# *What's on This Week?*

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| **Sunday 11th** | **Pentecost 20** |
| 9.30am | Worship |
| **Tuesday 13th** | |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| 2.00pm | Bible Fellowship |
| **Wednesday 14th** | |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| **Thursday 15th** | |
| 9.00am - 2.30pm | "The Branch" Op Shop is open |
| **Sunday 18th** | **Pentecost 21** |
| 9.30am | Worship |

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# *For You to Note*

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - Meets at 2 pm this Tuesday 13th October at Barbara Dufty's home, for Study #7 in Philippians, titled "Onward to the Goal".

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP NOTES** - The picnic at Bonnells Bay was enjoyed by all, and some plans were made for the rest of the year. These include setting up and catering for the Retired MInisters and Spouses Lunch at our church on 28th October, and forward planning for the church Christmas lunch which is tentatively scheduled for 6th December.

**THE BLACK DOG INSTITUTE** - Walking in Faith: Because YOU matter
Jordana Locke (niece of John Ward) will be walking again this year with the Black Dog Institute, raising awareness for mental health and wanting every person to know they are seen, heard, matter, belong and are welcome exactly as they are.
Support My Walk for Mental Health Research at:
www.onefootforward.org.au/fundraisers/jordanalocke/one-foot-forward-2026

**URGENT PASTORAL NEEDS** - while Rev Nancy is on Leave, if there is an urgent need for Pastoral Care from a Minister please contact Rev Allison Forrest from Toronto Uniting Church on 0472 618 784. Otherwise contact one of our Church Councillors or Pastoral Care Team. Nancy will be travelling with Malchus and Dylan to Carbrook near Brisbane to visit her 97 year old mother, and other family nearby. Although returning for various appointments and Dylan's schooling, Nancy will not be returning to work until 27th October for the special Frontier Services service with the Seaman's. We are asked to continue to care for one another and share God's love with all.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING -**
- As the Treasurer is moving over to a new system, revised details for direct debit will be included in the newsletter
- Due to a delay in getting the surveys, the NCLS (National Church Life Survey) will be held in November
- Rev Nancy and family is on leave for three weeks from Monday 28th Sept
- Approval was given to accept re-cycled milk bottle tops to support "Wheelchairs for Kids"
- Quotes are being obtained for gutter cleaning, and for removal of a dead tree branch
- Mark Seaman has been appointed Assistant Treasurer

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



**PORT STEPHENS**

**OCTOBER 11TH**

Port Stephens Uniting worships at 9.30am on Sundays at Salamander Bay. The Games Group meets at 1pm on Mondays and the church hosts Al-Anon, for families where alcohol problems are experienced.

**PRAYER:**

Port Stephens gives thanks for a second successful coffee and chat about maintaining brain health and for the presbytery's support in maintaining our financial responsibilities.
We pray for the work of the church council and the resumption of our SPAT processes.
We also pray for the congregation as the number of people who are unwell increases and they need to isolate and focus on their health.

**DATES TO NOTE:**
Bible Fellowship - 2 pm Tuesday 13th and 27th October
Open Kitchen - 6 pm 22nd October
Frontier Services special service - Sunday 25th October
Retired Ministers Lunch - 10 am Wednesday 28th October
Toy Library - 2 pm Saturday 31st October

**COMMISSIONING OF RICHARD MOORS** - Richard Moors has been working in the Hunter Presbytery since 1 May 2025 as our Children and Family Ministry Consultant and has been very involved with the new initiatives here at Morisset.
Richard has now completed the necessary steps towards becoming a Pastor and has been employed in our new Northern Presbytery as the Next Generations Pastor working 20% in the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery area and 80% in the Hunter region. His Commissioning will be held on Friday 16th October at 7pm at Toronto Uniting Church to which all are invited. RSVP to torontouniting@bigpond.com or leave a message on ph. 49504077.

## *Duties for 18th October - Pentecost 21*

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| Preacher | *Barbara Dufty* |
| Bible Reading | *Helen & Bruce Edgell* |
| Welcomer | *Bob Starling* |
| Offering/Banking | *P/S Kesterton & Helen Edgell* |
| Prayers of the People | *Cathie Smythe* |
| Morning Tea | *Pauline Wilding & Kathy Beesley* |

### *Lectionary Readings for 18th October*

*Exodus 33:12-23* *Psalm 99*
*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10* *Matthew 22:15-22*

**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.

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## *Connect in Prayer*

- We pray for God's continued strength and guidance for Rev Nancy Brawn as she takes some time out on leave. We pray for all her family especially Malchus and Dylan.
- Pray for Christians living in areas of persecution, where they are in fear as they go to worship. Give thanks for the bravery of people who continue to follow Jesus even in times of danger.
- Pray for the service leaders and residents of Bayside as they worship together on Thursdays. Ask God for wisdom for the leaders as they prepare, that they will find a message that is relevant and meaningful for those present.

### *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 1478 11th October 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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| Minister | ***Rev Nancy Brawn***<br>*Ph: 0412 829 667*<br>*nrbrawn@gmail.com* |
| Service | 9:30am Sunday |
| Church | Ph: 0249 735554<br>PO Box 533, Morisset, NSW 2264<br>www.morissetunitingchurch.org.au<br>Facebook: churchinthetreesmorissetuniting |
| Op Shop | Ph: 0249 735967 |
| Prayer Circle | Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell<br>Ph: 49705359 or Mb: 0400 460770 |

***"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"***