

What's on This Week?

Sunday 9th

9.30am

Pentecost 11

Worship

Tuesday 11th

9.00am - 2.30pm

2.00pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Bible Fellowship

Wednesday 12th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 13th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Sunday 16th

9.30am

Pentecost 12

Worship

Congregational Meeting follows Service

For You to Note

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DI ATKINSON

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 has now passed away. Her memorial service will be held at Toronto Uniting Church on Saturday 15 August at 2.30 pm.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - Meets 2 pm this Tuesday 11 August at Barbara Dufty's home in Morisset Park. This will be Study 3 in the booklet on Philippians.

CALL TO PRAYER FOR LEONIE BRODIE

Leonie suffered a massive stroke this week and following major surgery is now in John Hunter. Please pray for Leonie and the medical staff who are caring for her, and also Colin and his family at this time of uncertainty and anxiety.

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



MAYFIELD-STOCKTON

AUGUST 9TH

The Port Hunter Parish consists of two churches - Mayfield Uniting Church and Stockton Uniting Church.

Mayfield Uniting Church meets each Sunday at 10.30am and Stockton Church meets at 8.30am. Both services are followed by a cuppa and a catch up. Mayfield has a WOW Group (Women on Wednesday) who meet weekly at 10am to discuss the Bible or a relevant book. Mayfield congregation consists of an average of about 24 regulars and Stockton has an average of 6. The age range of the congregants is between 60 to 90. Both congregations participate in the Christmas Bowl, Lent Event and our annual winter appeal for clothing for the homeless. We also have periodic fundraisers for community requirements. Stockton Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer this year. We also support the Christmas Bowl, Lent Event and our annual winter appeal for clothing, as well as periodic fundraisers for community requirements.



PRAYER:

We pray for our church family and in particular the Church Council of our Parish and ask you to direct and guide them in the promotion of the Christian faith, the pastoral care of our parishioners and the care of your church and its confines. Please Lord, we are a hospitable congregation and would welcome new parishioners into our church family to further spread the Good News of your word.

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.
- 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.

Duties for 16th August - Pentecost 12

Preacher	Nancy Brawn
Bible Reading	Pat Coster & Geoff Beesley
Welcomer	Bob Starling
Offering/Banking	Ian Maier & Helen Edgell
Prayers of the People	Nancy Brawn
Morning Tea	Cathie Smythe & Kathy Beesley

Lectionary Readings for 16th August

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

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

- Today is International Day of World's Indigenous People which gives the opportunity to pray that all peoples might live in harmony with each other and respect the traditional owners of the lands.
- Pray for those known to us who are suffering pain or are lonely and feel disconnected. Give them your peace and comfort as they are cared for by others.
- As costs rise and many find it hard to manage financially, pray for the food banks, the op shops, and the help agencies that offer support.

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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