

What's on This Week?

Sunday 21st Christ the King (Reign of Christ)

9.30am Worship

Thursday 25th

10.30am Church Council

Sunday 28th Advent 1

9.30am Worship

For You to Note

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR NOMINATIONS

This position was created by Church Council about 18 months ago just as we were entering our first lockdown. Peter Robinson is the current Church Administrator and the role is for 12 months as with all other Church Council positions. The role is one of being the first person of contact from outside individuals, organisations and govt that require a response from us and it was created to help us fill some of the duties previously undertaken by the minister. Whether it is someone who phoned looking for an historic connection with our church, to responses to Government surveys and form filling in. Church members might contact the Administrator to list their name on the WWC, working with children, register or seek direction on planning a church wide activity.

If you are interested in this position see Bob Starling or Barb Dufty. Nominations will have to be in before our next Church Council meeting on Thursday 25th November.

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 Christmas meeting at 10 am on Tuesday 7th December 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.

With our services resuming, what are the COVID rules?

- Everyone is welcome, fully vaccinated or not.
- 1 person per 2m²
- Singing is allowed only by fully vaccinated congregants
- masks must still be worn while singing.
- Up to 10 singers up the front
- Morning tea is allowed as per what we were doing before the last lockdown.

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

PREACHING PLAN & ROSTER

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

5TH DECEMBER:

Preacher - Bruce Edgell
Readers - Parriss Mc Dougall & Lesley M Robinson
Welcome / Table - Shirley Strachan & Elaine Kingston
Offering / Banking - Winston James & Hazel Rolfe
Morning Tea - Val Sloey, Barbara Dufty
Communion - Phil Kesterton & Owen Smythe

Lectionary Readings for 28th November

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

12TH DECEMBER:

Preacher - Barbara Dufty
Readers - Phill Hart & Anne Hart
Welcome / Table - Helen Edgell & Evie Holland
Offering / Banking - Douglas Stewart & Max Plumb
Morning Tea - Pauline Wilding , Tina Davies

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

21st November

- Give thanks for agencies like Wayside Chapel and Exodus Foundation and other agencies that care for the homeless and those living on the streets. Currently 37,715 people are experiencing homeless in NSW.
- Give thanks for the "opening up" within NSW, as people can now go visiting, holidaying, go to school, sing in church. As we rejoice in these freedoms, we ask for wisdom and a sense of responsibility in all our citizens so that we can continue to live in safety.
- Pray for our Church Council and Planning Committee members as they plan for the remainder of the year and 2022. Pray also for the Holy Spirit's direction for the JNC when it meets to start the process of calling a spiritual leader for us.

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

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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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