

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



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### NEWS NOVEMBER 1, 2020

#### MINISTERS

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#### SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

**Praying Together** Broadford [5.1-12

**Readings** All Saints Rev 7.9-17 Ps 34.1-10, 22 1 Jn 3.1-3 Mt

**Worship** Loni Vaitohi **Duty Elder** Jeni Fitzgerald

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

Nov 15 Judg 4.1-7 Ps 123 1 Thess 5. 1-11 Matt 25. 14-30

Nov 22 Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24 Ps 100 Eph 1.15-23 Matt 25.31-46

*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.*

#### A SPECIAL WELCOME

to the Revd Glenys Gill, Supply Minister, November to January - see Church Council report.

#### 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 November 1 is 994 1833 5724#

**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 November 1 is 687 963#

#### 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 by Tuesday 3 and you will be sent the Zoom link. Remember to indicate which session you will join.

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

This week, give thanks for the negative results of those caught up in the Covid-19 testing and for easing of restrictions. Remember those who are ill. Continue to pray for the olive harvest in Palestine - the World Council of Churches is featuring this in 2020. The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week invites prayers for Oceania - Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, French Polynesia and the other islands.

## **REPORT OF THE OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Church Council met on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020, yet again by Zoom.

Church Council was delighted to approve the recommendation that the Rev Glenys Gill be invited to provide Supply Ministry in the Shepparton Congregation, initially from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2020 until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2021, for 2 days each week. Glenys will provide pastoral care and will lead worship on one Sunday each month.

Rev Loni Vaitohi will take leave from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2020 and from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. Loni expressed his sincere thanks to Rev Joan Fisher for her support and collegiality over the last few months and also thanked the IT team and others involved in the weekly streaming of our worship services.

The Presbytery of North East Victoria, in partnership with Pilgrim Theological College, have been exploring ways in which congregations within the Presbytery might host Theological students for a field placement during this time of Covid with its regulations around movement and gathering. The Church Council agreed that an Expression of Interest be submitted for the Shepparton Congregation to host a student for a field placement. We will be notified during November if we will be hosting a student.

Reports were received from the Property Maintenance Committee and the Presbytery Property, Finance and Administration Committee regarding the Loddon Court Manse and the amount of work required to bring it up to the standard required by Synod. Further discussion will take place and a recommendation will be presented in due course.

A letter was received from the RSL inviting the Congregation to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day. Due to the Covid restrictions the Service will not be attended by the general public so the Wreath will be laid by an RSL Committee member on our behalf. Jeni Fitzgerald will organise the wreath.

The Uniting team are very happy in the front meeting room. They are advertising their presence with tear drop signs and a new, fixed sign will be erected shortly. Due to the Covid restrictions there are only two staff members present at any one time.

Valuations of the Maude Street Property have been carried out as approved at the September CC meeting. The reports are yet to be received.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO A SPECIAL SAINT!**

Jan Le Quesne will celebrate eighty All Saints' Days on November 1! The congratulations and loving prayers of the Congregation and Friendship Group will follow you, Jan.

## **WARM THANKS - CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKS**

Thank you to all who did the Early Word Worship Packs last Sunday. I'm sorry we couldn't see your work during the service. 15 were distributed. J

## **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@Home27thSeptember](mailto:Worship@Home27thSeptember) a couple of days before the Sunday. Remember to adjust the date.

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

A reminder that orders for *The Upper Room* for 2021 must be Jeni Fitzgerald by Sunday, November 15. \$46.50 for the year  
[jjplf@iinet.net.au](mailto:jjplf@iinet.net.au) 0419 240 955

## **ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS, ALLHALLOWSTIDE**

From early times, the Church honoured those who had been martyred for their faith. A feast day for All Martyrs and All Saints developed when there were more than 365 of each! The date was moved but has been on November 1 since 835. Allhallowstide included All Hallows' Eve, All Saints (hallows) and All Souls. Originally, and still in some places, services were held on All Hallows, including the lighting of candles on graves. The division between the Saints and other faithful departed (Souls) who were honoured on November 2, is not usually kept in Protestant churches who remember all faithful departed, including Saints on November 1. And the evening of October 31 is now remembered differently! This year, without our Memorial Service, you might like to light a candle for your loved ones now part of the Communion of Saints gathered before God's throne. J