

## What's on This Week?

### Sunday 20th

9.30am

### Lent 3

Worship

### Tuesday 22nd

9.00am - 2.30pm

10.00am

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Bible Fellowship

### Wednesday 23rd

9.00am - 2.30pm

2pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Red Dove Choir

### Thursday 24th

9.00am - 2.30pm

3.30pm

"The Branch" Op Shop is open

Church Council

### Sunday 27th

9.30am

### Lent 4

Worship

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## For You to Note

**CHURCH COUNCIL** - will meet this Thursday 24 March at the new time of 3.30 pm. If anyone intends to present a report, please make sure you send it by email prior to the meeting.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP** - This Tuesday 22 March at 10 am at the Brodies'. Nearing the end of Revelation, the study will focus on Chapters 19 and 20, and will cover BOTH chapters 12 and 13 in the study booklet.

**FELLOWSHIP GROUP (FORMERLY LADIES FELLOWSHIP)** - arranged a picnic day last Thursday, attended by 14 people, with lunch under the trees at Bonnells Bay, and sharing conversation and Irish jokes (St Patricks Day). Next activity will be a barbecue lunch in support of Frontier Services after church on 10th April, about which there will be further information next week.

### CALENDAR:

Tue 22 March - Bible Fellowship Group 10 am

Thur 24 March - Church Council 3.30 pm (note the new time)

Tue 5 April - Friendship Group 10 am

Sun 10 April - Palm Sunday - BBQ lunch for Frontier Services

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We held our first Congregation Meeting for over 12 months last Sunday. We agreed to keep the current office bearers for another 4 months when we will have our regular AGM. Minutes are displayed on the noticeboard.

### SENIORS EXPO

Bob moved that we organise and run a Seniors Expo later in the year. This supports our mission of providing activities for people in retirement. We need a group of people to help organise the event. If you are interested see Bob. We need people who can think logically and are prepared to make decisions. No physical activity involved.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP NOTES (FORMERLY LADIES FELLOWSHIP)

Two events were planned at the recent meeting:

- First is the Great Outback Barbecue on Palm Sunday 10 April, in support of Frontier Services, to which everyone is warmly invited.

- Secondly, it is hoped that we will be able to run our Biggest Morning Tea in support of the Cancer Council. Dates to be finalised but probably 9th or 16th June.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

A slight change in the meeting times to 3.30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be Thursday 24 March at 3.30 pm.

### EAST COAST FLOODING EMERGENCY APPEAL

Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Sharon Hollis has launched a national appeal to support people and communities impacted by the intense rainfall and devastating flooding across the East Coast. At present 19 chaplains have been deployed to 11 evacuation centres by the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (DRCN) of NSW and ACT and chaplains will continue to come alongside disaster-affected people in coming weeks. More information can be found at: <https://uniting.church/east-coast-flooding-emergency-appeal/>

Donations to the appeal can be made to the "National Disaster Relief Fund".

**Direct Deposit** details are: Bank Name: Westpac, BSB: 032 003, Ac No: 269941

**Cheque** - please make your cheque payable to "UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund" and post to: UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box A2266, Sydney South NSW 1235

Please include a reference (for example, your surname or congregation name)

If you require a receipt, please get in touch with us - email: [enquiries@nat.uca.org.au](mailto:enquiries@nat.uca.org.au) with subject: National Disaster Relief Fund

**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.

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### **Duties for 27th March - Lent 4**

Preacher	<i>Ron Loom</i>
Bible Reading	<i>Pat Coster &amp; Gordon Robertson</i>
Welcomers	<i>Morven Cumberworth &amp; Cathie Smythe</i>
Offering/Banking	<i>Winston James &amp; Hazel Rolfe</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Sue Kesterton &amp; Helen Edgell</i>

### **Lectionary Readings for 27th March**

*Joshua 5:9-12*  
*Psalm 32*  
*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*  
*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

### **Connect in Prayer**

- Pray for residents of aged care facilities who may be feeling more isolated than usual because of COVID restrictions.
- Pray for our nurses, particularly those in the aged care sector that the government will heed their pleas for improved conditions.
- Pray for SRE in schools, particularly Morisset High preparing for the Seminar Day that many of our local churches' members will be available to help with the tasks such as running games and discussion group leaders. Pray for Jessica McFadyen, the new Morisset High SRE teacher, as she plans and prepares for this day and as she works to establish good relationships with the students.

### **Submissions to the Newsletter**

Articles for the Weekly Newsletter should be submitted in writing by Wednesday.  
Email: [morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** **ISSUE 1260 20th March 2022**

*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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