

What's on This Week?

Sunday 26th Christmas 1

9.30am Worship

Sunday 2nd Christmas 2

9.30am Worship

For You to Note

NEWSLETTER - This will be the final newsletter until February, so please make sure you keep a copy to refer to the rosters and January activities.

OP SHOP CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS - The op shop has closed for the Christmas break and will re-open on Tuesday 11th January.

JANUARY CALENDAR:

Tuesday 4th January – 1 pm - Bible Fellowship Group (note starting time!)

Tuesday 11th January – Op Shop re-opens

Tuesday 18th January – 1 pm - Bible Fellowship Group

Sunday 23rd January – Special service for Frontier Services

Thursday 27th January - 10.30 am - Church Council

Sunday 30th January – Pot-luck lunch after church for Australia Day

Tuesday 1 February - 10.00 am - Ladies Fellowship - AGM, elections & planning

Wednesday 2 February - 2 pm - Red Dove Choir commences for the year

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP - The group will be meeting throughout January, even if numbers are low, as they wish to finish the current study that has been going on since June. In order to complete the booklet, the plan is as follows: Study booklet chapter: January 4 - Study 6 and 7; January 18 - Study 8; February 1 - Study 9. The group are trialling a new time of starting at 1 pm, but are looking at a change of time, and this will be considered further, at future meetings.

POT LUCK LUNCH - After church on 30th January.

Bring your lunch, and experience fellowship and some entertainment over morning tea. The theme will be Australia Day. There will be no cost but you will be asked to write your name on a list to give an idea of numbers for setting up.

THE RED DOVE CHOIR - We will be resuming rehearsals at 2pm Wed, 2nd February, 2022. Hopefully this will be without COVID restrictions. Please encourage new members, especially men, to come along and join us. Anne Mob. 0408333459.

COVID RULES FOR CHURCH SERVICES

- New rules apply as of 24th December and through to 27th January

- Masks need to be worn when inside.

- Record your attendance by using the QR code, or list your name and contact details. This is usually done by Parriss who sits at the table in the foyer.

USED STAMPS – On a cupboard in the foyer is a box where you are invited to leave your used stamps. Money raised is given to churches for worthwhile projects. When you tear stamps off your letters, it is important the stamp is not torn, and there is an edge of paper around it.

SYNOD STAMP COMMITTEE REPORT – Gross sales for this year \$13,720, and after seller's commission this will net \$11,800. These funds will be paid the first week of 2022, so a good start to the year. To date for this year, our sales total \$15,500. SALE HIGHLIGHTS: \$1.10 stamps, trimmed on paper: 3.5 kg sold for \$1700, ie \$500 per kilo, so 50c per stamp. Also \$1.00 stamps, trimmed on paper: 2.5 kg sold for \$1000, ie \$400 per kilo, so 40c per stamp.

GRANTS FROM STAMP COMMITTEE: Total allocated for approval: \$31,070.

PREACHING PLAN & ROSTER

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

2ND JANUARY:

Preacher - Joan Horgan

Readers - Barbara Dufty & Derek Cumberworth

Welcome / Table - Douglas Stewart & Pam Stewart

Offering / Banking - Joe Sloey & Maurice Davies

Morning Tea - Sue Kesterton & Helen Edgell

Communion - Winston James & Bob Starling

9TH JANUARY:

Preacher - Pat Coster

Readers - Winston James & Cathie Smythe

Welcome / Table - Val Sloey & Joe Sloey

Offering / Banking - Jan Miller & Margaret Arbon

Morning Tea - Cathie Smythe & Owen Smythe

16TH JANUARY:

Preacher - Ron Loom

Readers - Pat Coster & Gordon Robertson

Welcome / Table - Phil Kesterton & Sue Kesterton

Offering / Banking - Winston James & Hazel Rolfe

Morning Tea - Val Sloey & Joe Sloey

23RD JANUARY:

Preacher - Bruce Edgell

Readers - Val Sloey & Joe Sloey

Welcome / Table - Lesley M Robinson & Peter Robinson

Offering / Banking - Douglas Stewart & Max Plumb

Morning Tea - Margaret Arbon & Anne Kloet

Lectionary Readings for 2nd January

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

30TH JANUARY:

Preacher - Owen Smythe
Readers - Douglas Stewart & Helen Edgell
Welcome / Table - Shirley Strachan & Elaine Kingston
Offering / Banking - Bob Starling & Morven Cumberworth
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

"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."

- Pray for the work of Christmas Bowl and Uniting World as they provide a better life for people living in poverty. Thank God for the creative ways they have found for people to help in practical ways like buying goats, pigs, clean water, etc.
- As our church activities wind down for the year thank God for his providence in what has been a difficult time for many. May we look forward to the New Year with optimism and confidence, seeking God's guidance in our planning to serve him better here in Morisset.
- Pray for those who are travelling during the school holidays. Pray for patience and alertness for drivers and safety for all on the roads.

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 1252 26th 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.

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