

What's on This Week?

Sunday 9th

9.30am

Advent 2

Worship

Tuesday 11th

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

2.00pm

Bible Group

Wednesday 12th

9.30am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

9.30am

C.A.L

2pm

Red Dove Choir

3.30pm

Music Practice

Thursday 13th

9.00am - 10.00am

Exercise class

9.30am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

10.30am

Bayside

Friday 14th

6pm

Church Christmas Party

Sunday 16th

9.30am

Advent 3

Worship

good food and sing a few carols.

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).

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 11 December at 2 pm, at the home of Sylvia Byles, for the final meeting of the year. The group will be looking at the third chapter of Paul's letter to Titus. Thank you to Sylvia for her hospitality in opening her home each fortnight, and to Shirley for hosting the previous studies. The warmth and welcome of our hosts plays a big part in building up the sense of fellowship that we experience in this group.

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

"THE STABLE DOOR" will be held on the 11,12,13 December from 6pm each night. This is a guided journey to experience the birth of Jesus being held at the Hillview Church 95 Freemans Drive Morisset. All Welcome. We are having FREE family fun activities which include face painting, petting farms, crafts and the Tower of Terror. There will also be night markets with locally crafted goods and food stalls.

SURPRISE EVENT: Our annual "surprise" event will take place at Morisset Square 11 am on Saturday 15th December. Anyone interested in joining the singers, there will be rehearsals Friday 7th December 2 pm and Thursday 13th December 2pm. Otherwise, be at Morisset Square (target end) by 10:45 am (earlier if you want to buy a cup of coffee) Dress - INCOGNITO!

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.

For You to Note

LADIES FELLOWSHIP invite you to the Church Christmas Dinner on Friday 14th December 2018, 6pm for nibbles, non-alcoholic drinks will be provided or BYO. A salad dinner will be served at 6.30pm, followed by Cheesecake, (Fruit Salad if Cheesecake is not your thing) Cost \$10, children under 10 no charge. RSVP by placing name on list in foyer no later than Sunday 9th Dec. Tickets available from Hazel Rolfe on Sunday 2nd and 9th Dec. Come and join us for fellowship, fun,

Duties for 16th December - Advent 3

Bible Reading	Parriss & Bruce B
Welcomer	Phillip
Table & Offering	Pauline
Banking	Geoff & Jan M
Morning Tea	Barbara & Margaret A

Lectionary Readings for 16th December

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Connect in Prayer

JESUS - THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

We pray for a genuine empowering hope heard in the story of Jesus (God become flesh), and say with Mary "With all my heart, I glorify the Lord!" (Luke: 1-46)

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 **ISSUE 1161 9th 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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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

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