

What's on This Week?

Sunday 6th Pentecost 14
9.30am Worship

Tuesday 8th
2.00pm Bible Fellowship

Sunday 13th Pentecost 15
9.30am Worship

Connect in Prayer

We celebrate Fathers' Day today-give thanks for fathers as families celebrate this special day. In particular, we pray for those who are separated by distance, strained relationships and COVID-19 restrictions.

Pray for those in our congregation who are settling in to a new life in aged care; Marie Day, Mike Connell and Taffy Davies.

SRE - Pray for the Primary School volunteers that they will faithfully teach their lessons and continue to develop positive relationships with the students and teachers.

For You to Note

Welcome back to the first 'regular' newsletter in almost six months. It will now appear weekly or fortnightly depending on how much news is forthcoming.

MASK UP

We suggest the wearing of masks at church until told otherwise. Don't forget, stay safe. Practice social distancing and wash hands with soap and water or sanitizer regularly. We are a COVID Safe organisation with a COVID Safe plan.

COVID FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Starts in October, fortnightly on a Wednesday morning 10-11.30am. It is hoped this will enable people to share interests and friendship after months of isolation. Some activities will include plant sharing, knitting squares, lively conversation topics, chair exercises, trivia. More information to come.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 8 September at 2 pm. Studying the Book of Job which is turning out to be surprisingly relevant with lots to discuss. This week's leader is Ron Loom.

MORNING TEA. ???

At the Church Council meeting on 27th August we discussed whether we could start having morning tea again after the Sunday Service. There are certainly issues involved but several other churches in our Presbytery have successfully recommenced morning tea so we thought we would give it a go on Sunday 13th September. If you look at the preaching roster you will see that Marc Erbsleben is our guest speaker. Marc works with SLCEA at Morisset High School. The main issues we have to deal with, beside social distancing is that only one person can touch the tea pot, coffee pot and milk jug, so you will be served your drink ready to go. Biscuits have to be individually packed so that they are opened by the consumer. For this trial at least, we will use disposable cups.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

A small group within the Morisset Uniting Church congregation have benefited from using the publication With Love to the World for daily readings and commentary on the Scripture set for each week during the church year and find it helpful to keep disciplined about our daily devotions. The publication is produced four times in the year and current subscriptions, (which have just increased) are \$24 per year from November. At present there is one spare copy available. Gordon Robertson is the Coordinator. The publishers of With Love to the World have now released an App for With Love to the World available from "your App Store or Play Store" Dr. Deidre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, "commends this resource to local churches and individual members of the Uniting Church."

CHURCH IN THE TREES ... BUT WHICH TREES?

We pride ourselves at being The Church in the Trees and we are known by that name both in the local community and in the wider Uniting Church. The Church sits on a parcel of land that has many original local plants. In fact the Lake Macquarie City Council has zoned us as Environmental land partly because of the endangered Tetratheca Juncea plant, found only on the Central Coast between the Hawkesbury and Hunter rivers, and because of several native animals and birds living here.

Several people have thought that it would be a good idea to enhance the beauty of the site by planting more local endemic plants that are not here now. Plants that are attractive to the human eye and food for local birds are high on our priority, eg Wattles, Grevilleas, Gymea Lilly. Bob Starling is interested in hearing from anyone who is interested in planning an overall layout for the surrounds of the church, working with what has already

Duties for 13th September - Pentecost 15

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| Preacher | Marc Erbsleben |
| Bible Reading | Shirley, Helen |
| Welcomer | Sue Kesterton |
| Table & Offering | Shirley |
| Banking | Phill H, Max Plumb |

Lectionary Readings for 13th September

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

been done and what improvements we could make. We have made a small allocation in the budget to get the project up and running.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 6th - Ron Loom
Sept 13th - Marc Erbsleben (worship leader Cathie Smythe)
Sept 20th - Joan Horgan
Sept 27th - Owen Smythe

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"



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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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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

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