

## What's on This Week?

<b>Sunday 9th</b> 9.30am	<b>Epiphany 5</b> Worship
<b>Tuesday 11th</b> 9.30am - 2.30pm 9.30am - 1.00pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open Alanon
<b>Wednesday 12th</b> 9.30am - 2.30pm 2pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open Red Dove Choir
<b>Thursday 13th</b> 9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
<b>Saturday 15th</b> 8.00am 9.30am	Prayer Breakfast Pastoral Care meeting
<b>Sunday 16th</b> 9.30am	<b>Epiphany 6</b> Worship Farewell Morning Tea for Rob Hanks

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### Connect in Prayer

Give thanks to God for refreshing rain and the signs of renewal and hope across our state.

Pray for all those who are suffering through adversity as a result of floods, that they might know God's grace and love and be restored in hope.

Pray for all who are affected by the coronavirus. Pray for wisdom for health authorities to deal with the consequences of infection and for knowledge to contain and eradicate it.

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### For You to Note

#### 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/>

#### PRAYER BREAKFAST

The first meeting for 2020 will be held on Saturday, 15th February commencing at 8am and concluding at 9am. This will be Rob's last Prayer Breakfast so why not come along and join us in praying for Rob and our congregation as he prepares to go. Add your name to the attendance list on the foyer table. All welcome.

#### PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING - 9.30AM SATURDAY 15TH FEB 2020

Our team will meet to do more work on the shape of pastoral care in our Church community for 2020 and beyond. The Meeting follows this month's Prayer Breakfast and a short time setting up the Hall for Sunday's 'Munch.' We are moving to invite intentional pastoral care circles within our activity groups and teams, looking for a new Team Coordinator and working together. Anyone interested in our pastoral care is welcome to attend and contribute to the meeting.

**SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE** - Please come to this service next Sunday evening 16 February, 6 pm, at Hillview SDA Church, Gimberts Road, Morisset. Rejoice to hear how students are responding to the Scriptures. Your presence will greatly encourage our Scripture teachers.

#### BIBLE FELLOWSHIP TUESDAY 2 PM

Margaret Arbon has invited anyone who would like to come, to her home at 2 pm this Tuesday 11 February, for afternoon tea and a chat about possible Bible study discussion groups. Whether you would like to participate in such a group or not, you are warmly welcome to come along and discuss the sort of things we might do, that you think people might be interested in. See Margaret or Barbara.

#### 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

**FEB 16TH ROB HANKS' LAST SERVICE AT MORISSET** followed by a farewell morning tea. Some visitors are expected from Presbytery and the community. If you can help with the food, please put your name on the list.

#### CONGREGATION MEETING - MARCH 8TH

Replaces cancelled meeting on 16th Feb.

#### STAMPS - PLEASE KEEP STAMPS FROM THE LETTERS YOU RECEIVE!

At its meeting on 26 November, Church Council received a cheque for \$1,000

## **Duties for 16th February - Epiphany 6**

Bible Reading	Val Sloey & Ron
Welcomer	Phillip K
Table & Offering	Joe S
Banking	Bruce B & Carol

### **Lectionary Readings for 16th February**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37 2

from the Synod Stamp Committee. This is a grant towards any costs associated with our new Live@5 activity, and has been made possible by so many churches collecting their used stamps and sending them to Synod. There is a box on the table in the foyer (near the hall entrance) for you to put your stamps, which are sent away when the box is full.

**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.

**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 1213 9th 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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