

What's on This Week?

Sunday 10th

9.30am

Easter 6

Worship

Tuesday 12th

9.00am - 2.30pm
2.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Bible Fellowship

Wednesday 13th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 14th

9.00am - 2.30pm
6.00pm

Ascension Day

"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Open Kitchen

Saturday 16th

8.00am
9.30am

Prayer Breakfast
Pastoral Care meeting

Sunday 17th

9.30am

Easter 7

Worship

For You to Note

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY - May this be a day of gratitude for all the good we received through our mother or mothering person. May it also be a day of reflection upon, and forgiveness for, any negative impacts suffered from such mothers.

GROWING YOUNG - for further discussion and planning for enhancing our church life please attend the next meeting this Friday 15th May in the KangaRoom at 2pm.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - Meets 2 pm this Tuesday 12 May at Brodies' home, Mandalong for the next study on Esther. This will be study #5 in the booklet and is headed "The Pride before the Fall", which focuses on Esther ch 4.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP NOTES - The Wrap With Love morning was attended by 15 people who learned much about this worthwhile project. It was also a productive time, with lots of knitting, crocheting, talking and sewing. Next activity will be assisting with refreshments after the concert on 24th May.

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. 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. 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 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 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.



CAVES BEACH

MAY 10TH

Caves Beach Uniting Church gathers each Sunday at 9:30am for worship, where we come together in gratitude, fellowship, and faith.

Our congregation is a faithful, loving, and welcoming community. Many of our members have walked with God for many years, and their wisdom, prayer, and dedication continue to shape the life of our church. With thankful hearts, we seek not only to honour our rich heritage of faith, but also to look forward with hope as we explore new ways for God's love to be shared in our community.

As part of this vision, we have welcomed a Community Engagement Coordinator whose role is to listen, connect, and build relationships within our local community. Through this work we prayerfully seek to discover how God may be calling us to serve—creating opportunities that bring encouragement, belonging, and spiritual enrichment to those around us.

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

PRAYER

Gracious God, we give thanks for the love you have poured so generously upon our congregation.

Strengthen us in our daily walk with you and guide us by your Holy Spirit so that we may share your love, compassion, and the good news of the Gospel with our community. We thank you for the ministry of our Community Engagement

Coordinator and for the blessing of our beautiful church building. Help us to care for this place well, so that it may continue to be a place of welcome, hope, and worship for generations to come.

May all that we do bring glory to you and reflect your love in the world.

Amen.

Duties for 17th May - Easter 7

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Helen & Bruce Edgell</i>
Welcomer	<i>Bruce Edgell</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Winston James, P & S Kesterton</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Pauline Wilding & Anne Kloet</i>

Lectionary Readings for 17th May

Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

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 mothers everywhere, especially those who struggle with the difficulties of parenting, those whose children bring them worry and anxiety, those who are separated from their children because of conflict.

- 15 May is International Day of Families. Ask God to work in the lives of those who have much, to help ease the burdens for those families where there is pain, hunger or homelessness.

- Pray for our church families who are experiencing loss, or for whom Mothers Day is a time of pain.

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 1456 10th 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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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell
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