

## What's on This Week?

<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>
9.30am	Worship
<b>Monday 25th</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>
9am - 1pm	Probus
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	
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
7.00pm	Church Council
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	
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
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	
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
<b>Friday 29th</b>	
10.00am - 11.30am	U3A
10.00am - 12 noon	U3A
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	<b>Lent 4</b>
9.30am	Worship

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## For You to Note

### **PLANNING MEETING FOR ALL AGE INTERGENERATIONAL MONTHLY WORSHIP EVENT - 3.00PM SUNDAY 31ST MARCH IN THE HALL**

This first team meeting invites all who've signed up to come together and plan the first few of these experimental gatherings. We will set start dates and follow up meetings, learn about what we will be planning, work on publicity and begin to do the work. All Welcome...bring children for the conversation and some activities for them!

### **9.30AM SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2019 "BELONGING" WORSHIP**

A celebration of belonging and participation in our congregation at Morisset Uniting "Church in the Trees" We will take the opportunity to learn about, share stories, celebrate and be invited to reaffirm our involvement as we recognise a "transfer of membership" to Morisset. All are invited and encouraged to join in this celebration of who we are and whose we are!!

### **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

## **Duties for 31st March - Lent 4**

Bible Reading	Lesley & Peter
Welcomer	Elaine K
Table & Offering	Margaret A
Banking	Jan M & Bob S
Morning Tea	Bronwyn & Lesley

## **Lectionary Readings for 31st March**

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 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.

## **Connect in Prayer**

**OUR WORLD** - There is no shortage of places and issues to prayer about. Prayer as you watch the news, read a paper, or join in discussion.

**UNITING CHURCH** - From the recent copy of 'Uniting', Revd Dedrie Palmer President of Uniting Church in Australia has this prayer that we can join in praying: 'May we all know God's abundant grace and liberating hope as we seek to journey together, shaped by God's reconciling love.' AMEN.

**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 1171 24th 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 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

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