

What's on This Week?

Sunday 13th **Pentecost 15**

9.30am Worship

Saturday 19th

9.30am Pastoral Care meeting

Sunday 20th **Pentecost 16**

9.30am Worship

Connect in Prayer

Pray for the teaching and witness of Marc Erbsleben at Morisset High School. Pray for the students he teaches, that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and minds to hear and respond to his lessons.

In a time of anxiety and depression, help us Lord, to find ways to rejoice

For You to Note

PASTORAL CARE

The next Pastoral Care Team meeting will be held at the church on Saturday 19th September, 2020 at 9.30am. All welcome.

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.

MORNING TEA - TODAY

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 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 13th - Marc Erbsleben (worship leader Cathie Smythe)

Sept 20th - Joan Horgan

Sept 27th - Owen Smythe

Duties for 20th September - Pentecost 16

Preacher	Joan Horgan
Bible Reading	Owen Smythe & Parriss McDougall
Welcomer	Joe Sloey
Collect/Banking	Jan, Hazel & Bob

Lectionary Readings for 20th September

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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 1221 13th September 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 **Marc Erbsleben**
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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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