

What's on This Week?

Sunday 15th	Lent 3
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 17th	
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
9.30am - 1.00pm	Alanon
Wednesday 18th	
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
9.30am	C.A.L
2pm	Red Dove Choir
Thursday 19th	
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Saturday 21st	
8.00am - 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 22nd	Lent 4
9.30am	Worship

Connect in Prayer

Pray for South Lakes Christian Education Association as it meets this week in our church building. Pray for wise decision-making and good stewardship of funds. Give thanks for all the members of the churches represented, that they will work together to honour God the Father in all that they do.

Ask for guidance and wisdom for the Pastoral Care team as they consider ways to offer care and support to all.

Pray for communities living in Ambon, Indonesia, that they may experience God's love and care through the generosity of Australians during Lent Event. Pray that the funds raised will be used wisely to alleviate poverty and injustice in this area.

For You to Note

EVENSONG: ALI & LEIGHTON | SATURDAY, MARCH 21

A performance of storytelling music from Central Coast-based singer/songwriters Ali & Leighton to open the 2020 Avondale Concert Series. Launches the duo's new album, *The Rhythm of Us*. Presented by the Conservatorium of Music at Avondale University College. Freewill offering- supports a student scholarship and four academic prizes. Ella Hughes Chapel, Avondale University College (Lake Macquarie campus), Saturday, March 21, 6 pm. www.avondale.edu.au/events

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Meets next Saturday, 21st March in the hall at 8 am. We usually conclude at 9.00am. Pauline, Shirley and Joan are the caterers. All are welcome. Please add your name to the catering list on the foyer table.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING - this Saturday 21 March, following the Prayer Breakfast (about 9.30). Thank you to Betty Small who has accepted the position of coordinator of pastoral care. The meeting will be discussing our care for all members of the congregation, and we welcome anyone who would like to be part of that discussion. See Betty if you would like to know more.

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/>

PROPOSAL FOR LENTEN FASTING FROM REV JOHN MARTIN Part of the Lenten disciplines is giving up something we enjoy eating or experiencing. Popular ones are alcohol, cigarettes, tea, coffee, chocolate, going to the movies. Some give up sugar or eating meat. How about using Fair Trade as focus for what we give up?

Rather than give up tea, coffee or chocolate, give up non Fair Trade tea, coffee, chocolate and intentionally consume only those products where the workers received a fair wage and worked in good conditions in an environmentally sustainable way. This way you focus attention on the people of the world while feeling better yourself.

NAME BADGES

Elizabeth Chapman is now coordinating orders for new name badges. If you would like one, please contact her - the cost is \$10.00.

Duties for 22nd March - Lent 4

Preacher	Ron Loom
Bible Reading	Douglas
Welcomer	Joan
Table & Offering	Shirley
Banking	Parris & Bob
Morning Tea	Leanne & Elaine

Lectionary Readings for 22nd March

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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 1218 15th March 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.

Preacher	Barbara Dufty
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
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"