



## “Church in the Trees” -Morisset Uniting Church

### ***RUSTLING LEAVES***

***30TH JULY 2020***

COVID 19 EDITION 9

**THIS SUNDAY; SERVICE LED BY JOAN HORGAN**

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### **COVID Registration**

Before we went back to regular Sunday morning worship, the Church Council had to fill in a Safety Plan. The template was provided by the Government and we sent it to Synod for processing.

Now we have been told we need to register as a COVID safe business. (Church activities are listed under businesses)

So we have now registered and you might see a poster on the front door stating that, so people coming to our church know that we have undertaken due diligence in relation to COVID safety.

This is a  
COVID safe Business

It's up to all of us to make sure we uphold that standard specially in relation to the 1.5m social distancing rule and the use of soap/ hand sanitiser.

### **Op Shop:**

Opening again soon now that some rearranging has been completed.

#### **New Treasurer needed.**

Our treasurer, Gordon Robertson is retiring after many years of handling the Op Shop's accounts. He is happy to help the new treasurer get acquainted.

#### **The role**

Provide information about Op Shop sales and expenses updated monthly, then annually.

#### **Skills needed;**

Need to be able to use simple spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel).

Book keeping or accounting knowledge an advantage, but not an essential requirement.

Enquiries Phill Hart (m: 0410 604 730 or 4973 6441

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Mail Collection Hazel has been collecting the mail from the post box at the post office weekly for many years and wants to hand over to someone else. If you are interested see Hazel.

## Communion, regular offering and SLCEA Offering

Our next service is 2<sup>nd</sup> August and as you know communion is held on the first Sunday of the month. Communion will be held in a similar fashion to last time where the bread and juice will both be served in the little wine glasses.

Our offering will be different as we believe we can safely revert to the old system with the bags being carried around by a server wearing protective gloves.

SLCEA. Last month we did not take a collection for SLCEA. This month we intend to have a retiring offering like before. August 2<sup>nd</sup>

## August Rosters

Date	Welcomer	H C server	Bible Reader	Banking
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Val Sloey	Winston James &	Parriss, Barbara	Margaret, Jan M
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Miller	Phill Hart	Joe and Val Sloey	Parriss, Bob S
16 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Dufty		Margaret A, Bob S	Jan, Hazel R
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Anne Hart		Ron Loom, Phil K	<u>D</u> erek C, Phil K
30 <sup>th</sup>	Morven C		Cathie, Owen Smythe	Winston, Gordon R

## Leaders in Worsip for August

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Horgan Communion  
Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Ron Loom  
Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Guest speaker **National Director of Frontier Services, Jannine Jackson**  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Helen and Bruce Edgell Hymnfest. See below +Cong AGM  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Owen Smythe with some male contributors.

## Annual Congregation Meeting

We usually have 4 Congregation meetings per year; Feb, May, Aug and November. Our Congregation AGM is held in August, after the end of the financial year having given Council time to report on the past 12 months and to create a budget for the next 12 months. It is also the time to elect Councillors to replace those whose term is up or who have resigned in the last 12 months.

Councillors can elect to serve for up to 5 years but can seek re election for a further term.

The nominees for council so far are: Bruce Edgell, Barb Dufty, Phill Hart, Betty Small and Cathie Smythe. If all those are elected that makes a 12 person council.

The Congregation has a number of positions which it fills annually. In our church it is not only Chairperson and Secretary but we have a myriad of other jobs for which people agree to be responsible. A list of positions will be placed on the noticeboard and anyone interested in a position are asked to fill in their name or nominate someone else who has agreed to stand.

Our AGM will occur after the service on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and to comply with COVID social distancing rules will be held in the church space.

## Ladies' Fellowship

After much thinking and chatting with Barbara & Hazel, about how we could gather again on August 4<sup>th</sup>, taking into account the Covid 19 situation at the moment, we thought it best to cancel August, and assess the situation before our September meeting. Val Sloey.

## **WHAT ARE OUR FAVOURITE HYMNS?**

*- a message from the Worship Team:*

In past years we have had special services where we sang members' favourite hymns. These services were a blessing to a great many people, so on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** the Worship Team will be holding another **HYMNFEST** where we will be "singing" the hymns and songs which are **the favourites of the members of the Morisset congregation.** Of course we probably won't be able to actually sing, but the chosen hymns and songs will be presented as they have been since we started back with services in the church early July. We hope that some guest artists will also present some items.

Between **now and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August** each one of you is invited to select up to 3 of your favourite hymns/songs, write down on a sheet of paper the title or first line of each, and then **place this in the box in the entrance foyer by the end of the service on that day, or email your 3 selections to Bruce Edgell: [bhedgell@bigpond.com](mailto:bhedgell@bigpond.com)**

If one or more of your hymns/songs is found in the 'Australian Hymn Book' or 'Together in Song', then we don't need to be told in what hymn/song book(s) it can be found. But if it is not in these books, we would appreciate you telling us (if you can) in what book(s) it can be found (e.g. *Alexanders, Methodist Hymn Book, Revised Church Hymnary (Presbyterian), Billy Graham Songs, Scripture in Song, Mission Praise*)

If there are two or more well-known tunes to a hymn and you prefer one particular tune, it would also be good for us to know the name of the tune you prefer.

During the service we would like to have 2 or 3 people speak about why a particular hymn is their favourite. So if you are willing to do this please let Bruce know.

After the ballot closes, your "votes" will be counted and you will find out the results at **HYMNFEST on 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**The Pastoral Care Team** will resume meeting on Saturday mornings at 9.30am (after the Prayer Breakfasts), which we are hoping will recommence in September. More news as soon as we have a definite date. *Betty*

### **Our People**

Some people need to spend time in hospital. While it is natural to want to visit them and most appreciate the thought, it has become a problem with some of the hospitals in our area. Some are restricting visitors to one visitor per patient per day. It has occurred that family members have come from Sydney and other places to visit only to be told their family member has had their visitor for the day and they are turned away. Please don't visit unless you contact the family first. The Pastoral Care team has contact details for family of most of those in hospital.