What's on This Week?

Sunday 27th	Transfiguration of Jesus
9.30am	Worship
Tuesday 1st 9.00am - 2.30pm 10.00am	"The Branch" Op Shop is open Friendship Group
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday
9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
2pm	Red Dove Choir
Thursday 3rd 9.00am - 2.30pm	"The Branch" Op Shop is open
Sunday 6th	Lent 1
9.30am	Worship

For You to Note

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - This Friday 4 March, 10 am at the Baptist church. This year, the focus country is England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. We always have a strong contingent from our church, and we appreciate this time of gathering with our brothers and sisters of other churches in the area.

MORNING TEA after church as from today.

It was planned to start from next week, but restrictions have eased further.

MARCH CALENDAR:

Tues 1st - Friendship Group Wed 2nd - Red Dove Choir resumes Fri 4th - World Day of Prayer Tues 8th - Bible Fellowship Sun 13th - Congregational Meeting Sat 19th - Prayer Breakfast and Pastoral Care Tues 22nd - Bible Fellowship Thur 24th - Church Council 2 pm

FRIENDSHIP GROUP (FORMERLY LADIES FELLOWSHIP)

meets this Tuesday at the church at 10 am. There will be plans for the Great Outback Barbecue in support of Frontier Services in April. Also, in keeping with the World Day of Prayer service on Friday with the focus country of England, Wales and N Ireland, members will be asked to share stories of their experiences of those countries. The Friendship Group welcomes men as well as women.

THE JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE (JNC)

The Joint Nominating Committee has met twice to put together the document we need to prepare as a step towards seeking a new minister. The meetings considered important questions such as, what is there about our congregation that would be exciting or interesting for someone who is looking for a parish, and a thoughtful discussion on what specifically would we be wanting our minister to do for us.

RED DOVE CHOIR REHEARSALS

As singing is not allowed at the moment, we will now commence rehearsals on Wednesday 2nd March, 2pm, subject to Covid restrictions at that time. It is hoped that masks will no longer be necessary after the end of February and social distancing, hopefully, should also be abolished. So many people have said that they need to be close to someone singing the same part when it comes to harmonising. Anne Hart, 0408 333 459.

SLCEA DONATIONS

The first week of every month we have a retiring offering for SLCEA which is the combined churches Scripture teaching in both the primary schools and high school. We are introducing two new ways to make that donation, for all those who are happy to use on line banking. You can donate through our church bank account. It is the same as that used for direct debits for offerings:

Name: Morisset Uniting Church BSB: 032-524 Account: 12-1985 Reference: SLCEA or you can donate directly to SLEAC. Their details are: Name: South Lakes Christian Education Association BSB: 062 832 Account: 1033 7050

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.

Duties for 6th March - Lent 1

Preacher Bible Reading Welcomers Offering/Banking Morning Tea Communion Servers

Bruce Edgell Maurice Davies & Phyllis Lund Helen Edgell & Joan Harley Douglas Stewart & Max Plumb Cathie Smythe & Owen Smythe Peter Robinson & Joan Horgan

Lectionary Readings for 6th March

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Connect in Prayer

- Give thanks for the various ministries of the Uniting Church of Australia as they work with people in need throughout our country. In particular pray for Uniting Care Australia, which is the national body for the community services network and includes more than 400 agencies, institutions, and parish missions throughout Australia, 1600 sites, 50,000 staff, 30,000 volunteers supporting 1.4 million people. Areas of service include aged care, children, youth and family, disability, employment, emergency relief, drug and alcohol, youth homelessness and suicide.

- Pray regularly for the leaders of our church, in our local congregation as we continue without a minister, and in our Synod as they give leadership and guidance to us all.

- Pray for those living with dementia, and with their families who witness slow deterioration and experience the grief of gradual loss.

Submissions to the Newsletter

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



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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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