

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



Jesus the Saviour is born!

NEWS DECEMBER 25 and 27, 2020

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 7.00pm Children, Families

Children are invited to wear clothes for the Nativity scenes or to come early to see Lisa who will have some costumes for you.

Worship Rev Loni Vaitohi Duty Elder Jen Shields

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25 9.30am

Readings Is 62.6-12 Ps 97 Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2. (1-7), 8-20

Worship Rev Loni Vaitohi Duty Elder Shirley Marven

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27 9.30am

Readings Is 61.10- 62.3 Ps 148 Gal 4.4-7 Luke 2.22-40

Worship Joan McRae Duty Elder Jan le Quesne

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 ALSO CONTINUES ONLINE

Joining in to Zoom via the phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011 Step 2: when prompted enter the meeting ID for that date, followed by #

Step 3: Press # Step 4: enter the passcode for that date, then#

December 24 Meeting ID Passcode

Christmas Day Meeting ID Passcode

December 27 Meeting ID Passcode

SHEPPARTON RURAL CONGREGATIONS

Shepparton Congregation warmly welcomes members from the Rural Cluster to worship with them on December 24, 25 and 27.

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL



Will you have a bowl on your Christmas table for your offering?

Christmas Bowl envelopes are available on the narthex table.

READINGS FOR JANUARY

Jan 3 Jer 31.7-14 Ps 147.12-20 Eph 1.3-14 John 1.10-18

Jan 6 Epiphany Is 60.1-6 Ps 72.1-7,10-14 Eph 3.1-12 Matt 2.1-12

Jan 10 Baptism of Jesus Gen 1.1-5 Ps 29 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11

Jan 17 1 Sam 3.1-10 Ps 139.1-6,13-18 1Cor 6.12-20 John 1.43-51

Jan 24 John 3.1-5,10 Ps 62.5-12 1 Cor 7.29-31 Mark 1.14-20

Jan 31 Deut 18.15-20 Ps 111 1Cor 8.1-13 Mark 1.21-28

PASTORAL PRAYERS

Your prayers are invited for all who are not well, and especially for those in hospital. We rejoice with those who have returned home, including Thelma and with all who have had good health reports. The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week invites prayers for stateless people. In the Presbytery, this week we pray for St David's Albury; Uniting Goulburn NE. The Uniting Church Assembly invites our prayers for the ever-growing number of sick and dying in the world COVID-19 pandemic, for all church members and leaders seeking to bear witness to the light of Christ in a darkened world, and for a world free from gender-based violence. And don't forget all travelling home or away for Christmas.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

At the meeting of the GSWNS Board on December 22, Gordon Johnson was appointed as Project Director. The original Director was called to begin educational work in Melbourne last month, so the Board has been seeking another Project Director.

The Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter Project will be launched in February. This will be followed by calling for Volunteers, setting up the sites for night accommodation, and fundraising. The project will run thirteen weeks from June to August, 2021.

A MYSTERY

The dates and times for our Christmas services were emailed to *The Shepparton News* on December 11, with an item about the Blue Christmas service. Their non-appearance is the mystery! The information is now on their website, though too late for Thursday's edition.

CROSSLIGHT December edition is still available

OFFERING ENVELOPES are also available

A PRAYER FOR THE TURNING OF THE YEAR

from Joan's skeletal version of her service for Sunday December 27

In our looking into 2021

may the God of hope be with us.

In our lamenting the losses of 2020,

may the God of peace be with us.

In our celebrations of Christmas,

may the God of joy be with us.

In our caring for the world,

may the God of love be with us.

In our living of life in all its fullness,

may we know that God is with us.

Revd Jenny Adams, Church of Scotland