

What's on This Week?

Sunday 31st

9.30am

Epiphany 4

Worship

Tuesday 2nd

9.30am - 10.00am

Ladies Fellowship

Sunday 7th

9.30am

Epiphany 5

Worship

For You to Note

PREACHING ROSTER FEBRUARY/MARCH:

Feb 7 Joan Horgan

Feb 14 Rev Jerry Duncan

Feb 21 Barbara Dufty (Lent begins)

Feb 28 Jason Street

March 7 Ron Loom

March 14 Pat Coster

March 21 Bruce Edgell

March 28 (Palm Sunday) - Owen and Cathie Smythe

LADIES FELLOWSHIP - 10 am This Tuesday 2 February at the church. All ladies welcome to this important meeting, where we will ask for your ideas for the year ahead and plan our programme. It will also be the annual general meeting. Even if you don't think you will join, come along and hear Val Sloey's report on the doings of the past year, and share in fellowship together.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - This annual event is this year being held in our "Church in the Trees"! The service will take place on Friday 5th March, and will be attended by churches from all around Morisset. The country chosen for 2021 is Vanuatu. Please pray for the planning group as they work out ways to hold this service in ways that are Covid-safe and will bring a blessing to all who attend.

SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE - ADVANCE NOTICE

You are invited to the 2021 inter-denominational service for Scripture in schools

at Morisset Baptist Church on Sunday evening 7 March, 6 pm. Rejoice to hear how students are responding to the Scriptures. Share in special prayer for our Scripture teachers.

VESTRY PRAYER - Before worship begins each week, someone spends a few moments in the Vestry with the worship leader, and commits the service, the leaders, and the hearers to the leading of the Spirit. Shirley Strachan has been co-ordinating a roster for people who have agreed to do this, but some are unable to continue, and we need more people. If you feel you could do this, you would be asked to be the prayer person for one Sunday a month. It is a small task, only takes a few minutes, and not onerous, but it is of huge importance. Speak to Shirley or any member of Church Council if you could be interested or wish to know more.

CHURCH DIRECTORY - There is a directory with address and contact details of our members and others who attend. If you don't have a copy, please ask for one. If you would like your contact details to be included, you need to fill out a form giving permission for them to be included. Phill Hart is in the process of updating the directory, so speak to him if you want to be included, or if you want a copy.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Items of interest from the January meeting:

- Extensions to the op shop are still being planned and work is proceeding with applying for DA etc
- No acceptable quotes have been received to replace or re-furbish the cork tiles in the hall, but some further contacts are being approached
- Membership for newcomers who wish to join our congregation will be arranged shortly
- The monthly communion service at Bayside Aged Care is again on hold, due to Covid restrictions
- It is hoped as many of the congregation as possible will stay for the Mission Plan workshop with Rev Jerry Duncan on Sunday 14 February and Saturday morning 20 February
- Booking Officer Owen Smythe reported that from February, the hall and Grevillea Room are heavily booked
- We will again support Lent Event during the period of Lent, ie 21 February- 4 April
- Bible Fellowship Group - Re-commences at 2 pm on Tuesday 9 February at Brodies' home on Mandalong, continuing with "Promises, Promises", an overview of the Old Testament. See Barbara or any member of the group if you would like to come or want to know more, or would like a lift.

Lectionary Readings for 7th February

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

RED DOVE CHOIR REHEARSALS

As mentioned in my last email on 1st January 2021, we will NOT be commencing rehearsals on Wednesday 3rd February. The covid restrictions are too difficult at the moment and I had hoped they would have lessened by the above date. In regard to everyone's safety we will just wait and see. I will start to arrange other video get-togethers again. Anne Hart, 0408333459.

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



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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