

What's on This Week?

Sunday 28th	Pentecost 5
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 30th	
9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
Wednesday 1st	
9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
Thursday 2nd	
9.00am - 2.30pm	“The Branch” Op Shop is open
Sunday 5th	Pentecost 6
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

GRAND DAY OUT - It's coming on 20th July 2026 for all Grand people to have some free fun together on the Pupil-Free Day before the 3rd school term starts up. Please invite any likely people along. Flyers are available on the table in the foyer, or Like and Share on FaceBook, or send out by email. Volunteers are needed on the day to interact and to supervise activities. See Rev Nancy or sign on the Task List.

JULY DIARY DATES

- 7th - Friendship Group 10am Margaret Arbon's home
- 12th - Soup and Damper Lunch in the hall
- 14th - Bible Fellowship 2pm at Barbara Dufty's home
- 20th - Grand Day Out 10.30am - 1.30pm here
- 28th - Bible Fellowship 2pm at Barbara Dufty's home

LATER DATES TO NOTE

- Launch of Toy Lending Library here - 29th August
- National Church Life Survey - 13th September
- Senior's Expo - 25th September in conjunction with CALM (Community Activities Lake Macquarie)
- Moderator's Visit - 27th September
- Rev Nancy's Annual Leave - 28th September - 24th October
- Frontier Services Services and Lunch - 25th October - led by Mark Seaman

CHURCH IN THE HALL - this Sunday and probably throughout July, the services will be held in the warmth of the hall. Sadly, this means there will be no livestreaming on those Sundays. Please let Rev Nancy know if you would like a copy of the service emailed, or copied, for you to read. This is always an option if you come to

church but have trouble hearing, so you can follow along with the notes in real time.

RANDOM QUOTES I hate flowers – I paint them because they're cheaper than models and they don't move. (Georgia O'Keefe, 1887-1986)

The garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever. (Anonymous)

We have descended into the garden and caught three hundred slugs. How I love the mixture of the beautiful and the squalid in gardening. It makes it so lifelike. (Evelyn Underhill, Letters)

Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where others see nothing. (Camille Pissaro)

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

JESMOND PARK-WALLSEND- SHORTLAND JUNE 28TH

About 18 months ago, our two congregations came together through a memorandum of understanding to offer a full-time ministry placement. In recent months, with our minister in place, we have recognised that we are better together - meeting diverse needs through our different gifts and demographics in two places.

Together, we are a flourishing, inclusive, and life-affirming part of the UCA and the Presbytery, seeking to bless our communities and our environment as we are shaped by the values of God's presence, mission, justice, inclusivity, safety, generosity, and care for creation. We are deeply grateful for the collaborative work with New Lambton Uniting Church with youth and children, Faith@5, and now confirmation and a new young adults group (PCG); and with Margaret Jurd College as they seek to re-engage vulnerable youth in transformational education.

We are excited for what the next year holds: simplifying structure, renewing our leadership, improving our pastoral care, deepening creative expression in worship, building safe space for the neurodiverse and differently-abled, and being good news in the digital realm.



PRAYER:

Give thanks for the gift of unity and pray for continued harmony and wise discernment, as our two congregations move towards an amalgamation that will reflect Christ's love and promote flourishing across both sites.

Give thanks for those who have served so faithfully for many years and pray for renewed and resilient leadership: for those being called to lead, for healthy succession, and for training that equips leaders to serve faithfully and joyfully.

Give thanks for the many people from the community who connect with literacy and educational help, health and wellbeing, friendship and faith formation in our spaces and pray for ongoing energy and vision in blessing others as we have been blessed.

CONGREGATIONAL RESOLUTION - At its meeting on 21st June, the Morisset congregation resolved the following: "That the congregation does not approve the draft budget as presented. It gives approval for essential or ongoing payments to be made and also payment for repair of the leaking roof. The draft budget is to be sent back to Church Council for modification, to be brought back to the congregation in July or August." (Moved Helen Edgell, seconded John Ward.)

Duties for 5th July - Pentecost 6

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Sharon & Mark Seaman</i>
Welcomer	<i>Joe Sloey</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Priscilla Hester & Winston James</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Cathie Smythe</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Dianne J & Kathy B</i>
Communion Servers	<i>Joan Horgan & Parriss McD</i>

Lectionary Readings for 5th July

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 *Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13*
Romans 7:15-25a *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

SOUP AND DAMPER LUNCH FOR ALL - Sunday 12 July, in the hall after morning tea. There will be a variety of soups, some dessert, entertainment and singing. Cost will be \$10. Please put your name on the list in the foyer if you would like to come.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Next meeting of the Friendship Group will be held at Margaret Arbon's home on 7th July.

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

- Uniting World Sunday. Give thanks for the work of UnitingWorld in providing aid and partnering with churches around the world to alleviate suffering.
- Pray for the ministry of Christian Children's Vacation Camps. Ask God for provision of faithful leaders and that students who attend will hear and respond to the gospel message.
- Pray for Wendy Cumberworth as she prepares to leave Australia to undertake missionary work in Japan. Help us to remember her regularly and support her in prayer.

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

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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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