

## What's on This Week?

**Sunday 14th**                      **Lent 4**  
9.30am                              Worship

**Saturday 20th**  
8.00am - 9.00am      Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday 21st**                      **Lent 5**  
9.30am                              Worship

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### For You to Note

**PRAYER BREAKFAST** - The next prayer breakfast will be on Saturday, 20 March beginning at 8am and concluding at 9am. Ron Loom is leading the prayer time. Val and Joe Sloey are the caterers. Thanks Ron, Val and Joe. All are welcome. Please add your name to the list on the foyer table.

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP** - social meeting on Tuesday 6th April, and we invite anyone from the congregation who is free, to come and join us. We will meet at Pendlebury Park, 11.30am, bring your own chair, and lunch, Hazel will have some delicious chocs to finish off with. We can sit under the shade of the trees. See you there. If weather is uncertain, ring Val 0438 506 077.

#### **EASTER SERVICES:**

Thursday 1 April 7 pm "Service of the Shadows"

Friday 2 April 9.30 am - Good Friday

Sunday 4 April 9.30 am - Easter Day

**MISSION PLAN WORKING GROUP** - A small team has begun to consider a mission plan based on the hopes and dreams from our recent sessions with Rev Jerry Duncan. This group will formulate a workable mission plan to put before the congregation for further consideration.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Thanks to everyone who contributed to the morning, those who participated, and those who attended. It was a very happy morning of friendship and fellowship, with 60 attending from eight different churches, and many comments on how much people had enjoyed the service and the way it was conducted. A report of our service, with photos (thanks Dianne!) is apparently going into the Synod newsletter of the Adult Fellowship.

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES**

- A service will be arranged for new and transferring members
- It was reported that the extended hours for the op shop are working well. (Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30-4.30, Thursday unchanged at 9.30-2.30)
- A student has been designated to receive the scholarship which the op shop awards, and representatives from the school have arranged a time to meet for this to be handed over
- A working group was established to work on our mission plan, convened by Barbara Dufty

#### **OP SHOP HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY**

Last Thursday we continued a long connection with the high school when we presented the bursary to the latest recipient, William Southwood. The op shop team conducted the event at the church and it was attended by the acting principal, the year 12 advisor and the school's Community Liaison Officer and William's mother. The year 12 recipient, Niela, was in Sydney playing in the state high school volleyball team and couldn't attend.

The principal thanked the church for its involvement in the school and presented us with a certificate of appreciation.

#### **CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION**

This work continues slowly. Most the gardens around the church have been mulched with the woodchips created by the removal of a tree near the Op shop. We are now working on a degenerated patch in front of the church next to the driveway. Weather permitting, we will be pruning and weeding there this Tuesday morning (16th) from 8.30am. Any helpers would be warmly welcomed.

#### **PREACHING ROSTER MARCH/APRIL:**

**March 14** Pat Coster

**March 21** Bruce Edgell

**March 28** (Palm Sunday) - Owen and Cathie Smythe

**April 2** (Good Friday) Joan Horgan

**April 4** (Easter Day) Bruce Edgell

**April 14** Barbara Dufty

**April 21** Ron Loom

**April 28** Jason Street

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** - There is a directory with address and contact details of our members and others who attend. If you don't have a copy, please ask for one. If you would like your contact details to be included, you need to fill out a form

### **Lectionary Readings for 21st March**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

giving permission for them to be included. Phill Hart is in the process of updating the directory, so speak to him if you want to be included, or if you want a copy.

**MASK UP** - We suggest the wearing of masks at church until told otherwise. Don't forget, stay safe. Practice social distancing and wash hands with soap and water or sanitizer regularly.  
We are a COVID Safe organisation with a COVID Safe plan.

**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**

As we move deeper into Lent, we pray for those preparing worship, that they may lead us to a new awareness of Jesus as we journey with him to the Cross.

21 March – International Down Syndrome Day. Be with all those with Down Syndrome, and for those caring for a Down Syndrome friend or family member, that they may feel valued and included, and able to live a full enriched life.

(27 March Earth Hour) – Pray for those working to make a more sustainable environment, and taking seriously our stewardship of the earth.

**PRAYER FOR THE NATION** - Pray for God and the Son to be Exalted and Glorified in His Church, in our nation and in our lives. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fall on us in a fresh way and in our nation resulting in a great spiritual awakening.

### **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 1232 14th March 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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