

## **What's on This Week?**

<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>
9.30am	Worship Christmas "Brunch"
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	
8.30am - 4.00pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
2.00pm	Bible Fellowship
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	
8.30am - 4.00pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	
9.30am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
9.30am	Worship

## **For You to Note**

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

5.30 pm Christmas Eve 24 December - Owen Smythe  
8.30 am Christmas Day 25 December - Rev Joan Horgan  
9.30 am Boxing Day 26 December - Pat Coster

### **CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS PARTY / BRUNCH SUNDAY TODAY!**

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas "brunch" following today's service. There will be sandwiches and some yummy special treats (cheesecake, tiramisu, pavlova, and more) with some Christmas carols and fun activities. THERE WILL BE NO COST. If you have not written your name on our list in previous weeks, come along anyway as there will be plenty for all.

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP** - The Christmas lunch was held at Market Street Cafe, Wangi, with 15 attending including several men, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There will be no meetings over January, so the next time the group will meet will be the AGM on Tuesday 1st February, at which a new team will be elected and plans made for the year ahead.

**OP SHOP CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS** - Make sure you jump in quickly this week for your last-minute shopping at our op shop, as they will be closing for two weeks over Christmas. Last day will be this Thursday 16th December, and re-opening on Tuesday 11th January.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP** - The group will meet for the final 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 end of term 1 2022), anyone is welcome to come along and listen to the discussion and share in the fellowship of the afternoon. See Barbara for more info or if you would like transport.

**RED DOVE CHOIR LUNCH** - Thank you to Anne Hart for organising these very enjoyable outings each month while we have been unable to sing due to Covid. Last week's lunch at Rathmines was the biggest yet, with 19 in attendance. If the Covid rules continue to ease as planned, the choir will re-commence at 2 pm on 3rd February 2022. They are looking for new members so if you know of anyone who enjoys singing, let them know and invite them along.

### **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**

#### **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

#### **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

## **Lectionary Readings for 19th December**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

**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."*

### **12th December**

- Pray for the people of Frontier Services, as they recover from the bushfires and mouse plague and are now dealing with floods and loss of crops and stock.
- Give thanks for the workers in our op shop, and the service they provide to our church and our community. Be with them as they deal with issues of Covid-19 and prepare for the Christmas break.
- Give thanks for the relief centres which provide hampers for those in need. Open the hearts of those who have plenty, so that there will be generous support for those who are doing it tough.

### **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 1250      12th December 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	<b>Barbara Dufty</b>
Service	9:30am Sunday
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Op Shop	Ph: 0249 735967
Prayer Circle	Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact: Helen Edgell Ph: 49705359 or Mb: 0400 460770

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