

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



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The Church is alive!**

NEWS NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 Reign of Christ Sunday

Praying Together Numurkah, Nathalia, Picola

Readings Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24 Ps 100 Eph 1.15-23 Mt 25.31-46

Worship Loni Vaitohi Duty Elder Lea Watts

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 29 *Advent Sunday* Is 64.1-9 Ps 80.1-7,17-19 1Cor 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-37

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

MINISTER'S LEAVE

Loni will be on leave with his family from *November 23 to 30*.

Should you require a minister during that time, Glenys Gill and Joan Fisher will be available.

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 the interstate number.

03 7018 2005

02 8015 6011

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

The Meeting Code for November 22 is 997 8666 3827#

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 22 is 754 194#

PASTORAL PRAYERS

Rejoice with all those who are reunited with family members from Melbourne! Remember those who have undergone surgery and those waiting for surgery, those who are ill or convalescing, and those restored to good health. Specially remember those who are beginning a new programme of medical care. Pray for those in respite and those who have returned home. Remember the family of Gloria Threlfall, who died last week. 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 Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore. In the Presbytery, this week we pray for Numurkah, Nathalia and Picola. The Assembly invites our prayers for Thursdays in Black, a worldwide movement under the auspices of the World Council of Churches working for a world without rape and gender-based violence. We begin our prayers through the Christmas Bowl.

OFFERING ENVELOPES December 2020- November 2021

Have you contacted Zane yet for your new envelopes? He is happy to deliver them to people wishing to use the envelopes for their offerings. at Zane sends heartfelt thanks to all who continue their offerings by direct giving, EFT or delivery to his home.

Phone contact us to arrange for your envelopes.

CHRISTMAS CHEER APPEAL

Warm thanks for all the gifts already received. You still have a week to make your gifts for this appeal, as either money or goods. Gifts will be gladly received by Val, and Lois, Unit 15, Kialla Gardens, 5821 9695.

ADVENT begins Sunday November 29

Advent is the first season in the Church's year

Worship with us each Sunday!

Join the Advent Studies - times available shortly

Follow the Christmas Bowl suggestions each Sunday

Prepare to make your gift to the Christmas Bowl - the envelopes are here; directions for obtaining them shortly

If you would like to see all the other Christmas Bowl material, google *Christmas Bowl* and enjoy the videos, stories, activities, including things for children, and suggestions for prayer. Here is the first:



The poster features a photograph of people gathered around a table, likely participating in the Christmas Bowl. The text on the poster reads: "Christ the King Sunday", "The Christmas Bowl of Remembrance", "Today is the first Sunday of the Christmas Bowl. You are joining with thousands of churches from different denominations, coming together to help our brothers and sisters in need. Since 1949 we have been responding to the greatest need of our time, from providing emergency relief to refugees after World War II, to delivering food, medical care and lifesaving support to families through the pandemic. Please give today." At the bottom, it provides contact information: "CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl".



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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Each hamper includes:

- 1 fruit cake
- 2 varieties of biscuits
- 2 sweet treats
- 2 preserves

All goods hand made by church members ~ Cost: \$50 each
(Limited number of hampers available)

Order

Either direct to Valda Dickins

Mobile: 0417 129 934

Payment must be made at time of order

Collection: Wednesday 16 December, St Andrew's Hall, Dookie
from 1pm-3pm unless otherwise arranged