

For You to Note

OP SHOP - Closed throughout November, but when it opens 1st December from 8.30 am, it will be freshly re-stocked, with bargains galore!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

- The house on Kahibah Street (fronting our church) is coming up for sale and Church Council is considering purchase. This would be a major undertaking and a major financial commitment, but it was agreed it should be seriously considered.
- The National Church Life Survey which normally takes place at the same time as the Australian Census, has been deferred until February, due to Covid issues.
- Westpac Morisset is to close, and the Treasurer is making alternative arrangements to use the Post Office to make deposits.
- Over Advent and Christmas we will again support Christmas Bowl, and also support Uniting World "Everything in Common".
- Lake Mac Church has a rental agreement with us to use our building on Sunday afternoons for their worship services, and Friday afternoons and evening for youth group activities.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES:

- The November meeting took the form of a Friendship Morning in the park - a cuppa, beautiful weather, and fancy hats for Melbourne Cup Day!
- The Christmas meeting at 10 am on Tuesday 7th November will be an outing to Market Street Cafe at Wangi. This is open to anyone to come and join us, but please see Val as we have to book numbers.
- A Christmas dinner for all the congregation is being planned for December. More information when we have caterers organised.
- Forward plans include a "Pot Luck Welcome Lunch" after church on 30th January, and in 2022 a re-thinking of the name and purpose of Ladies Fellowship.

TORONTO UNITING CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET -

Come along 9AM-12noon on Sat 4th Dec to do your Christmas shopping at a variety of Stalls - Jams & Pickles, Arts and Crafts (with Christmas gifts), Books, Plants, Toys & large Trash & Treasure Stall where you are sure to find a bargain.

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 or donate to this Christmas. Let us 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>

RESUMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Sunday service has resumed 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.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the near future, Stay safe and God bless.

With our services resuming, 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.

PREACHING PLAN & ROSTER

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

Lectionary Readings for 14th November

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

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

7th November

-We rejoice that little Chloe Smith has been found alive and well, and we give thanks for all those who searched for her over these weeks and never gave up. At the same time, we think of parents whose children are missing, and we ask you to soothe their anxiety and ease their fears as they face grief and uncertainty.

- As we approach Remembrance Day on 11th Nov, we pray for all who are suffering from war, and for peace between nations and an end to violence and warfare.

- Schools have re-opened across the State. Be with the teachers and students as they pick up the threads of face-to-face lessons again.

14th November

- Remember the people of Afghanistan, who although these have dropped out of the news, are still suffering and trying to come to grips with the new world order imposed on them. We pray too for those who have had to flee and are trying to make a new life.

- Give thanks for the work of South Lakes Christian Education-Primary Schools will not be receiving SRE for the remainder of the year. Pray that this will not have an impact on student numbers for 2022. Pray for the SLCEA board as we plan for 2022-taking SRE to Wadalba (high school) and Cooranbong Primary School.

- Pray for those diagnosed with Covid-19 and still suffering the long-term effects, as the rest of the world moves on and they cannot.

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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