

## What's on This Week?

### Sunday 24th

### Pentecost

9.30am  
1.30pm

Worship  
Concert

### Tuesday 26th

9.00am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open  
2.00pm Bible Fellowship

### Wednesday 27th

9.00am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

### Thursday 28th

9.00am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open  
2.00pm Church Council  
6.00pm Open Kitchen

### Sunday 31st

### Trinity Sunday

9.30am

Worship  
Congregational Meeting follows Service

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## For You to Note

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - 2 pm this Tuesday 26 May at Barbara Dufty's home, 5A Macquarie Road, Morisset Park. Note the change of venue for this week. Study #6 "A rollercoaster ride" in the booklet, Esther Ch 6-7 will be led by Rev Nancy. Almost coming to the end of the studies on Esther, suggestions are needed on what to study next. Also if anyone would like to participate in the Bible Fellowship but finds that Tuesday afternoons do not suit them, do let us know as the group are open to meeting at a different time. (See Barbara or Nancy.)

**CHURCH COUNCIL** - meets 2 pm this Thursday 28 May in the Kanga Room. Planning the budget for 2026-27 will be a major item.

**PENTECOST** - Thanks to all who are wearing some red today as we mark the coming of the Holy Spirit like flames of fire on the believers during Pentecost (or Feast of Weeks) 50 days after Easter. This is now referred to as the birth of the Christian Church. People were empowered to speak of Jesus in ways all kinds of people could understand, as well as to follow the way of Jesus with new vigour and understanding.

**THANK YOU** - to you all who helped make last Sunday's Volunteer Week Service and morning tea a great time of celebration, information, and thanksgiving to God.

**SOMETHING TO CONSIDER** - (From Makes you Wonder) Invitations by letterbox-drops tend to have a response rate of one in 1000 at best. Invitations delivered personally face to face tend to have a one in three response. Church mission activities undergirded by prayer are more likely to have an impact for good. The key question is, NOT "Can you invite your friends to this?" BUT "What can you invite your friends along to? Let's do that!" And resist the temptation to "beef it up a bit" with religious content. You would be underestimating how powerful the love between a group of authentic Christians is.

We don't have to know the answers to people's questions before they even ask them. We do not have to prove we are right - just offer our experience and evidence.

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

### CESSNOCK LGA REGIONAL MISSION HUB MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

Sharing God's love in the region is our mission and needs discernment, strategic planning, and prayer. Prayer for wise leadership that is courageous and loving; humbly discerning the new thing God is doing.

**Bellbird** – we ask your prayers for

- ✠ Children & Families Co-Ordinator Anne, and her team, along with our Student Minister Trish Bevan
- ✠ The Cubby Club which meets each Tuesday morning and Messy Church which begins again with Palm Sunday at Bellbird, monthly on Sundays at 11:30am. We hope to provide an after-school club by Term 3, 2026.
- ✠ The interest shown by parents to gather for a social evening occasionally and their work with Rev. Suzanne on how this might look.

**Branxton** – we ask your prayers for

- ✠ Our Services at 5pm on Sundays and our Messy Church
- ✠ The lively Women's Shed
- ✠ Ways to achieve improvements to the property
- ✠ Karen as she leads outreach to families

**Kurri Weston** – we ask your prayers for

- ✠ This Chapel congregation who are faithfully caring for one another and meeting at 9:45am each Sunday
- ✠ Graham Pricter and his wife Lynn, as they pastorally support the congregation
- ✠ Carole Rochester, faithful lay preacher for many years

**Other congregations in the LGA:**

Pray for Lay Leaders who prepare worship, music, and attend to property and administrative needs for these congregations.

**Blackhill**, Services 10:30am every Sunday

**Brunkerville**, Services at 10:30am first and third Sundays

**Mulbring**, Services 10:30am second and fourth Sundays

**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

## ***Duties for 31st May - Trinity Sunday***

Preacher	<i>Barbara Dufty</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Leanne Koenen &amp; Kelvin Ward</i>
Welcomer	<i>Joan Harley</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Helen Edgell &amp; Winston James</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Joe Sloey</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Cathie Smythe &amp; Leanne Koenen</i>

### ***Lectionary Readings for 31st May***

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a      Psalm 8*  
*2 Corinthians 13:11-13      Matthew 28:16-20*

Cathie at [cathiesmythe52@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:parrissmcdougall@gmail.com) beforehand.

**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>

**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 a revival of the Holy Spirit in Christian Churches throughout the world.
- Pray that at this time of uncertainty in the World, people will seek God's saving grace and mercy to turn their lives around.
- Ask God to show us ways to offer others in our community God's mercy, love and hope.

### ***Submissions to the Newsletter***

Articles for the Weekly Newsletter should be submitted in writing by Wednesday.  
Email: [morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

***"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"***



## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** **ISSUE 1458      24th 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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***"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"***