

What's on This Week?

Sunday 2nd

9.30am

Pentecost 10

Worship

Tuesday 4th

9.00am - 2.30pm
10.00am

"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Friendship Group

Wednesday 5th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 6th

9.00am - 2.30pm
6.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Open Kitchen

Sunday 9th

9.30am

Pentecost 11

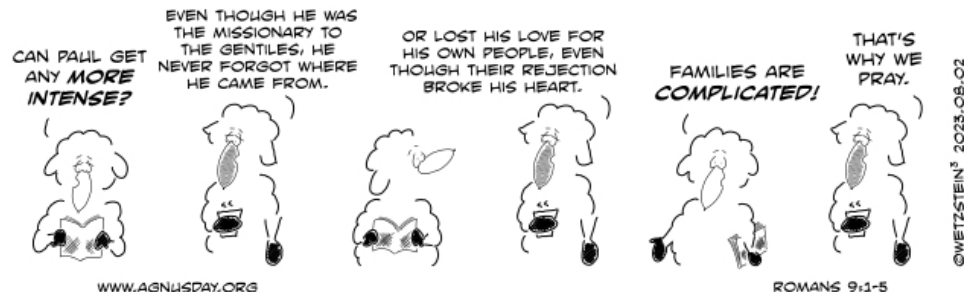
Worship

For You to Note

DI ATKINSON FUNERAL - Many of us remember Rev Ray Atkinson and his wife Di. Ray was our supply minister for 18 months during the vacancy before Rev Rob Hanks came to Morisset and both he and Di are remembered with great affection. Ray died several years ago, and Di passed away in her sleep while visiting her daughter last week. Her funeral will be held at Toronto Uniting Church on Saturday 15 August at 2.30 pm.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 4 August 10 am in the Kanga Room. Special feature will be Margaret Arbon telling her life story. All welcome. . See Jan or Barbara if you would like to know more.

FROM THE LECTIONARY -



FROM OUR PRESBYTERY

The final meeting of the Hunter Presbytery, before we become part of the Northern Presbytery on 1 September 2026, will be held at Warners Bay Uniting Church on Tuesday 25th August commencing with refreshments at 5.30pm. Arrival anytime from 5pm. This will be a night when we reflect on the past 49 years of the life and ministry of the Hunter Presbytery and give thanks and celebrate as we look forward to joining the Northern Presbytery. We warmly invite members of our congregations who have perhaps been linked with the Presbytery in some way, or who are interested to join us for this special celebration. Cost of refreshments is \$12 each. Please RSVP no later than Friday 21 August with any dietary requirements to Jenny Mathieson: jennyandray@bigpond.com or phone : 02 4946 8143

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

MARGARET JURD COLLEGE

AUGUST 2ND

Margaret Jurd College is an independent school that serves, as a mission of the Uniting Church in Australia, young people (grades 9-12) who are disconnected from mainstream education due to anxiety, trauma, learning gaps, social difficulties, or negative past school experiences.

MJC partners with congregations to create safe, relational, and flexible learning environments that re-engage students and families. We model "Education as Ministry" by integrating dignity, justice, and practical care into school governance and daily practice.

The Jurd Way is trauma-informed, prioritising well-being alongside learning through small classes and personalised casework.

PRAYER

Give thanks for MJC's staff, caseworkers and congregations sustaining this ministry; pray for continued wisdom, resilience and resources.

Pray for students: that trauma, anxiety and barriers to learning would be healed, and that each student finds safety, belonging and renewed hope.

Pray for families seeking alternatives—that they find right provision, trust in the college's care, and restored relationships.

Pray for guidance and provision as congregations and leaders discern, invest in, and sustain Education as Ministry across communities

HUNTER PROSTATE CANCER ALLIANCE - Stilling Street Singers' annual concert, This is the Moment, is providing a great way to support this cause and have an enjoyable afternoon. 2-4pm Sunday 23rd August at Toronto Uniting Church. \$15/person; under 14yrs free. Phone Julie 0428 752 754.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

- The main item of business was the 2026-27 budget, which the congregation had returned to Church Council without approving. 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.

Duties for 9th August - Pentecost 11

Preacher	<i>Nancy Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Anne & Phill Hart</i>
Welcomer	<i>Phillip Kesterton</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Bob Starling & Ofa Ta Pukalanga</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Helen Edgell</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Sue Kesterton & Simone Jacups</i>

Lectionary Readings for 9th August

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

- 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.

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.

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

- As winter bites and people deal with widespread illness, and the costs of heating, and the gloom that often accompanies such weather, we ask that God will be with each person throughout this season.

- Thank God for the work of Scripture in schools, and ask God to strengthen and bless the teachers, and open the minds and hearts of children in the classes.

- Pray for people who are homeless, or who are without a permanent home in our country. Help us to recognise their sense of frustration and despair, and pray that they will find people or agencies who can help and a sense of God's abiding care for them.

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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