

What's on This Week?

Sunday 14th **Transfiguration of Jesus**
9.30am Worship
 Planning workshop follows Service

Wednesday 17th **Ash Wednesday**

Saturday 20th
9am - 12noon Planning Workshop

Sunday 21st **Lent 1**
9.30am Worship

For You to Note

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Planning meetings have been held to organise this combined ecumenical event in our church on Friday 5 March, commencing 10 am. The country chosen for 2021 is Vanuatu. Notices have been sent to other churches, with a request for a firm RSVP by Monday 1 March, so we can be sure the church is set up to be Covid safe. We also need numbers from our own members, so if you plan to attend, would you please write your name on the list in the foyer.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP - The annual general meeting has led to some changes in leadership. President Barbara Dufty, Treasurer Jan Miller, Funeral Catering Coordinator Hazel Rolfe, Cleaner liaison Jan Miller. Val Sloey's President report from 2020 showed that despite Covid, the group experienced meaningful fellowship and were able to continue with some of their regular activities.

REQUEST - Do you have an 8 cup coffee plunger sitting in your cupboard that you no longer need because you have upgraded to a new coffee machine? Please contact Helen Edgell. I need 3 maybe 4 coffee plungers.

WHERE TO NEXT? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD! - Our future is being discussed this Sunday and at a workshop next Saturday morning. We are developing a new mission plan and we want your input, so come along and be part of this event. Give your opinion and hear what others think. This Sunday 14th during the service and continuing after morning tea conducted by Rev Dr Jerry Duncan Next Saturday 20th workshop at the church from 9.00am to midday.

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP - We have put aside 1.5hrs on each of the Tuesdays in March to follow up from the start we made to the gardens and grounds at

the end of last year. We might do some weeding around the new plants, tidy up the Community Garden area and other small tasks. Start Tues 2nd at 8.30am till 10am. Anyone welcome. See Bob Starling

PREACHING ROSTER FEBRUARY/MARCH:

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

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.

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.

Lectionary Readings for 21st February

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

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.

Connect in Prayer

We pray for local churches in Western Australia who are responding to the needs of affected communities during the recent bushfires. Fill them with your compassion and wisdom, that they may be bearers of your hope and love. Pray that they will be upheld and not lose hope amidst the chaos.

Pray for students and teachers returning to places of learning. Especially we pray for first timers: Kindergarten students, Year 7 students, 1st Year university and college students.

SRE (Scripture in Schools)-pray for students, parents and caregivers, (that they will choose to enrol their children in SRE classes), principals and office staff that they will be supportive of SRE. Pray for volunteers who teach and connect with the students

Pray for us in our mission planning, today and again on the 20th February, that we will seek and find God's leading as we plan for the future of our church. Pray for Jerry as he leads our discussions and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to make bold plans as we step out in faith.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION - Pray for God and the Son to be Exalted and Glorified in His Church, in our nation and in our lives. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fall on us in a fresh way and in our nation resulting in a great spiritual awakening.

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 1230 14th February 2021

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 Jerry Duncan**

Service 9:30am Sunday

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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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