

What's on This Week?

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| Sunday 17th | Easter 7 |
| 9.30am | Worship |
| Tuesday 19th | |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Wednesday 20th | |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Thursday 21st | |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| Saturday 23rd | |
| 8.00am | Prayer Breakfast |
| 9.30am | Pastoral Care meeting |
| Sunday 24th | Pentecost |
| 9.30am | Worship |
| 1.30pm | Concert |

For You to Note

NEXT PRAYER BREAKFAST - Saturday, May 23 from 8am to 9 am. Please note we will be meeting in the Grevillea Room due to another activity in the hall. Betty and Pauline are catering and Joan is the prayer leader.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - To be held in the hall after morning tea on Sunday 31 May. All are welcome to attend. Please send any agenda items to Cathie at cathiesmythe52@gmail.com by Wednesday 27 May. If you have any ideas and costings for next year's budget these can be brought to the meeting or sent to Cathie or Parriss at parrissmcdougall@gmail.com beforehand.

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS - a special welcome to all volunteers today. Please place any items symbolising your voluntary involvements on or near the Communion Table as part of the display. Think about if and what you want to say as part of the service, about what and why you do what you do. There is a special morning tea after this service. We hope you can stay and enjoy.

WEAR RED - next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Jesus, giving birth to the church. The colour red is the colour we use to symbolise this occasion so you are encouraged to wear some, or a lot of, red.

LIVESTREAM - remember that our services are live-streamed so if you can't get to church you can join us during or later on Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/@morissetunitingchurch/streams>

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S CONCERT - Our concerts are famous not only for the music but also the afternoon tea following! If you can help with refreshments next Sunday, it would be appreciated if you indicate on the list in the foyer. That will help to see what else may be needed. Setting up the hall will take place after morning tea, and the Friendship Group will help with serving.

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.

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

DATES FOR MAY:

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

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

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

Tuesday 26th - 2 pm Bible Fellowship

Thursday 28th - 2 pm Church Council

Thursday 28th - 6 pm Open Kitchen

Sunday 31st - Congregational meeting after church

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

CESSNOCK

MAY 17TH

Sunday services happen at 9:30am at Cessnock Uniting.



The Cessnock congregation has several community organisations serving from their Cessnock Donovan kitchen/hall Monday to Friday every week. Please pray for good relationships and the practical help offered through cooking and serving meals and giving groceries to those in need.

PRAYER:

Please pray for the needs and pastoral support of a faithful and aging congregation.

We give thanks for the loving example of long-term fellowship groups in an ever-changing context.

Pray for our Minister Rev. Suzanne Holloway;

for church council members to have the energy and skills needed for the many and varied responsibilities, including church property.

Pray that we will find administrative staff, and treasurer capacity.

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.

Duties for 24th May - Pentecost

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| Preacher | <i>Malchus Brawn</i> |
| Bible Reading | <i>Ian Maier & Pat Coster</i> |
| Welcomer | <i>Phillip Kesteron</i> |
| Offering/Banking | <i>Ofa TaPukalanga & Ian Maier</i> |
| Prayers of the People | <i>Ian Maier</i> |
| Morning Tea | <i>Dianne J, Kathy B, Colleen Maier</i> |

Lectionary Readings for 24th May

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

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

- Ask God to bless and support the many hundreds of people in our community who give generously of their time and energy in volunteering, with no other motivation or reward than to make this world a better place.
- Continue to ask for God's blessing on the work of The Branch Op Shop, giving thanks for the relationships formed between the staff and the community members who shop there, and ask God for opportunities to connect more closely with them.
- Thank God for the volunteers operating Open Kitchen each fortnight, providing a meal, a welcome, and companionship for all who come.

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 1457 17th 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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