

## What's on This Week?

**Sunday 16th**

9.30am

**Advent 3**

Worship

**Tuesday 18th**

9.00am - 10.00am

Exercise class

10am - 1pm

Alanon

12 noon - 3.00pm

Frustration card group

**Thursday 20th**

9.00am - 10.00am

Exercise class

**Sunday 23rd**

9.30am

**Advent 4**

Worship

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## For You to Note

### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP "HEAR THE STORY"**

**Sunday 23rd** - 9.30am as normal

**Christmas Eve 24th**

- 5.30pm all age worship + 'stations' + Carols + 'Zoooper Dooper' ice blocks

**Christmas Day 25th**

- 8.30am worship , Carols, story and contemporary celebration

### **TARGET TOY APPEAL - TARGET COUNTRY MORISSET**

Many will know that for several years we've been involved in distributing toys gifted through Target Country Morisset as part of the Target/Uniting Appeal. It's more low key than the major store like Charlestown and Kotara, but it happens. Huge thanks to Mike Connell and Wal & Freda Wardle for their efforts in past recent years!!

If anyone is feeling generous this next few days (before Dec 20th at latest) you could go to Target Country and purchase a toy or Christmas Present to be added to the Appeal (just tell the staff!!)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH SCRIPTURE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Volunteers are urgently needed to teach Scripture lessons in government primary schools in 2019. Can you help by teaching one or more half-hour lessons per week? Please don't leave a class without a Scripture teacher. For more information please contact Cathie Smythe (cathie52@bigpond.com) or John Cox (4973 4662).

### **CHURCH COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING**

- Gave formal approval to the plans for extension to the op shop
- There is a need to update the Next Of Kin information for our members, in case of emergencies
- Lake Macquarie Council may provide better signage to our church and a small sub-committee will consider where this would best be placed
- The January meeting of Church Council will focus on future directions

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

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## **Duties for 23rd December - Advent 4**

Bible Reading  
Welcomer            Barbara  
Table & Offering  
Banking             Douglas & Max P  
Morning Tea        Cathie & Sue

### **Lectionary Readings for 23rd December**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

## **Connect in Prayer**

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR GLOBAL WORLD**

Pray for our Global world that we find the path to true peace this season.

**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](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1162    16th December 2018**

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 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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Facebook: churchinthetreesmorissetuniting

Op Shop                    Ph: 0249 735967

Prayer Circle            Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

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