

## What's on This Week?

<b>Sunday 6th</b> 9.30am	<b>Advent 2</b> Worship
<b>Tuesday 8th</b> 2.00pm	Bible Fellowship
<b>Wednesday 9th</b> 10.00am - 11.30am	Covid Friendship Group
<b>Friday 11th</b> 5.30pm	Church Christmas Dinner
<b>Sunday 13th</b> 9.30am	<b>Advent 3</b> Worship

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## Connect in Prayer

The Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) and UnitingWorld have joined Christian organisations around the world to stand in solidarity with the Filipino people and call attention to the deteriorating human rights situation in the Philippines. Please pray for an end to the violence and persecution and pray for their church partners and all those working for peace and justice in the Philippines.

Target and Uniting partnering for their annual Christmas appeal; pray for people to give generously in a practical expression of God's love.

Pray for our church leaders in The Assembly, Synods and Presbyteries that they will demonstrate your wisdom and integrity in everything they do.

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## For You to Note

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER - This Friday 11 December from 5.30pm

Menu includes ham and turkey salad, Christmas pudding, punch, and entertainment! To be Covid-safe, the meals will be made up individually in advance. Please write your name on the list in the foyer to assist with catering and note any dietary restrictions. Cost \$15. (Special request for some helpers to set up tables at 9.30 on Friday morning)

### COVID FRIENDSHIP GROUP - This Wednesday 9 December, 10-11.30am

Special Christmas activities are planned for this final meeting of the year. Invite a friend, or just come along to enjoy the morning with others.

### FROM THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

Joy Farr, Barbara Dufty, Hazel Rolfe, Pauline Wildiing, Leanne Koenen, Bronwyn Sheldon, Helen and Bruce Edgell, Betty Small (Coordinator) Phone: 49733181 You are reminded that in case of an emergency over the holidays, you are invited to contact a member of our team; OR

Rev. Joan Horgan: prayer support for all needs both congregation and beyond Phone 49736135

Peter Robinson - Church Administrator - Phone: Church Number 49735554

*"The worst feeling isn't being **"lonely"***

*"It's being **"forgotten"***

*(Aussie Vets)*

*YOU WILL NOT BE "FORGOTTEN" THIS CHRISTMAS*

BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND 2021

### BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Meets this Tuesday 2 pm, for the final meeting of the year. This unit focuses on the Exodus story, with plenty of discussion, and afternoon tea to follow.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Eve - 5.30 - 6.00** - A short service bringing us the Christmas story, suitable for children, families, and all ages.

**Christmas Day - 8.30** - (Note the time is earlier than our regular Sunday morning worship) No morning tea, and retiring offering for the Christmas Bowl

### ROSTERS

**13 Dec** - Reader: Parriss, Bruce; Welcome: Helen/ Table: Hazel S; Banking: Bob, Morven; Morning Tea: Margaret, Sylvia

**20 Dec** - Reader: Ron, Helen; Welcome: Shirley; Table: Elaine K; Banking: Bruce, Carol

### PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER

6 December - Rev Ron Loom

13 December - Rev Jason Street

20 December - Mrs Barbara Dufty

Christmas Eve - Worship team led by Owen and Cathie Smythe

Christmas Day - Rev Joan Horgan

27 December - Owen Smythe

**ILLNESS** - Please keep Rev Peter Botha, Minister of our neighbouring congregation Toronto, in your prayers. Last Sunday it was announced he had suddenly been diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma and would be off until the end of January. Pray for his family and also the congregation as they work through the coming weeks.

### **Lectionary Readings for 13th December**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP** - The Christmas meeting took place under a shady tree by the lake at Bonnells Bay, with an attendance of 14, and special goodies were generously contributed by Elizabeth and Hazel. Arrangements were made re preparation and catering for the church dinner on Friday 11th December. Our church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer in March 2021, so some preliminary plans were made.

**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.

**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: [morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1227 6th December 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 **Rev Ron Loom**  
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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**