

What's on This Week?

Sunday 26th

9.30am

Pentecost 9

Worship

Tuesday 28th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Bible Fellowship

Wednesday 29th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 30th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Sunday 2nd

9.30am

Pentecost 10

Worship

For You to Note

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - 2 PM THIS TUESDAY at Barbara Dufty's home at Morisset Park. Just beginning to look at Philipians, a letter written by Paul which many people report is their favourite of all the epistles. Come along for a warm and interesting afternoon.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

- The main item of business was the 2026-27 budget, which the congregation had returned to Church Council without approving the first draft. Several changes have been made, and the new budget will be presented to the August meeting of the congregation.
- Members were encouraged to attend the Safe Church Workshop which is being run shortly, noting that everyone in a position of leadership is required to undertake this training and update when necessary. This requirement applies to everybody in a leadership position, not just members of Church Council.
- We are collaborating with the community group CALM in holding a Seniors Expo using our church as the venue, on Friday 25 September.
- The leak in the roof over the foyer is (finally!) going to be repaired. Getting to this point has entailed an enormous amount of work, including getting quotes, getting approvals, inquiring about insurance, and much else.
- Church Council members were saddened to learn that Bruce Edgell will not be standing for re-election to Church Council, due to health concerns. Bruce has contributed enormously to meetings over many years and his wisdom and insights will be greatly missed.

REPORTING ON GRAND DAY OUT - The team organising Grand Day Out worked hard and well, advertising was done, but the number of families who came was disappointing. Those present enjoyed themselves with Gina's dash hounds being the prime attraction, especially as they took a family for walks in the bush looking at the kangaroos. The Pool Table was in action again – thanks Bob – with Darrell having a good go along with his grand-daughter Elise. Owen prepared and delivered some great science including the young people in his presentation, including Hugo and his brother Ronan. The Uno game was also popular, while the playdough was enjoyed from time to time. Thanks to Cathie, the playdough maker. The hotdog lunch prepared by Ian and friends was well received and there was a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere as people took a break to eat. The team, and anyone else involved, will debrief and reassess the day after morning tea today.

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



**NEW CITY MAITLAND
(MAITLAND CHURCH PLANT)
JULY 26TH**

Since 1st July 2025, Pastor Pearl and Rev Kev have been building relationships with locals in Maitland. During this time, they have also been organizing and leading the monthly Open Table event, which is a shared meal with a guest speaker and group discussion. This event is held outside in front of Maitland City Church.

In the new year they began an inclusive playgroup called PLAYSACE that so far has had between 5-14 families each week, hosted in the back hall of Maitland City Church. They have launched a barista coffee cart to engage these parents and carers which will also be used for other events and activities on site in the future. They have also started Sunday night services called "Third Sunday" held at the Family Hotel. The eventual goal will be to move this gathering to the Maitland City Church building.

CONGREGATION AGM

Please note, the Congregation AGM 2026 is scheduled for 16 August (11 am) and all members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. At that meeting we will be voting for new council members as there are 6 members whose term of office expires this year. In addition, we will be voting for the following Congregation Positions: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, 2 Presbytery Reps and 2 SLCEA Reps. Other appointed positions will need to be filled as per the Document,



PRAYER:

For initial participants to feel safe, accepted and engaged in this emerging community.

For natural and organic growth to continue in both of our regular gatherings, Open Table and Third Sunday.

For continued openness in people as we develop relationships and provide inclusive opportunities for people to belong to Christian community. For new members to be invested in the project and feel passionately about contributing their valuable time and energy.

For deepening relationships with local families who have been frequenting PLAYSACE and telling their friends. That each new family that shows up for the first time will have the same feeling of welcome and support from the playgroup team and each other.

Duties for 2nd August - Pentecost 10

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Helen Edgell & Malchus Brawn</i>
Welcomer	<i>Pat Coster</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Winston James & Priscilla Hester</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Pat Coster</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Dianne James & Colleen Maier</i>
Communion Servers	<i>Phill Hart & Ian Maier</i>

Lectionary Readings for 2nd August

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

Current Congregation Elected/Appointed Positions 2025-2026 (displayed on the notice board in the foyer).

Let's prayerfully consider the people we wish to represent us in these positions.

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

- Thank God for his amazing grace and mercy which gives us access to Him through his Son, Jesus. As we walk with God in our day to day living, we pray for strength and insight to help others, in practical ways and in our prayers for them, in their walk.

- Give thanks for Nancy's ministry and leadership. Pray for her family as they support her work. Pray that she can set aside time to relax and replenish her body physically, emotionally and spiritually. - Ask for God's blessing as we plan and launch the Toy Lending Library. Pray for a Coordinator to take this on and for us all to get enthusiastically involved wherever we are able. Let's use this as an opportunity of connecting and building relationships with the community.

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 1467 26th July 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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