

What's on This Week?

Sunday 31st

9.30am

Trinity Sunday

Worship

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday 2nd

9.00am - 2.30pm

10.00am

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Friendship Group

Wednesday 3rd

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 4th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Sunday 7th

9.30am

Pentecost 2

Worship

For You to Note

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 2 June at 10 am in the Kanga Room. All welcome. See Jan or Barbara if you would like to know more.

CHURCH COUNCIL MAY MEETING NOTES:

- Treasurer Parriss presented a draft budget for consideration at a special congregational meeting in June. Copies will be made available in advance.
- Our congregation will again register for the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) which will take place in September or October. Results from the survey will guide our mission planning into the future.
- There are some issues with lack of recycling bins for our property.
- A team will be appointed by the congregation to develop a mission plan for "Church in the Trees".
- The final meeting of The Hunter Presbytery will take place on Tuesday 25 August before it ceases to exist and becomes part of the Northern Presbytery.
- The leak in the roof over the foyer is serious and quotes have been obtained. Parriss is following up the possibility that it will be covered by insurance.

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.

CHARLESTOWN- GARDEN SUBURB

MAY 31ST

Charlestown Garden Suburb Congregation is an older congregation with attendance hovering around 40 each Sunday morning. Like many we are grappling with issues regarding finance and property. However, we have a strong desire to leave a legacy, and so have committed to forming relationships and participating in ventures outside of our own walls in a mission we are calling "Neos". To this end, we have given 25% of our minister's time to this work, hold "Coffee in the Community" at two shopping centres each week and participate in the Hunter Community Alliance.

SRE is also a focus of our congregation. A member is on the Local High School SRE board. Another teaches SRE in a few local schools, and is also the Uniting Church Hunter Presbytery Representative on the Hunter Christian SRE Committee. As well as promoting SRE across the Hunter, she is the local contact for any Uniting Church members teaching or wishing to teach SRE.

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>

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.



PRAYER

We pray for the leaders and congregation of Charlestown Garden Suburb Uniting Church and Piteeri our new Communications Coordinator for our church premises, now renamed as the Milson St. Hub. We pray for guidance as we seek to engage with the community in new ways so that they might give life to something new that will contribute to an ongoing expression of the love of God and the ethos of the Uniting Church in the area.

Duties for 7th June - Pentecost 2

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| Preacher | <i>Nancy Brawn</i> |
| Bible Reading | <i>Joan Horgan & Winston James</i> |
| Welcomer | <i>Joe Sloey</i> |
| Offering/Banking | <i>Priscilla Hester & Winston James</i> |
| Prayers of the People | <i>Betty Small</i> |
| Morning Tea | <i>Barbara Dufty & Ofa TaPukalanga</i> |
| Communion Servers | <i>Barbara Dufty & Bob Starling</i> |

Lectionary Readings for 7th June

Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 1

Connect in Prayer

- Thank God for the various Christian churches in Australia and our local community. Pray that the word of God will be proclaimed effectively showing the way to Jesus.
- Pray for the Bible Fellowship Group as they meet to delve into Bible truths. Ask God to reveal more of himself to those who seek to follow Him more closely. - "Prayer is the heartbeat of the persecuted church". Pray for Christians living in areas of persecution, where they are in fear as they go to worship. Give thanks for the bravery of people who continue to follow Jesus even in times of danger.

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"



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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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