

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



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The Church is alive!**

### NEWS OCTOBER 25, 2020

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#### SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

**Praying Together** Alexandra

**Readings** Ex 34.1-12 Ps 90.1-6,13-17 1 Thess 2.1-8 Mt 22.34-46

**Worship** Joan McRae **Duty Elder** Jen Shields

The service will be live on Zoom, or by phone, 9.30am See details opposite or use the website (above) to view the service.

#### READINGS - NOVEMBER

Nov 1 All Saints Rev 7.9-17 Ps 34.1-10,22 1 Jn 3.1-3 Mt 5.1-12

Nov 1 Pent 22 Josh 3.7-17 Ps 107.1-7, 31-37 1 Thess 2.9-13  
Matt 23.1-12

Nov 8 Job 24.1-3a, 14-25, Ps 78.1-7 1 Thess 4.13-18 Mt 25.1-13

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters of the region, the Bangerang People of the Yorta Yorta Nations, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

## SHEPPARTON WORSHIP ONLINE

### Joining in to Zoom via the phone

*Step 1:* To join the meeting via a Phone call please dial one of the five following phone numbers: The 03 number is for Victoria so is likely to be a cheaper call than one of the interstate numbers.

03 7018 2005

02 8015 6011

07 3185 3730

08 7150 1149

08 6119 3900

*Step 2:* when prompted enter the meeting code on the Zoom invitation.

The Meeting Code for October 25 is 954 6917 4279#

*Step 3:* you will asked if you are the meeting host or a participant

Don't worry about this question, just press #

*Step 4:* when prompted enter the passcode on the Zoom invitation, which will also change each week.

The Passcode for October 25 is 582 499#

### FAITH-SHARING BY ZOOM

If you'd like to be part of a faith-sharing group, please contact Joan Fisher, or Shirley Marven, so another time can be arranged.

### PASTORAL PRAYERS

This week, give thanks for the negative results of those caught up in the Covid-19 testing. Remember those recovering from surgery, those in hospital, your pastoral care group members. The Assembly invites our prayers for all children caught up in abuse, and for the Redress Scheme. As well as praying for congregations within the Presbytery - Alexandra this week - you are invited to pray for Canada and the USA in the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle. Plenty to pray for there!

### OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE

*Waranga Cluster 10.00 am* Check [warangaunitingchurches.net.au](http://warangaunitingchurches.net.au)  
*Brunswick Uniting Church* [brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au.worship-with-us/](http://brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au.worship-with-us/)  
*Mt Eliza Uniting Church* [mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au](http://mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au) 10.00am or recorded  
*Bairnsdale Uniting Church* *Worship@Home27th September* a couple of days before the Sunday. Remember to adjust the date.

**ADVENT STUDIES**     *Hammer on Anvil*  
**Shepparton Congregation in conjunction with the Presbytery of North East Victoria** The Presbytery is offering Advent Studies by Zoom. There will be an introduction to the studies and a trial for Presbytery on Wednesday November 4 at 3.00pm, repeated Thursday November 5 at 7.00pm. RSVP to Loni - lonivaitohi@gmail.com

*'Advent is more the sound of hammer on anvil than carols and bells'*



### **CHRISTMAS CHEER APPEAL**

Once again it is nearing the time when we collect items for the Christmas Cheer Appeal. Items such as groceries, toiletries, toys and Christmas cheer are well received.

Items and donations may be delivered to Val and Trevor or Brian and

If you are donating items or cash, we would appreciate receiving them by the end of November. With many thanks, in anticipation of your help, *Lois Hardy and Val Gibbs*

### **THE UPPER ROOM DAILY READINGS 2021**

Those wishing to order *The Upper Room* for 2021 are asked to have their orders and money to Jeni Fitzgerald by Sunday, November 15. \$46.50 for the year Jeni [jjplf@inet.net.au](mailto:jjplf@inet.net.au) 0419 240 955

**GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**  
Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter is looking for a Project Co-ordinator for 2021. This person will need to oversee the smooth running of a programme that provides mobile crisis accommodation involving a number of church venues across the months of June, July and August. If you are interested in this role and would like more information then please visit our website for more details at <https://gswnshelter.wixsite.com/mysite>



### **OLIVE HARVEST IN PALESTINE 2020**

In this beautiful land where Jesus' ministry took place, olive trees can live and produce fruit for hundreds of years.

We've been invited to pray for this year's olive harvest in Palestine's Occupied Territories. This is why *our prayers are needed*: Covid-19 has prevented the entrance of internationals to Israel-Palestine since March 2020. Ecumenical Accompaniers would usually be there now, providing protective presence and documenting any incidents.

The U.N. Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs reports that from 1 Jan. 2020 – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020, there were *547 incidents* of attack or trespass against Palestinians by illegal Israeli settlers in the West Bank. This included *5650 olive trees* being vandalised. Members of the Israeli military who are witness to such events protect settlers, not Palestinian farmers on their own land. And sadly, Israeli authorities fail to properly investigate such offences : 90% of investigations are dropped without indictments. Please pray for a just resolution. *Joan Fisher*