

What's on This Week?

Sunday 6th

9.30am

Easter 6

Worship

Tuesday 8th

9.00am - 10.00am Exercise class

9.30am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

10am - 1pm Alanon

12 noon - 3.00pm Frustration card group

Wednesday 9th

9.30am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

9.30am C.A.L

2pm Red Dove Choir

3.30pm Music Practice

Thursday 10th

Ascension Day

9.00am - 10.00am Exercise class

9.30am - 2.30pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

10.00am Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 12th

9.00am - 1:00pm "The Branch" Op Shop is open

Sunday 13th

Easter 7

9.30am

Worship

For You to Note

TORONTO UNITING CHURCH MARKET DAY

9am-1pm - Saturday 26th May 2018 at 118 The Boulevard, Toronto 2283.

Featuring a variety of stalls - Cakes, Jams/Pickles, Local Honey, Craft, Gift Baskets, Retro Jewellery, Plants, Books, Trash & Treasure, Pre-loved Clothes, Pre-loved Toys, and Jigsaws. Also featuring "Precious Planet Stall". Car parking available in Church Car Park. Come along and find a bargain.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA to support Cancer Council. Thursday 10th May, 10am. Our Op Shop models are all selecting their outfits and are looking good. Do try and bring along a few friends if you can, and enjoy the morning together. Flyers available in foyer.

SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

It's a good thing! You may ask, 'what can I do to support SRE in our local area

and beyond?' Here are a few ideas:

- Pray-personally, in your church services, join the Hunter Christian SRE prayer network (email: Sally Smith at sally@huntersre.org.au) and/or collect a prayer card on the foyer table
 - Write-let your local principal/s know how much you appreciate SRE at your children's or grandchildren's public schools
 - Promote-Hunter SRE has free car stickers, posters and bookmarks
 - Share-the benefits of SRE with your community
 - Give-donate money to the special SLCEA (South Lakes Christian Education Association) collection each Communion Sunday at our church
- Speak to Cathie Smythe or Hazel Rolfe for more information.

KOKODA TRACK-CONNECTIONS OUTING

No not the one in new Guinea - The Memorial Walkway at Rhodes!

Friday 25th May 2018 - Train Departs Morisset Railway Station 8:02am - Lunch Kokoda Cafe. ALL WELCOME - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBOURS. Booking Essential!! Details on Foyer Community notice board Enquires: Phill or Anne Hart (4973 6441)

"BRIGHT MINDS" SAUSAGE SIZZLE 4TH JUNE 2018

With thanks to all who volunteered to help with the Year 7 MHS BBQ at the Neighbourhood Centre, Lions are now coordinating the meal but we have been asked to stay tuned on the need for volunteers if we are still available to assist.

FORUM ON CHANGES TO THE MARRIAGE ACT

Tuesday 8 May, 7 pm at "The Willows"

The Moderator Rev Simon Hansford is holding a forum on how the Uniting Church should respond to the changes to the Marriage Act which were enacted in December 2017. When the Uniting Church National Assembly meets in July, this will be a subject for discussion, and it is important that congregations are clear about the issues and understand something of the diversity of views on this matter.

The Moderator's Forum will be held at "The Willows", 342 Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay, on Tuesday 8 May. Light refreshments will be available from 6 pm, and the forum is scheduled to begin at 7 pm.

It is hoped that some carloads may be organised to attend. More information next week.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: TIME TO UPDATE AGAIN

There is a printout in the foyer. Please check the following 1) Spelling of name, 2) Address, 3) Home Phone 4), Mobile (If Applicable), 5) eMail (if applicable) 6) Comments or Signature & Date checked/signed off. Enquiries. Phill Hart

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 debit can be set up using the Church's Westpac working account BSB 032-524 Account number 12-1985 or by filling in a

Duties for 13th May - Easter 7

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| Bible Reading | Anne & Winston |
| Welcomer | Joan Horgan |
| Table & Offering | Marie S |
| Banking | Bob & Valda P |
| Morning Tea | Elaine & Pauline |

Lectionary Readings for 13th May

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

form to go to Uniting Financial Services. This form is available from Owen Smythe.

Connect in Prayer

BIGGEST MORNING TEA - THURSDAY 10.5.18

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all those involved in the "Biggest Morning Tea" to be held at our Church, and we ask Your blessing for a safe, enjoyable and in all ways, a successful outreach activity.

FORUM ON CHANGES TO THE MARRIAGE ACT

There are always times of change in the life of the Church. We need to remember that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" Heb.13:8; and in the face of political pressure for reform and renewal, we need to continue to pray and trust in God and not in the politics of the day. Father God, we ask for Your blessing and inspiration at the forthcoming forum on "Same Gender Marriage" Tuesday 8.5.18., in order to maintain a scriptural focus, so that Your will be done.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION - Pray for God and the Son to be Exalted and Glorified in His Church, in our nation and in our lives. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fall on us in a fresh way and in our nation resulting in a great spiritual awakening.

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, there's an activity table at the front, needing only to be taken to the Foyer if you feel they are distressed.

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Service 9:30am Sunday
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Mrs Leonie Brodie 49731602 or Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"