

What's on This Week?

Sunday 22nd 9.30am	Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Worship
Tuesday 24th 2.00pm	Bible Fellowship
Wednesday 25th 10.00am - 11.30am	Covid Friendship Group
Thursday 26th 10.30am	Church Council
Sunday 29th 9.30am	Advent 1 Worship

Connect in Prayer

COVID Friendship Group – pray that God will be with those planning and leading the group, and all who attend, that it may be a time of enjoyment and friendship.

We pray for the members of Church Council as we begin to look for a way forward in mission and ministry.

Pray for the countries of the world still suffering from COVID; for those who have lost loved ones and or the loss of normal life. Pray that they will find hope for the future amidst the chaos.

For You to Note

CHURCH COUNCIL - Meets at the church this Thursday 26 November at 10.30 am. Agendas have been sent out. It is helpful if those presenting reports circulate them in advance for better time management during meetings.

COVID FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Meets this Wednesday 10-11.30 am. Hazel will be coordinator for the day, and will be discussing herbs, and recipes using herbs, as well as other activities. Invite a friend along to this enjoyable morning.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS MEETING - 1ST DECEMBER.

Will be very different this year, due to Covid-19. It will be a picnic lunch in Pendlebury Park, Bonnells Bay, commencing 11 am. Elizabeth Chapman has very kindly offered to provide desserts for everyone, but you will need to bring your main meal, a cup, and a folding chair. Wear your Christmas gear! There is a list in the foyer for you to write your name if you plan to come, so Elizabeth has an idea of numbers.

RED DOVE CHOIR - We will be holding another video afternoon on Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm. Please try to attend so we can wish each other a Merry Christmas. If restrictions are eased and we are able to regroup and rehearse, our first practice next year will be Wednesday 3rd February 2021. Let us hope life may be nearly normal by then.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Meets this Tuesday 2 pm at 306 Crooks Road, Mandalong (Brodis). Lively discussion with an overview of the Old Testament. See Barbara if you would like to come or would like to know more.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR - PETER ROBINSON

As our Minister has moved on the Church Council created the position of Church Administrator. By doing this there is a person responsible, to ensure the "business" of running our church continues to function while other volunteers continue to provide us with Spiritual support.

As a member of the Church Council Peter felt the call to take on the role of Church Administrator as an ambassador for Christ. He acknowledged that his business management experience may also be of value to the church at this time.

The role is accountable to the Church through the Church Council and entails:

- Initial point of contact for external enquiries
- Be present in the church at regular times, for consultation by interested persons
- Liaise with all parties initiating contact
- Forward any enquiries for "Hatches, Catches and Dispatches"
- Maintaining official records as required at Law
- Primary contact point for Presbytery for COVID19 and other significant matters
- Complete tax documentation to ensure our continuation of "Not for Profit" status
- Maintain the Asset Register
- Assist the Church Council Treasurer, including with compilation of Annual Budget
- Coordinate repairs, maintenance and improvements as required
- Provide transparency in all documentation and in all business dealings
- Attend Planning Committee Meeting
- Report monthly to the Church Council

ROAD RESURFACING - This is the next stage of our upgrades to the church site facilitated by a grant from the State Government and a better financial position caused by not having to pay for a minister. Through the Better Communities grants the State Government has allocated us over \$20,000 to repair the road to the Meals on Wheels building past the Op Shop. This includes a dish drain to try to rectify water flow problems across the carpark.

HOW DOES THE UNITING CHURCH APPOINT ITS MINISTERS?

This is the headline of an article in the current Spring edition of Insights. Copies are available in the foyer. The article referred to is on p 30. This is significant for us as we seek a new minister.

SAFE CHURCH - Courses available on line. All Church Councillors and group leaders should do the course and a refresher every 3 years. This is an initiative put in place following the recent Royal Commission on Child Safety.

Lectionary Readings for 29th November

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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.

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, Gynea 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.

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 credit 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 Parriss McDougall.

Submissions to the Newsletter

Articles for the Weekly Newsletter should be submitted in writing by Wednesday.
Email: morrissetnews@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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