of cheese sandwiches.

- The Salvation Army is putting on an Easter Sunrise Service.

- Hillview Op Shop Counselling, for those who can't afford full-fee counselling, has assisted 700 people.

- Rotary's laptop project is making a difference in Morisset High School with people being able to stay on at school for Years 11 & 12 because they now have their own laptop. Welcome baby packs are being distributed through CALM and Salvation Army to new mums in need. A Day of Service for homeless people is set for 16th May.

- Lake Mac Council is doing a lot of behind the scenes work about homelessness by upskilling staff to be compassionate without leaving people stuck as they are.

- NOVA for Women and Children are involved in many refuges in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

**PICNIC MORNING** - On Tuesday 7th April the Friendship Group have arranged to hold a picnic in Pendlebury Park, Bonnells Bay. Following the postponing of the planned picnic in March due to bad weather, we are hoping for a fine day! 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.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES** - The March meeting dealt with some pressing issues:  
1) Major changes to financial management were approved. These include rationalising the numerous bank accounts into one account, streamlining arrangements for purchases from Bunnings, and listing a new laptop for the Treasurer as a forthcoming budget item.

2) Hiring charges for our premises were reviewed. Regarding funerals, there will be a charge of \$100 for those held in our church but conducted by outsiders or visiting celebrants, and a flat \$100 for use of the hall for refreshments after the funeral. There will continue to be no charge for use of the church and hall for our own members, or funerals conducted by Rev Nancy.

3) The leak in the foyer roof continues to be of concern. From several approaches, only one quote has been given. Parriss is following up on whether it would be covered by our insurance.

4) Noted that from 30 June our regional body The Hunter Presbytery will cease to exist, and we will be part of the larger Northern Synod.

**NEW ORGAN** - Thank you to Priscilla and Roger Hester for their generous donation of the organ, which has now been installed in the church. It is a wonderful organ, which will be greatly appreciated by all the congregation.

**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

**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. Oth-

## **Duties for 5th April - Easter Sunday**

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Douglas Stewart &amp; Barbara Dufty</i>
Welcomer	<i>Joe Sloey</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Helen Edgell &amp; Ian Maier</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Maurice Davies</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Tina Davies &amp; Dianne James</i>
Communion Servers	<i>Jan Miller &amp; Bruce Edgell</i>

### **Lectionary Readings for 5th April**

*Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*  
*Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43      John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10*

erwise, 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.

**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**

- Thank God for Rev Nancy and her family. Pray for good health, strength and inspiration for Nancy as she continues to bring God's word to us, especially over the coming week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day.
- Ask God that family reunions over Easter will be times of joy and harmony.
- As we enter Holy Week, we pray your Holy Spirit will be with us and remind us to be ever grateful for the life and sacrifice of your son.

### **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 1450      29th 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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**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**