

What's on This Week?

Sunday 23rd 9.30am	Transfiguration of Jesus Worship
Monday 24th 9am - 1pm	Probus
Tuesday 25th 9.30am - 2.30pm 9.30am - 1.00pm 2.00pm 7.00pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open Alanon Bible Fellowship Church Council
Wednesday 26th 9.30am - 2.30pm 2pm	Ash Wednesday "The Branch" Op Shop is open Red Dove Choir
Thursday 27th 9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Friday 28th 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Connections Outing Open Kitchen
Saturday 29th 10.00am - 3.00pm	Stamp Club
Sunday 1st 9.30am	Lent 1 Worship

Connect in Prayer

We pray for our family members and friends residing in aged care facilities that they will know the presence of God and His peace.

Give thanks for our retired ministers, Joan, Bruce and Ron and our lay reader Barbara as they use their experience, time and gifts to lead services and look after our pastoral needs in the immediate future.

Pray for our Planning Team and Sunday Worship Team as they seek God's will and guidance for our church and community.

For You to Note

FUNERAL FOR MAX FARR at the Church 2pm Monday 24th February 2020
Everyone is reminded and invited to attend Max's Funeral this Monday afternoon, with Refreshments to follow. For details of how to help with the provision of Refreshments please speak to Hazel Rolfe

THANKYOU FROM REV. ROB HANKS

Thankyou to everyone involved in last Sunday's 'Closure of Ministry' and 'Munch'. I really appreciated everyone's affirmation, share in your sadness at leaving, though celebrate what we have done over the last 4 1/2 years. Thankyou especially for your generous Farewell Gifts!! May God's Spirit inspire us all. If you are interested in attending Rob's induction service at Hamilton Uniting Church, it is on Friday 13th March commencing at 7pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, - All are welcome to the coming WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday 6th March 2020, 10.30 am, at Avondale Memorial SDA Church, 584-586 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong. This year the focus will be on the country of Zimbabwe.

CHURCH COUNCIL - Meets at 7 pm this Tuesday 25 February. The meeting will continue to concentrate on planning for ministry following Rob's departure.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets 2 pm this Tuesday 25 February at Barbara Dufty's home, 5A Macquarie Road, Morisset Park. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. They will be studying "Through the Eyes of Love", looking at Jesus from the perspective of different people, starting with Peter. If you can't come to the group but would like a copy of the book (\$10), see Margaret Arbon. If you don't want to participate but would like to come and share a cup of tea and fellowship, come anyway.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOP

UCA is running a workshop on Saturday, 21 March from 9.30-3.30 at Toronto Uniting Church or a refresher course for those who need to update their qualifications (must be done every 3 years) from 9.30-12.30 on the same day. What is included in this training? Content includes Safe Church foundations, duty of care, child protection, protecting vulnerable people, understanding and responding to abuse, safe leadership, recruitment and supervision, safety in programs and environments, Uniting Church policy and procedures.

Who should do the training? Anyone in leadership in the church or who attends Live@5, Church Council Members or any interested person. You will need to register for this course at the following:

<https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/safe-church-awareness-workshops/>

CONNECTIONS OUTING

Friday 28th February - Brisbane Water morning tea Cruise—2 1/2 hours "Gosford to Broken Bay". Departing Gosford Public Wharf 10.15 am (Car), or Woy Woy Public Wharf 10.40 am (Train). Details and booking form in church foyer. Enquiries Phill or Anne Hart m: 0410 604 730 / 0408 333 459

Duties for 1st March - Lent 1

Bible Reading	Joan & Winson
Welcomer	Cathie
Table & Offering	Morven
Banking	Max P & Winston
Morning Tea	Pauline & Sue
Communion Servers	Barbara Dufty, Phil Hart, Cathie & Owen Smythe

Lectionary Readings for 1st March

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

CONGREGATION MEETING - MARCH 8TH

Replaces cancelled meeting on 16th Feb.

MODERATOR'S DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL - Moderator of the UCA NSW/ACT Synod Rev. Simon Hansford has invited donations to the Disaster Relief Fund, going directly to those in need effected by the drought and bushfires. Online follow the links from www.nswact.uca.org.au. By cheque mark your envelope Moderator's Appeal, PO Box A2178, Sydney South NSW 1235. Please make the cheque out to "The Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of NSW and the ACT". By Bank Transfer: Bank: Uniting Financial Services Account Name: Moderators Appeal Branch: L9 / 222 Pitt St, Sydney 2000 BSB: 634-634 Acc: 100044774. If you need a receipt, please call 02 8267 4342 after making your donation.

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.

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 1215 23rd February 2020

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 as we share stories and have an activity table at the front.

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Service 9:30am Sunday
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
Live@5 Intergenerational
5pm-6.30pm fourth 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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