

What's on This Week?

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| Sunday 3rd 9.30am | Easter 5 Worship |
| Tuesday 5th 9.00am - 2.30pm 10.00am | "The Branch" Op Shop is open Friendship Group |
| Wednesday 6th 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Thursday 7th 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Sunday 10th 9.30am | Easter 6 Worship |

For You to Note

BARBECUE LUNCH - Following morning tea today, everyone is 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. Even if you did not put your name on the list before today, come anyway because there is plenty. Gluten free options available.

WRAP WITH LOVE - 10 am Tuesday in the Kanga Room. If you have not heard of the Wrap With Love project, the Friendship Group will explain what it does and how it helps people all over the world. There will also be wool, knitting needles, and instructions on how to make a square. Morning tea is included and anyone interested is warmly invited to attend.

SONG SOIREES - Dear Musical Friends, Over the past three years my accompanist, Angela Finney, and myself, have very much enjoyed entertaining more than 50 of you at our "Song Soirees" in my Toronto home. During those eight events we have joined in half a dozen different 'Warm up Rounds', 'Tongue Twisters', and learnt 'New Musical Terms'; pondered on a number of very shaggy 'Shaggy Dog Stories'; and listened to and sang more than 120 songs.

Unfortunately, however, my voice has decided to slowly commence retirement, and as a consequence I am finding it increasingly difficult to maintain quality tone and volume in my singing. I have therefore reluctantly decided to cancel our proposed Soiree on May 17th, and restrict myself to "singing in the shower", where there is normally only room for one participant!

My apologies that we will all miss out on "The Toronto Gavotte" under "Blue Skies",

where "April Love" is "A precious little thing", and we can gaze over a lake as "Wide, wide as the ocean" while enjoying "Tea for Two". Then we could have contemplated "A star fell from heaven" over "Botany Bay", remembered "When first my old, old love I knew", and " 'A' you're adorable", before requesting "Lover come back to me" or alternatively "Goodbye, my heart is broken!".

Thank you for your friendship and support. With my very best wishes. May all your songs be happy ones! Roger Alcorn

AUTUMN CONCERT 2026 - Sunday 24 MAY 1:30 pm – followed by afternoon Tea

DATES FOR MAY:

Sunday 3rd - Barbecue lunch, featuring Rev Nancy telling us her life story

Sunday 10th - Mothers Day

Sunday 17th - Worship Service recognising volunteers, with special morning tea

Sunday 24th - Pentecost, then church concert in the afternoon

Sunday 31st - Congregational meeting after church

Tuesday 5th - 10 am Friendship Group "Wrap With Love" morning

Tuesday 12th and 26th - 2 pm Bible Fellowship

Thursday 14th and 28th - 6 pm Open Kitchen

Thursday 28th - 2 pm Church Council

Saturday 23rd - 8 am Prayer Breakfast, 9.30 am Pastoral Care meeting

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

BULAHDELAH MAY 3RD

Bulahdelah Uniting Church is a small but active rural congregation on the Mid North Coast.

We seek to be a welcoming Christian presence in our community through worship, pastoral care, children and youth ministries, and practical outreach.

Alongside Sunday services, we host community events, Bible study, youth gatherings, and fellowship activities that aim to connect faith with everyday life.

We value partnerships with other local churches and community groups and are grateful for opportunities to serve beyond our walls.



PRAYER

*For continued spiritual growth, unity, and encouragement within our congregation

*For wisdom and strength for our leaders, volunteers, and ministry teams

*For our children, youth, and families, that they may grow in faith and belonging

*For effective outreach and meaningful connections with our wider community

*For pastoral care among those facing illness, grief, isolation, or hardship and discernment as we seek to follow where God is leading us in this season.

Thank you for holding us in prayer, as we also pray for the congregations and ministries across the Hunter Presbytery.

VOLUNTEER WEEK SERVICE - National Volunteer Week runs from 18th - 24th May 2026 so we will be acknowledging and celebrating volunteers on Sunday 17th May. If you are a volunteer please bring along something that represents what you do for a display and conversation starter. For example if you volunteer in the op

Duties for 10th May - Easter 6

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| Preacher | <i>Nancy Brawn</i> |
| Bible Reading | <i>Anne & Phill Hart</i> |
| Welcomer | <i>Dylan Hartley</i> |
| Offering/Banking | <i>Winston James & Priscilla Hester</i> |
| Prayers of the People | <i>Helen Edgell</i> |
| Morning Tea | <i>Barbara Dufty & Sue Kesterton</i> |

Lectionary Readings for 10th May

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| <i>Acts 17:22-31</i> | <i>Psalm 66:8-20</i> |
| <i>1 Peter 3:13-22</i> | <i>John 14:15-21</i> |

shop you might bring in something from there. Please invite other volunteers you know along for the service and special morning tea.

BUDGET ITEMS - Our Treasurer is drafting a budget for 2026-27. If you have ideas for increasing our income (remembering that we are currently operating on a significant deficit), or if you have suggestions for items you think should be included, speak to Parriss or one of the Church Council members.

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 Christian clergy world-wide as they seek God's leading to shepherd their people, giving them strategies to strengthen faith and tools to share the gospel.
- Pray that our Prime Minister and other leaders will find solutions to ease the burdens on families caused by rising costs of living.
- Thank God for Nancy as she ministers to us at Church in the Trees and to others who encounter her. Pray that we will support her in any way we can to share God's love and comfort to the community.

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 1455 3rd May 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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"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"