

For You to Note

RESUMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Our first service is planned for next Sunday 31st October, provided our area reaches 80% full vaccination by that date. The service is available simply for those who choose to attend. Even if you are fully vaccinated, we would encourage you to do what you feel is best for you (and your family) and only return to worship when you are ready.

There will be a special celebration service on Sunday 5 December when further restrictions are lifted. At that service, the congregation will be able to sing, and there will also be morning tea after the service.

The church building has been empty for over 3 months, something that has never happened before and will probably never happen again so we are keen for it to be a hive of activity once again.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the near future, Stay safe and God bless. Bob Starling (chairman) & Barbara Dufty (secretary)

SERVICES RESUMING FROM NEXT SUNDAY - 31ST OCTOBER

With our services resuming next Sunday 31st October, what are the COVID rules?

- Everyone is welcome, fully vaccinated or not.
- Seating will be 1.5m apart unless you live together.
- Church capacity at 4m² per person - which means we can have 50 attendees.
- Wearing of masks is still necessary.
- QR codes are still required
- Up to 10 vaccinated singers up the front, but no congregation singing yet.
- No morning tea at the moment.

CHRISTMAS WEBSITES

Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. The news is telling us that products in shops will be in short supply this year and that delivery of online orders will be delayed. Here are some ways that you can order goods and gifts from or donate to this Christmas. Please let me know if you know of any websites to contribute to the list.

- Uniting World - Ethical Gifts Catalogue - <https://everythingincommon.com.au>
- Frontier Services - <https://shop.frontierservices.org>
- Buy from the Bush - <https://www.buyfromthebush.com.au>
- Wayside Chapel - <https://shop.waysidechapel.org.au>
- World Wildlife Fund - <https://www.wwf.org.au/what-we-do/regenerate-australia>
- Tearfund Australia - Really Useful Gifts - <https://www.usefulgifts.org>

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ONLINE MAGAZINES:

- Insights - <https://www.insights.uca>
- Assembly Magazine - <https://uniting.church>
- Frontier Services - <https://frontierservices.org>

FRIENDSHIP MORNING / LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 2nd November is not only Melbourne Cup day, it is also a morning when everyone is invited to bring a folding chair to Pendlebury Park, Bonnells Bay, at 10 am, for conversation, morning tea, and sharing ideas for Christmas activities. Men are welcome to join in, and ladies are encouraged to wear a hat!

PREACHING PLAN & ROSTER

31ST OCTOBER:

Preacher - Pat Coster

7TH NOVEMBER:

Preacher - Ron Loom

Readers - Pat Coster & Gordon Robertson

Welcome / Table - Phil Kesterton & Sue Kesterton

Offering / Banking - Douglas Stewart & Max Plumb

Communion - Phil Hart & Barbara Dufty

14TH NOVEMBER:

Preacher - Barbara Dufty

Readers - Maurice Davies & Phyllis Lund

Welcome / Table - Val Sloey & Joe Sloey

Offering / Banking - Bob Starling & Morven Cumberworth

21ST NOVEMBER:

Preacher - Owen Smythe

Readers - Douglas Stewart & Helen Edgell

Welcome / Table - Douglas Stewart & Pam Stewart

Offering / Banking - Phil Kesterton & Derek Cumberworth

28TH NOVEMBER:

Preachers - Bruce & Helen Edgell

Readers - Val Sloey & Joe Sloey

Welcome / Table - Lesley M Robinson & Peter Robinson

Offering / Banking - Jan Miller & Margaret Arbon

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.

Lectionary Readings for 31st October

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Connect in Prayer

October 24

- Give thanks for the cautious opening up of our activities, and that we are again able to join in worship together.
- Thanks for the steady leadership in our state and our country, that have brought us through these difficult times with the greatest care for people's health and wellbeing.
- On 1st November, "All Saints Day", we think of those we have loved and lost, those who have gone before, and we again entrust them to God's loving care.

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"



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **ISSUE 1244 24th October 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.

Service 9:30am Sunday - Resuming 31st October
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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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