

## ***What's on This Week?***

### **Sunday 8th**

9.30am

### **Lent 2**

Worship

Congregational Meeting

### **Tuesday 10th**

9.30am - 2.30pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

9.30am - 1.00pm

Alanon

2.00pm

Bible Fellowship

### **Wednesday 11th**

9.30am - 2.30pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

9.30am

C.A.L

2pm

Red Dove Choir

### **Thursday 12th**

9.30am - 2.30pm

“The Branch” Op Shop is open

10.30am

Bayside

### **Sunday 15th**

9.30am

### **Lent 3**

Worship

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## ***Connect in Prayer***

It's International Women's Day today-pray for women who suffer in domestic violence situations, that they will see a way out of the cycle and seek help; for women in political leadership, that their voice will be a motivator for positive change; for mothers, that they may build strength and resilience in their children.

Pray for SRE (Special Religious Education) in our public schools and give thanks for the opportunity to be a Christian presence there. Pray for the volunteers in the primary schools and Marc Erbsleben as he teaches at Morisset High School. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts and minds of the students to hear and respond to the gospel message.

Rob Hanks' Induction Service this coming Friday, 13th March- Pray that God will be glorified in the service through the words said and the songs sung. Pray for Rob that he will know your peace and be blessed as he commences his new placement.

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## ***For You to Note***

**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.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP** - Note that the meeting this Tuesday will be at Margaret Arbon's home. The group will be doing Chapter 2, Jesus through the eyes of John. See Barbara if you would like the book (\$10).

### **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.

### **REV ROB HANKS' INDUCTION SERVICE**

It would be wonderful to have as many of our congregation as possible attending Rob's Induction Service on Friday, 13th March, 7pm at Hamilton Uniting Church, 150 Beaumont Street, Hamilton. We are organising car pooling for those wishing to attend, meeting at Church in the Trees at 5.45pm. Please add your name to the list in the foyer, indicating if you would like to be a passenger or a driver.

### **LADIES FELLOWSHIP NOTES**

At the recent AGM, plans were made for the year ahead. These include two outings which we hope will be enjoyed by members of the congregation not just Ladies Fellowship – a picnic at Wyee Point on 7 April, and morning tea at the Market Street Café on 4 August at Wangi. Those elected are Val Sloey President, Barbara Dufty Secretary, Hazel Rolfe Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer Jan Miller, but all those elected will be stepping down after this year and hopefully the positions will be rotated.

**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](http://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.

### **Duties for 15th March - Lent 3**

Preacher	Barbara Dufty
Bible Reading	Gordon & Anne
Welcomer	Helen E
Table & Offering	Hazel S
Banking	Bruce E & Margaret
Morning Tea	Peter & Leslie / Manelle

### **Lectionary Readings for 15th March**

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

**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](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1217 8th 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	<b>Joan Horgan</b>
Service	9:30am Sunday
Holy Communion	1st Sunday of the Month
Church	Ph: 0249 735554 PO Box 533, Morisset, NSW 2264 <a href="http://www.morissetunitingchurch.org.au">www.morissetunitingchurch.org.au</a> Facebook: churchinthetreesmorissetuniting
Op Shop	Ph: 0249 735967
Prayer Circle	Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

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