

What's on This Week?

Sunday 19th	Easter 3
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 21st	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Wednesday 22nd	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Thursday 23rd	
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
2.00pm	Church Council
6.00pm	Open Kitchen
Sunday 26th	Easter 4
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

MARIE DAY - the Memorial Service for Marie Day will be held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 here at Morisset Uniting Church, led by Rev Nancy Brawn. Live Streaming will be available. See Phill or Nancy for details. A light lunch of vegetarian food will follow catered for by The Munchery.

THANK YOU - to Roger Hester and BobStarling who have creatively and successfully re-felted the pool table. New tips have also been added to the pool cues. The table is ready to use again, with supervision for little kids.

YOUTH WEEK - Did you know we are in Youth Week? It runs from 16th - 26th April with the theme: "Dream. Dare. Do. What it really looks like for young people today." Approximately 1.5 million young people aged 12 to 24 live in NSW. They live with the pressure of knowing that the road ahead looks different to the one their parents walked, with a lot of the signposts most of us knew, namely a steady job, an affordable home, a sense of the future holding still long enough to plan, all have shifted or disappeared altogether. And yet, young people dream. The headspace National Youth Mental Health Survey from late 2025 found that the proportion of young people who believe they can achieve their personal goals has grown from 39 per cent in 2022 to 44 per cent in 2025. To dare does not always look dramatic. Sometimes it looks like asking for help, which is itself a quiet shift. The same headspace survey that recorded high distress also found that willingness to speak to someone about a personal or emotional problem has increased since 2022, particularly among younger adolescents. Across New South Wales, young people are doing. Not in ways that tend to make headlines, but in the kinds of grassroots, ground-level ways that build communities and carry neighbours through. There

are youth-initiated and youth-led projects ranging across sport, cultural connection, creative arts, financial literacy, job readiness, and community engagement. Info from Insights.

Perhaps we might talk to a younger person about their dreams or what they like to do or what they wish someone would help them with.

VOLUNTEER WEEK SERVICE - National Volunteer Week runs from 18th - 24th May 2026 so we will be celebrating volunteers on Sunday 17th May. More details to come.

CHURCH COUNCIL - Meets this Thursday 2 pm in the Kanga Room.

BARBECUE LUNCH - following morning tea on Sunday 3rd May. Everyone welcome for a sausage sizzle and sweets, cost \$5 (children free). Special feature is Rev Nancy's Life Story! This arose from the Friendship Group meetings, which from time to time ask one of their members to give a brief history of their life, as we learn more about each other. The group asked Nancy if she would share her story with the rest of the congregation, over lunch on Sunday 3rd May.

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.

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

BLACK HILL

APRIL 19TH

Black Hill Uniting Church meets every Sunday @ 10:30am, with a regular attendance of 10-12 people. We are a truly rural church, with a functioning cemetery and very strong community and historical ties to the local community. One of our main community events is our annual Christmas Carols evening, with over 100 people regularly attending. We have a small hall, that is regularly used for congregation and extended church family events, where community members of other denominations regularly "catch up". We look forward to increasing our connections to the wider community through more of these events. We have many people connected to us through family history and relatives laid to rest in our cemetery. Our continued presence in the Black Hill community and contact with them is very important, even though some are as far away as New Zealand, their support for us remaining strong.



PRAYER:

We pray for the leaders and congregation of Black Hill Uniting Church as they continue to maintain the buildings, grounds, cemetery and historic significance of this rural church, whilst bringing the community together by continuing to be a place of welcoming hospitality and friendship to the wider community.

Duties for 26th April - Easter 4

Preacher	<i>Roger Hester</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Bob Starling & Ian Maier</i>
Welcomer	<i>Bruce Edgell</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Ofa TaPukalanga & Bob Starling</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Cathie Smythe</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Tina Davies & Cathie Smythe</i>

Lectionary Readings for 26th April

<i>Acts 2:42-47</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>
<i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i>	<i>John 10:1-10</i>

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 those in our community who struggle from addictions of any kind. Ask God for opportunities for our church to reach out to them and/or support agencies which do so.
- Pray for parents in our local community as they navigate the many challenges of parenting children in today's climate of uncertainty. Pray also for us as grandparents and great grandparents as we bring a glimpse of Jesus as the only way of life to our families.
- Pray for the ongoing efforts of the Growing Young initiative here at Church in the Trees. Pray that God will bless this work to his glory.

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 1453 19th 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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