

What's on This Week?

Sunday 17th	Lent 2
9.30am	Worship Mad Hatters Tea Party for Lunch
Tuesday 19th	
9.00am - 10.00am	Exercise class
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
10am - 1pm	Alanon
11.45am - 3.00pm	Frustration card group
2.00pm	Bible Fellowship
Wednesday 20th	
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
9.30am	C.A.L
1.30pm - 2.30 pm	U3A
2pm	Red Dove Choir
3.30pm	Music Practice
7pm	S.L.C.E.A.
Thursday 21st	
9.00am - 10.00am	Exercise class
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
9.30am - 12noon	Art Class
11.30am - 3.30 pm	U3A
5.30pm	Tkwondo
Friday 22nd	
10.00am - 11.30am	U3A
10.00am - 12 noon	U3A
6.00pm - 8.00pm	Open Kitchen
Saturday 23rd	
10.00am - 3.00pm	Stamp Club
Sunday 24th	Lent 3
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

PRAISE HYMN - EVENT AT ELLA HUGHES CHAPEL, AVONDALE

4-5pm, 23rd March at Ella Hughes Chapel (Avondale College of Higher Education)
Join us for an informal afternoon of fellowship and favourite hymns. Enjoy singing hymns around our refurbished Conservatory Collection Grand Piano. Hosted by Dr. Lyell Heise, featuring violinist Rey Lecciones and a hymn from The Promise, with direction from Aleta King.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Meets this Tuesday 19 March at 2 pm at Shirley Strachan's home.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES:

- The sailcloth over the southern entrance has been removed, as it was torn and is no longer serving a purpose
- The nomination of Parriss McDougall to Synod was approved
- The church website has been updated and all groups and members are requested to put in any news or items of interest
- The community garden is being looked after by workers from the monthly Open Kitchen, with hopes the produce can be used by them or by anyone who chooses

INSIGHTS: Make sure you pick up a copy of the latest Insights magazine. The theme for this issue is "Generation Why?" and there are several thoughtful articles that are well worth reading, focussing on how the church can make the gospel relevant to younger generations and connect with young adults.

JOHN BELL AT ADAMSTOWN UNITING CHURCH

Scottish Composer/Liturgist/Storyteller John Bell will be at Adamstown UC.

- Wednesday 29th May 7.30pm Lecture "faith, Arts and Social Justice"
 - Thursday 30th May Day Seminar: Music of the Iona Community/Global Church
- Although this is Biggest Morning Tea it would be great if some of our musicians/singers could attend the Seminars. We sing a number of John Bell's new words to old tunes. More information: Talk to Rev. Rob Hanks

URGENT NEED FOR HOUSING FOR FAMILIES FROM REFUGEE BACK-GROUNDS

- A note from the UCA Hunter Social Justice Committee
There are now several large Congolese families who are settled in Newcastle who are seeking medium to long term accommodation, as well as some single people and smaller families. They have not been successful in securing rental accommodation through the regular rental market, so remain in their temporary "on arrival" accommodation. If there any churches or church members who have rental properties available, who are willing to rent to a refugee family who are keen to call the Hunter home, can you please contact Helen Larkin at hlarkin@ssi.org.au. Or you can give Debbie Carstens (UCA Social Justice Committee) a call (0437 879 442) to ask more questions before following it up.

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 West-

Duties for 24th March - Lent 3

Bible Reading	Gordon & Bronwyn
Welcomer	Lindsay
Table & Offering	Phillip K
Banking	Douglas & Pam
Morning Tea	Leanne & Sue

Lectionary Readings for 24th March

Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

pac 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.

LUKE 13:31-35

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' " NRSV

Connect in Prayer

OUR NATION

Lord we give you thanks for our country of many contrasts, and different nationalities. We pray for those parts of our country who are experiencing bush fires, heavy rain and drought. We pray also for those who have tried many times and can't find a job, and so can't pay their bills. For those who are disabled and are being assisted we give you thanks. (Add your own thoughts and prayers).

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 1170 17th March 2019**

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.

Minister **Rev Rob Hanks** Ph: 0407 401 833
robhanks@bigpond.net.au

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

Church Ph: 0249 735554
PO Box 533, Morisset, NSW 2264
www.morissetunitingchurch.org.au
Facebook: [churchinthetreesmorissetuniting](https://www.facebook.com/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"