



SINGLETON - BRANXTON

May 2026 Newsletter

UNITING CHURCH



Committed to Christ and Community

Every Sunday at:

9am Singleton Traditional Service

10:30 2nd & 4th Sunday Singleton Cafe Service

5:30pm Branxton All-Age Service



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LECTIONARY

READINGS

May 3 2026 Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5,15-16 1 Pt 2:2-10
Jn 14:1-14

May 10 2026 Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31 Ps 66:8-20 1 Pt 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21

May 17 2026 Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Jn 17:1-11

May 24 2026 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30 Ps 104:24-34, 35b 1 Cor 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39

May 31 2026 Trinity Sunday

Gn 1:1-2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20



MESSY CHURCH BRANXTON



At Messy Church Branxton, it's not just the children who have fun! Pictured below are some of our grown-ups enjoying some Lego and painting.

The story was Palm Sunday, so we dressed up and had Jesus riding into town on a donkey, with palm leaves waving (see cover photo). One of the other highlights was making donkey poo out of brown fondant. They then had a great discussion about all sorts of animal poo, making them too. They then got to eat the poo!

The weather was lovely so we went outside and enjoyed an old fashioned egg and spoon race.



WOMEN'S SHED BRANXTON



The ladies have finally finished our large group project just in time to use it at our local ANZAC Day march. The banner is made out of lots of different squares made by lots of different women. It was then sewn together, quilted and made into this beautiful banner.

Recently we crocheted 100 purple poppies that were sent to Pozierres in France and we now have now close to 100 red poppies that have been donated to our local RSL branch. May 1, 2 and 3 will see us at the Tocal Field Days running a stall.



BAPTISM



On Sunday 19th April, we rejoiced as Samuela Tyler was welcomed into the faith through the sacrament of Baptism. What a beautiful moment for Sili, Jenny, the family and our community.

We thank all who gathered to witness and celebrate this special day. Please continue to hold Samuela and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they begin this journey together.



WHAT'S ON FOR MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Sunday serv Singleton Communion 9:00am	4	5 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am Prayer Meeting	6	7 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	8 Crafty Corner 9:30-1pm Mother's Day prep 1pm	9 Mother's Day Market Singleton
10 Sunday serv Branxton Communion 5.30pm	11	12 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am Prayer Meeting Adult F. 1:30pm	13	14 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	15	16
17	18 Fellowship lunch 12pm Club Singleton	19 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am Prayer Meeting	20 Church Council 10am	21 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	22 Crafty Corner 9:30-1pm	23
24	25	26 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am Prayer Meeting	27	28 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	29	30

BRANXTON U. C.

We would like to thank Rev Maz for being able to come to Branxton and provide a Holy Communion service for us. We really appreciate your time and fellowship.



Our main stained-glass window has now been repaired after it was damaged in a storm in October last year. It's looking clean and bright. Let's hope it lasts another 109 years.

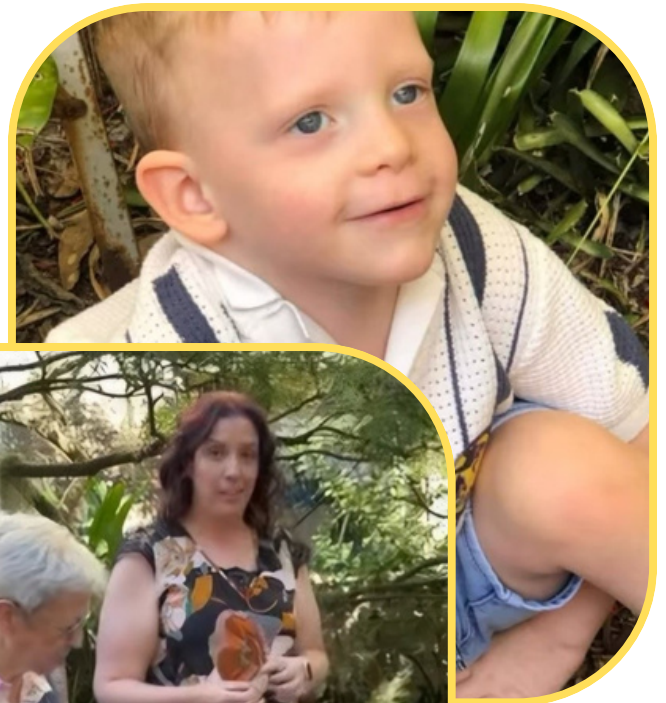
Good Friday saw us trying something different. We had prayer stations set up where we could take our time to read some scripture, read a reflection and write or say a prayer.



LINDA'S GREAT-GRANDSON WALTER

FINALLY COMPLETES HIS CHEMOTHERAPY

It was an exciting day for Linda and her family as they drove down to John Hunter Hospital on Friday to celebrate the end of little Walter's Chemotherapy after 12 long months of treatment. This has been a difficult year for them as they dealt with the ups and downs of watching their little boy go through such uncertain times while many of the family were always on-call to take last-minute drives down to John Hunter, supporting each other as families do. His Mum Adrienne said "Every step, every tear, every brave smile led to this moment – and we couldn't be prouder. While our journey is not yet finished, today we celebrate healing, strength and brighter days ahead". The family would like to say 'thank-you' to everyone who remembered their little champion in their prayers – they have been truly blessed with Walter's healing to date.



A WEDDING AT ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH

Last Saturday, our beautiful Singleton Church was the venue for a wedding. The young couple had invited 150 guests to celebrate this important occasion with them – it was held in our Church which had special memories for their family from years gone by. There had recently been a working bee held so that the Church looked its very best and the family really appreciated all that was done to make their day such a memorable occasion. It was a lovely touch to see a big bowl of fresh flowers placed at the entrance. Thanks to Susanne for taking these beautiful photos of this day.



OUR FINAL GOOD-BYE TO THE OLD SILKY OAK TREE

On Friday 10th April, some members gathered at the Church to watch the dropping of the tree in the hall grounds. It was a full day's work for the hard working men who carried out the task, which had been a carefully planned process, with limbs gradually being cut off and quickly shredded and blown into the truck which was there for that purpose, larger branches were trimmed of foliage and stacked nearby. It was very interesting to see how the team of men worked safely as they gradually went about the job. The audience moved closer once the main tree trunk fell to the ground with a resounding crash, splitting in two as it hit the earth. Once the tree was felled, it was obvious to see that the trunk was completely hollowed out and daylight could be seen from the bottom to the top and it was proven beyond doubt that it had been a safety hazard and better off gone. We are hoping that some grass will quickly grow over the area of dry dirt before our Mother's Day Markets take place on Saturday 8th May. Some photos on the next page:



PLEASE JOIN US TO

Shine a light

ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

People from all walks of life across the country will come together and light a candle in honour of those who have lost their lives, and those who have survived, domestic and family violence.

Help us shine the light.

1 in 4

Australian women

have experienced domestic violence, from an intimate partner, since the age of 15.

**15 women
have been killed**

due to domestic or family violence this year.

**MORE THAN ONE
PER WEEK.**

(at 5th April).

DV

leading cause

of homelessness, for women, with a growing trend of women over 55.

**Wednesday
6th May 2026**

from 5:30pm

**St Andrews Uniting
Church, Singleton**

2 Church Street,
Singleton

Organised by:



Candles will be available at the event. Accepting donations on the night of non-perishable food items for survivors of domestic violence and homelessness.

For further information contact: Di McDonald 0412 299 294

Mother's Day MARKETS

Saturday 9th May at Singleton Uniting Church Hall,
from 9.00am – 1.00pm.

A variety of goods will be available, including
cakes, plants and craft items.



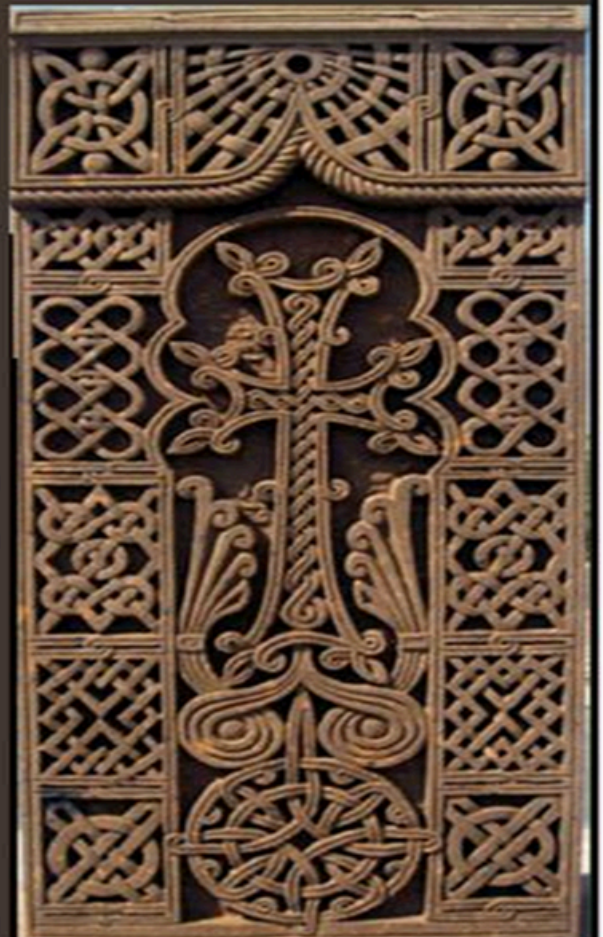
Funds raised by Singleton Lioness are used
in the community.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

17 – 24 May 2026

*“There is one body
and one Spirit, just
as you were called
to the one hope of
your calling”*

(Ephesians 4:4)



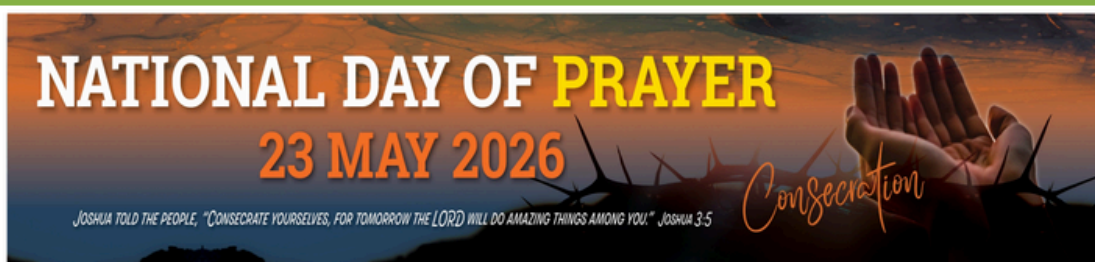
A khachkar (literally cross-stone) Source of image: massispost.com

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING - SATURDAY 23RD MAY

The theme for 2026 is “National Consecration” (returning hearts to God and seeking Him); prayers for renewal and revival.

Purpose: To pray for renewal in the Church, revival in Australia, and the moving of the gospel. To mobilize the body of Christ in Australia to pray, fast and intercede for the will and glory of God the Father.

The theme for 2026 is based on Joshua 3:5: “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you”
Over 90 churches have registered for this event Australia wide. A working party made up of representatives from each church will plan the day, which will be similar in format to the Prayer & Praise Service held at All Saints in January. Working Party time to be circulated for interested persons to attend.



Venue: Singleton Uniting Church Two Sessions

“Soaking in the Presence & Personal Renewal”

10 a.m. - 12 noon - followed by communal lunch

“Consecration - Praise & Worship - Prayers for Singleton”

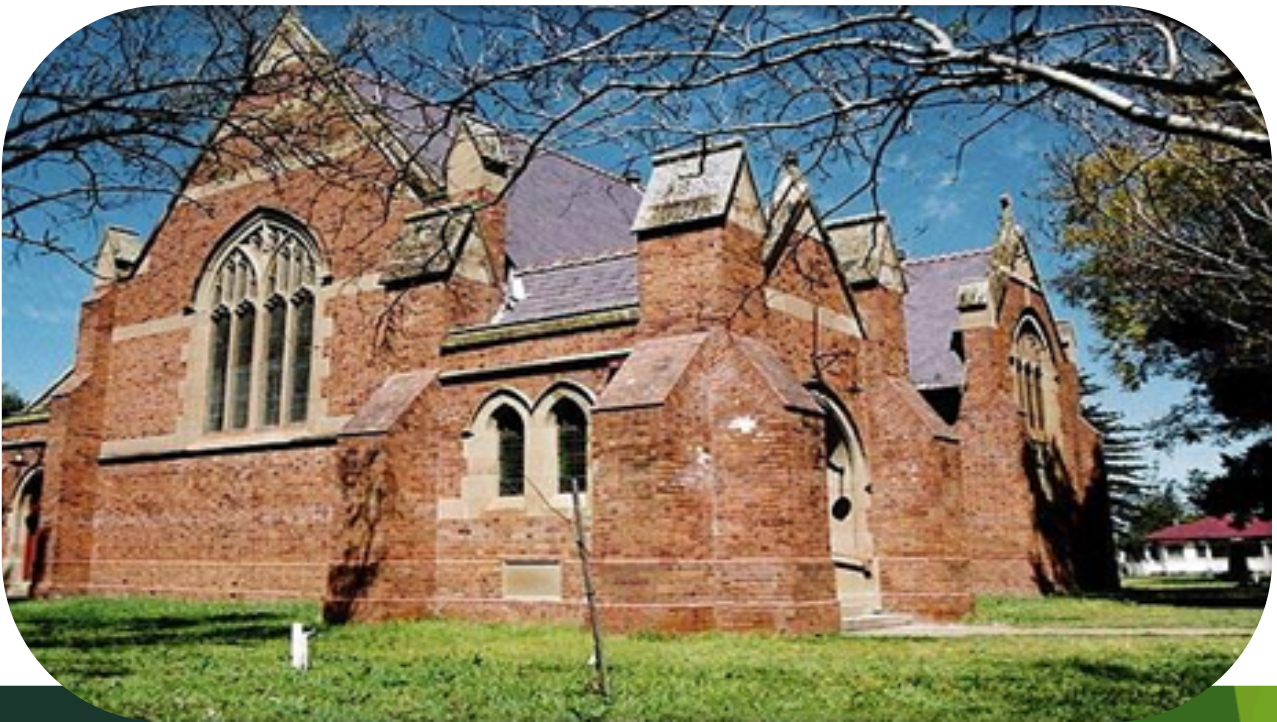
2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Followed by Afternoon Tea & a time of fellowship



AUSTRALIA PRAYS

120 YEAR CELEBRATION OF OUR SINGLETON CHURCH SUNDAY 7TH JUNE, 2026 9 AM



120 Years

Singleton Uniting Church

Celebration Service

Sunday 7th June 2026 • 9:00 a.m.

THEME: "LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD"

Planning Meeting today over Morning Tea – bring your inspiration & ideas

May 24th @ 5pm
Pentecost



NEWLETTER ARTICLES DEADLINES:

Mon 25 May


Mon 22 June


Mon 27 July


Articles need to be sent to Claudia (office email) by 11am on the above dates

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