

## What's on This Week?

### Sunday 5th

9.30am

### Advent 2

Worship

### Tuesday 7th

8.30am - 4.00pm

12noon

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Wangi Ladies Fellowship

### Wednesday 8th

8.30am - 4.00pm

12noon

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Rathmines Music Club Lunch

### Thursday 9th

9.30am - 2.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

### Sunday 12th

9.30am

### Advent 3

Worship

Christmas "Brunch"

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## For You to Note

**OP SHOP** - Opened this week Wednesday 1st December from 8.30 am with bargains galore!! They have a special on at the moment of leather shoes, brand new, at rock-bottom prices! Come along and support the work of this great enterprise, and bag some bargains at the same time.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MEETING

All are welcome to lunch at the Market Street Cafe (Wangi Workers Club) at 12 noon on Tuesday 7th December. It is suggested you meet at the church at 11.30 am to car pool, as parking is limited. PLEASE write your name on the list in the foyer, so we can book the appropriate number at the cafe.

### CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS PARTY / BRUNCH - SUNDAY 12TH DEC

Our Christmas party this year is rather different, due largely to Covid restrictions and other factors. It will take the form of a "brunch" after church. There will be a special morning tea, complete with pavlova and cheesecake and other goodies, Christmas carols, and some fun activities. THERE WILL BE NO COST. However, we do need to know numbers for catering purposes, so please write your name on the list in the foyer.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP** - Met last week for the first time since July, and have decided to meet one more time this year on 14th December, and then

fortnightly throughout January. Even if you are not interested in the book of Revelation (which will finish at the the end of term 1 2022), anyone is welcome to come along and listen to the discussion and share in the fellowship of the afternoon.

### CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS -

The AGM of Church Council was held at the last meeting, and most positions have remained the same, with Bob Starling re-elected Chairperson. It was pointed out that the positions will actually only run for 9 months, as the AGM normally takes place in August, but with the disruptions caused by Covid, it seems appropriate to carry on with the same office-bearers for the time being.

### COVID REGULATIONS

For this week and next week, sign in with QR code, masks still mandated, singing permitted wearing masks.

19th December we will be free to attend and sing without a mask but QR code sign in will still be necessary.

### *With our services resuming, what are the COVID rules?*

- Everyone is welcome, fully vaccinated or not.
- 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup>
- 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.

### PREACHING PLAN & ROSTER

#### 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

#### 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

#### 19TH DECEMBER:

Preacher - Ron Loom

Readers - Phil Kesterton & Sue Kesterton

Welcome / Table - Cathie Smythe & Owen Smythe

Offering / Banking - Bob Starling & Morven Cumberworth

Morning Tea - Cathie Smythe & Owen Smythe

## Lectionary Readings for 12th December

Zephaniah 3:14-20    Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7    Luke 3:7-18

### 26TH DECEMBER:

Preacher - Pat Coster  
Readers - Maurice Davies & Phyllis Lund  
Welcome / Table - Morven Cumberworth & Barbara Dufty  
Offering / Banking - Phil Kesterton & Derek Cumberworth  
Morning Tea - Margaret Arbon & Anne Kloet

**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

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

### 5th December

- Pray for our newly elected Church Council executive: Chairman: Bob Starling, Vice Chairman: Peter Robinson, Secretary: Barb Dufty, Treasurer: Parriss McDougall, Administrator: Peter Robinson, that they will serve God faithfully and prayerfully, seeking God's guidance for our church's future.  
- Be with all our members and others in the community as they find joy and fellowship in joining together in all the activities and outings of the season.  
- Scripture in Schools-while lessons have ceased for the year pray for the parents and caregivers of new Kindergarten and Year 7 students as they make choices about Special Religious Education for their children for 2022.

### 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.

Preacher    **Bruce & Helen Edgell**

Service    9:30am Sunday  
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**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**