

What's on This Week?

Sunday 12th	Easter 2
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 14th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Wednesday 15th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Thursday 16th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Saturday 18th	
8.00am	Prayer Breakfast
9.30am	Pastoral Care meeting
Sunday 19th	Easter 3
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

FRIENDSHIP GROUP NOTES - The weather was kind for a beautiful morning for the postponed picnic at Pendlebury Park, with 14 attending. Pat Coster brought her amazing creation of handicraft, and led to people's thoughts on God's amazing creation. Future plans are for a Wrap With Love morning for the May meeting (more information later) and a barbecue lunch after church on 3rd May, to which everyone will be invited.

TODAY IS LAUGHTER SUNDAY - Get ready to share a funny story so we will laugh together with the joy of the risen Lord. Today we give thanks for the gift of Easter and the joy it brings to our hearts. We give thanks for the gift of laughter and the ways in which laughter enriches our lives. May we laugh more, celebrate more, and be glad for "a merry heart does good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). By the way, children laugh, on average, 150 times a day. Adults laugh, on average, six times a day. Jesus tells us to be more like children.

FUNNY ENOUGH? - A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"
 - Three things Jesus' love will never do: Will never leave you broken-hearted (Psalm 147:3), Will never reject you (John 6:37), Will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5) So basically, Jesus is never gonna give you up, never gonna

let you down, never gonna run around and desert you... You've just been Rick Rolled with Jesus.

- Introverts' favourite verse is Proverbs 10:19 The more you talk, the more likely you are to sin. If you are wise, you will keep quiet.

- "There will be a meeting of the Church Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor. After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the sanctuary for the announced meeting. But a stranger was in their midst — a visitor who had never attended their church. "My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?" "Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - Tuesday 14 April at 2 pm.. Note that the group will continue to meet through April, next session Chapter 3 of the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Meetings are held at Brodies home, 307 Crooks Road, Mandalong.

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.

PRESBYTERY PRAYER DIARY - Each week, we are asked to pray for a different congregation, and Presbytery has compiled information and a prayer.



BELMONT
APRIL 12TH

PRAYER:

We pray for Rev Greg McConnell and the members of St Luke's Uniting Church – Belmont, and for the many groups and activities within the congregation.

We pray for our community activities – Activity Centre, Quilting group and Playgroup - for those who lead and those who attend.

We pray for those who organise and work in St Luke's Community Garden, for our younger families and for the new Intergenerational Dinner Church once a month to which they are invited.

St Luke's Uniting Church – Belmont is a congregation that has two morning services each Sunday and a Dinner Church on a Sunday evening.

As well as the normal groups and activities, St Luke's also has groups where many members come from the community - Monday morning Activity Centre ; Tuesday Quilting group, Playgroup on Friday morning and a very active Community Garden

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

Duties for 19th April - Easter 3

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Anne & Phill Hart</i>
Welcomer	<i>Bob Starling</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Geoff Beesley & Winston James</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Ian Maier</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Dianne J, Kathy B & Colleen Maier</i>

Lectionary Readings for 19th April

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*
1 Peter 1:17-23 *Luke 24:13-35*

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.

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 for our SRE teachers as they take a well-earned break from classes over the school holidays. Thank God for their willingness to share the Bible with children in public schools in Morisset and the Central Coast.

- As Australia is experiencing the effects of the war in the Middle East and suffers from decisions made by other world leaders let us look to Jesus for our sustenance and protection. God tells us to "Fear not for he is with us". May we hold on to that truth.

- Give thanks for all whgo come to join us for worship and activities. Pray for all who come through our doors will experience God's love and mercy.

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 1452 12th April 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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