

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

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NEWS NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 Advent Sunday

Praying Together St Stephen's Wodonga Uniting GNE

Readings Is 64.1-9 Ps 80.1-7,17-19 1Cor 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37

Worship Revd Joan Fisher Duty Elder Shirley Marven

The service will be live on Zoom, or by phone, 9.30am

READINGS - DECEMBER

Dec 6 Is 40.1-11 Ps 85.1-2,8-13 2Pet 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-18

Dec 13 Is 61.1-4,8-11 Ps 126 1Thess 5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28

Dec 20 2Sam 7.1-11,16 Lk 1.46b-55 Rom 16.25-27 Luke 26-38

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.

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 29 is 940 0311 6306#

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 29 is 037 033#

ADVENT STUDIES *Hammer on Anvil* Starting next week!

This year we are sharing in the Advent Studies the Presbytery is holding online - and at the church. *Hammer on Anvil* has been written and will be led by the Revd Gereldine Leonard.

Why are the studies called *Hammer on Anvil*? 'Advent is more the sound of hammer on anvil than carols and bells.'

You can join the online sessions or you can come to the church where the Revd Loni Vaitohi will host a group, using the online materials. All sessions will include time for you to share in discussion. Everyone is very welcome! The links will be sent with the online NEWS.

Session times: Tuesdays December 1, 8, 15, 22 at 3.00pm

Wednesdays December 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7.00pm



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 Robin Squire who died Tuesday November 24 and for the family of Frances Langdon (Katandra West).. Continue to pray for the olive harvest in Palestine. The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week invites prayers for Myanmar and Thailand. In the Presbytery, this week we pray for St Stephen's Wodonga and Uniting GNE.

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. Wednesday November 25 was the day for working for the Elimination of Violence Towards Women and began a special focus on Thursdays in Black. It concludes on December 12, Human Rights Day. We continue our prayers through the Christmas Bowl.

ADVENT SUNDAY November 29, 2020



OFFERING ENVELOPES December 2020- November 2021

Have you contacted Zane yet for your new envelopes? He is happy to deliver them to you. Remember: next Sunday is December! Phone or text Zane: 0409 438 741 to arrange for your envelopes

NEWS FROM THE OP SHOP

1. Roster for 2021

Jenny Goonan is busy organising the Op Shop roster for 2021. If you would like to be an Op Shop volunteer next year, could you please contact Jenny Goonan via our email sheppartonunitingchurch@gmail.com and we will pass on your details

2. Thank You for Volunteers

We are planning a "Thank You" for all the Op Shop volunteers at Yackatoot Gardens at Coomboona on the 11th of December at 10:00. Tea/coffee and scones will be available for \$10.00 per person. If you would like to come could you write your name on the list at the Op Shop or contact Geoff and Val via our email sheppartonunitingchurch@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CHEER APPEAL

Warm thanks for the many gifts already received. Monday 30 is the final day to receive gifts. Please see Val, and Lois. Contact our email sheppartonunitingchurch@gmail.com