

## What's on This Week?

**Sunday 11th**     **Easter 2**  
9.30am          Worship

**Saturday 17th**  
8.00am          Prayer Breakfast  
9.30am          Pastoral Care meeting

**Sunday 18th**     **Easter 3**  
9.30am          Worship

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## For You to Note

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- With sadness we note the death of Joan Robertson, wife of Gordon, after a long illness. Her funeral will be conducted by Rev Joan Horgan at our church next Wednesday 14th at 11am. Our thoughts and prayers go to Gordon and all the family.

- We have been advised that Joy Farr will be moving to Sydney as soon as she is well enough to leave John Hunter hospital where she was admitted after her fall. We hope that at some stage, before she leaves or on a return trip, we will be able to say good bye.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST** - The April Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, 17th April at 8am in the church hall. Betty Small, our Pastoral Care Coordinator will be leading the prayer time; Owen and Cathie will be preparing the breakfast. All are welcome. Please add your name to the sign-on list.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM** - The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Team will be held at the church in the Grevillea Room on Saturday 17th April, 2021 at 9.30am (following the Prayer Breakfast). Please join us if you would like to know more about this important group.

*"To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect... You just have to CARE!"* (PTSD Group)

**THANK YOU** - Cathie Smythe wishes to thank the congregation for the beautiful plant and 'Get Well' card, kindly delivered to her by Sue and Phillip Kesterton, during her recent recovery from surgery.

**A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY** - The next Congregation Meeting is planned for Sunday, 16th May following the morning worship service. If you have any agenda items for that meeting please email or tell the Secretary, Cathie Smythe, by Sunday, 9th May.

**MISSION PLAN** - The working team have developed a draft mission plan which will be presented to the Church Council at its April meeting, and then brought to the congregation. This follows the sessions that were held with Rev Jerry Duncan in February, and builds on the ideas and hopes from the "tablecloths" (the lists on butcher's paper that were compiled by the table groups).

### MID-WEEK SERVICE -

#### A NEW INITIATIVE COMMENCING WEDNESDAY 5 MAY, FROM 11.00-12.30

There will be a short communion service 11.00-11.30, followed by refreshments. This will be an ideal opportunity for those who can't get to church at 9.30 on Sundays, or those who simply look forward to a brief worship service and time of fellowship. It will be held monthly. It is anticipated that the service will appeal to many people who have transport problems, so if you would be able to help with transport on 5 May, please speak to Joan Horgan.

**HOME COMMUNION** - Church Council approved communion being brought to people in their homes, so if you know of anyone who would appreciate having communion and can't get to church, speak to Joan Horgan.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** - The Bible Fellowship Group, which meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons, is going to hold a monthly lunch meeting, to which everyone is welcome. The first will be on Sunday 18 April, and will be held at Barbara Dufty's home, meeting 12.00-3.00 pm. Bring your own lunch. See Barbara if you would like to come.

### PREACHING ROSTER APRIL/MAY:

April 18 - Ron Loom

April 25 - Jason Street

May 2 - Joan Horgan

May 9 - Ron Loom (Mothers Day)

May 16 - Cathie Smythe

May 23 - Pat Coster

May 30 - Bruce Edgell (Membership service for new and transferring members)

### 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.

### **Lectionary Readings for 18th April**

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**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**

Pray for our neighbours in Papua-New Guinea who are struggling with the Covid crisis which is devastating their people and their overloaded health system. Pray for generosity from other countries including Australia, and for wisdom that their leaders will make good decisions.

Ask God to bring peace and harmony to families where holidays bring stress and anger, and ask for healing in fractured family relationships.

Give thanks for all those who are so willing to participate in the life and witness of our congregation as we continue without a minister, and ask God for continued strength and guidance for our leaders.

**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](mailto:morissetnews@hunter.uca.org.au)



## **MORISSET UNITING CHURCH**

**"THE CHURCH IN THE TREES"**



### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** **ISSUE 1234 11th April 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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Prayer Circle Prayer support for all needs for both congregation and beyond. Contact Rev Joan Horgan 49736135

**"Growing in the Spirit, reaching out in love"**