

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



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The Church is alive!**

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

Praying Together Shepparton Uniting GNE [Mt 25.1-13

Readings Josh 24.1-3a, 14-25, Ps 78.1-7 1 Thess 4.13-18

Worship Loni Vaitohi Duty Elder Jan Le Quesne

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 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

Nov 29 Adv 1 Is 64.1-9 Ps 80.1-7,17-19 1C or 1.3-9 Mk 13.24-37

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 November 8 is 958 2328 4495#

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 357 784#

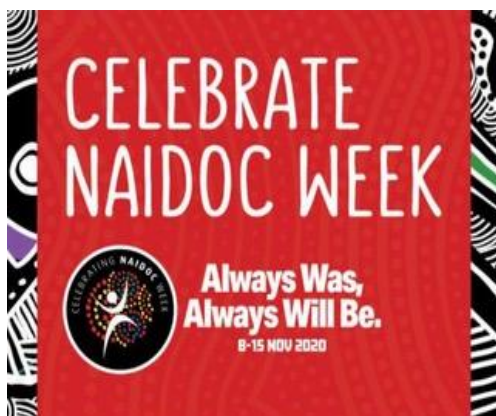
ADVENT STUDIES *Hammer on Anvil*

At the Wednesday November 4 'trial' session over 20 participants shared in viewing a video and learning about the theme of the studies and why the sounds of Advent are more hammer on anvil than carols and bells. The Revd Gereldine Leonard, writer of the studies, spoke of the 'hard realness' of Advent. The studies, based on Luke's gospel, lead us to explore how the real, human events of Luke help us to interpret our lives, and how they shape and reshape us. The studies also explore formation for the Kingdom of God - or Heaven - and how we are outposts of the Kingdom.

The Presbytery will offer the Advent Studies by Zoom. Watch for details!

PASTORAL PRAYERS

This week, give thanks for further easing of restrictions and the prospect of families' soon being able to meet loved ones from other parts of Victoria. Remember those who are ill or convalescing, and those restored to good health. 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 Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. In the Presbytery, this week we pray for Shepparton and Uniting Goulburn North East. And of course, special prayers for the United States and the events unfolding there.



NAIDOC WEEK NOVEMBER 8-15

2020 NAIDOC theme – Always was, always will be

This year NAIDOC Week was deferred from July to next week.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. It is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people, and participate in a range of activities and to support local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. To follow the celebrations or find out more information, visit the NAIDOC Week website. Watch for what is happening locally.

REMINDERS!

1. **THE UPPER ROOM DAILY READINGS 2021** Orders for next year's copies must be with Jeni Fitzgerald by Sunday, November 15. \$46.50 for the year jjplf@iinet.net.au 0419 240 955

2. CHRISTMAS CHEER APPEAL

The end of November is the closing date for receiving cash donations and 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 at their home, or Brian and Lois.

A NEW WAY OF DOING WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The November 2020 issue is now available. Some copies will be delivered with today's *NEWS*. Some may be collected (details online); others will be delivered.

But the new thing is that *With Love to the World* is now available as an app WLW, which can be purchased from your usual App Store. This leads to two things:

1. You can buy the app now, and help promote it by providing a review on your app store and encouraging others to use it. This would be a great opportunity for new readers.
2. Present subscribers will be able to use the app version in 2021, or continue with the hard copy, \$20 for the year. You will need to tell Joan by the end of December which way you will read WLTTW in 2021. Or both! There will be reminders about this - you may like to try out the app with someone who buys it. Hard copy payment will be due in February.

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE

Waranga Cluster **10.00 am** Check warangaunitingchurches.net.au
Brunswick Uniting Church brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au.worship-with-us/
Mt Eliza Uniting Church mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au 10.00am or recorded
Bairnsdale Uniting Church *Worship@Home* *27th September* a couple of days before the Sunday. Remember to adjust the date.