

What's on This Week?

Sunday 16th

9.30am

Pentecost 12

Worship

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday 18th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Wednesday 19th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Thursday 20th

9.00am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Sunday 23rd

9.30am

Pentecost 13

Worship

For You to Note

TODAY'S SERVICE - Rev Nancy is laid low with illness at the moment, so this morning's service is being taken by Barbara Duffy and Cathie Smythe. They are using most of the order of service that Nancy had already prepared, and acknowledging the use of some prayers from the Uniting Church resource figtree.com.au. Malchus and Dylan are also unwell, so please uphold this family in your prayers.

FASHION PARADE SAVE THE DATE - The Biggest Morning Tea Spring Fashion Parade will be held on Wednesday 9th September. There will be more information closer to the event, but mark the date in your calendar now.

CALL TO PRAYER FOR LEONIE BRODIE

Leonie suffered a massive stroke last 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.

**MEDOWIE &
TILLIGERRY
(GRAHAMSTOWN)
AUGUST 16TH**



Tilligerry Uniting Church

at Tanilba Bay sits on the shores of Port Stephens. Medowie Uniting Church is 20 kms away, also in Port Stephens LGA, on the edge of Grahamstown Dam (both on the lands of the Worimi people). These centres are two of five worship centres making up Grahamstown Multi-Centre Congregation. The two centres alternate with worship, each hosting in turn. Each is a welcoming place in the community. Together, our folk are a living example of God's love in the community - active and innovative.

PRAYER:

We pray for our Uniting Church family at Tilligerry and Medowie. Gracious God be with them, encouraging and connecting their communities of faith as they look to the future. Guide, equip and enrich them, as they consider initiatives and projects, ensuring that their worship centres are vibrant and welcoming places. Both centres are grateful for the spiritual oversight and guidance of all who lead mission and worship and the lay preachers who minister in all centres.

Amen

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.

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

Duties for 23rd August - Pentecost 13

Preacher	<i>Malchus Brawn</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Barbara Dufty & Kelvin Ward</i>
Welcomer	<i>Winston James</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Winston James & P/S Kesterton</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Roger Hester</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Barbara Dufty & Ofa TaPukalanga</i>

Lectionary Readings for 23rd August

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

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

- Pray for the Congregation AGM today. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us to serve him in this community and for us to seek and listen for God's will for our church going forward.
- Pray for those who no longer worship with us at our regular services, asking God for his abundant blessing on their lives.
- Thank God for Christian brothers and sisters everywhere in the world who are sharing their stories of faith with others, often at great risk to themselves.

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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