

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS JANUARY 24, 2021

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SUNDAY JANUARY 24 9.30am

Praying Together Presbytery Ministers - Richard, Tony, Brian

Readings Jonah 3.1-5,10 Ps 62.5-12 1 Cor 7.29-31 Mark 1.14-20

Worship Revd Joan Fisher

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 Revd Glenys Gill

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

SHEPPARTON RURAL CONGREGATIONS

Shepparton Congregation welcomes you to worship in January.

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

Yorta Yorta Clans: Kailtheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Bangerang, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba adn Ngurai-illiam-wurrung clans

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#

January 24 Meeting ID 958 1039 3766# Passcode 135 856#

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 2020-21

The Annual Meeting (part 1) will be held on Sunday, February 7.

Sunday, January 24 Distribution of agenda for the AGM, with reports. if you have questions about any report, please get them to the Chair of the Congregation - by email, in box on narthex table or church letter box by January 31. joanmcr@netspace.net.au 5812 9320

Sunday, February 7 Annual Meeting Part 1. This will be a short meeting, to receive reports and discuss the elections. Call for nominations

Sunday, February 28 Closing date for nominations Box - narthex table

Sunday, March 14 Elections and completion of AGM. The date for declaration of ballots will depend on whether all voting is in person. *Joan McRae, Chair of Congregation*

CHURCH ROSTERS

	January 24	January 31
Opening	H. Dixon	H. Dixon
Welcome/Sign In	B. Fisher, L.Threlfall	S. Marven, B.Fisher
Readers	J.McRae. I. Fairmaid	Jeni Fitz, Jean Liersch
Powerpoint	A.Russell	L.Threlfall
Audio-Zoom	R.Russell	C.Shields
Counting Offering	V. and S. Marven	W. and V. Gibbs

2020 UNITING CHURCH BABIES - FOUR!

Jonathon Ladson, born early January, baptised June 7

Laylah-Anne, daughter of Erin and Sione, born August 8

Jayden Katenda, born 1075 gms, August 6 (instead of October 20)

Zawadi Nathan Jnr Mwamba - to Nathan and Regina, December 17

Nathan and Regina were married by Loni 2020.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

This week we remember the First People of Australia, as they honour the Dreaming, their connection to the Land, their struggle for recognition in the Constitution, their nurturing of creativity in the face of dispossession. And the Second Peoples that they work with the First Peoples so that they have what we take for granted.

In the Presbytery we pray for the Presbytery Ministers, Richard, Tony and Brian. With the WCC we remember Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. As ever, we remember those suffering from domestic violence. And we continue our prayers for the United States at this critical time: that the new President and Deputy are richly blessed as they work for the wellbeing of all Americans. Our ongoing prayers for those struggling with health issues. We remember all Black Lives worldwide - which Matter!

OP SHOP NEWS

The Op Shop re-opened on January 11. We have had a couple of very busy weeks. Thank you to all who have provided donations for the Op Shop.

At this stage we have been unable to fill all the positions on the roster. There are a few vacancies during the afternoon shifts. If you are able to assist, could you please contact Geoff Thompson, 0409 298 394 or Jenny Goonan, 0419 913 313? Thank you. Val Gibbs

DO YOU KNOW OR REMEMBER THESE 'PROMINENT YORTA YORTA PEOPLE'?

from *Wikipedia*

- [Adam B](#), hip-hop artist.
- [Burnum Burnum](#) (1936–1997), activist, actor and author.
- [Deborah Cheetham](#) (born 1964), [opera](#) singer and composer.^[26]
- [William Cooper](#) (1861–1941), helped establish the [Australian Aborigines' League](#) in 1935, led the first Aboriginal deputation to a Commonwealth minister, and another to protest the treatment of Jews and Christians in 1938.^[27]
- [Scott Darlow](#)(singer songwriter) Rock singer
- [Isaiah Firebracey](#), singer who represented [Australia in the Eurovision Song Contest 2017](#)
- [Jimmy Little OAM](#) (1937–2012), musician whose career spanned over six decades. His 1958 song "Give the Coloured

Boy a Chance" was the first written and recorded by an [Indigenous Australian](#) for the modern music industry.

- [Sir Douglas Nicholls](#) (1906–1988), professional athlete, pastor and pioneering campaigner for Aboriginal reconciliation, the first Aboriginal person to be knighted, and the 1976 first Indigenous Australian to hold vice-regal office ([Governor of South Australia](#)).
- [Bill Onus](#) (1906 – 1968), activist and actor.
- [Lin Onus AM](#) (1948 – 1996), artist, son of Bill.
- [Jack Patten](#) (1905 – 1957), professional boxer, civil rights activist, war veteran, writer, president and co-founder of the [Aborigines Progressive Association](#). He led the first delegation of Aboriginal people to meet with a serving prime minister.
- [John Trevor Patten](#) (born 1936), Australian bantamweight boxing champion between 1958 and 1962.
- [Wes Patten](#) (born 1974), actor, television host, and former NRL player.
- [Margaret Tucker](#) MBE, civil rights activist and writer, known for her part in the 1938 [Day of Mourning](#) conference. First Aboriginal person to have published an autobiography.
- [Andrew Walker](#), a former [AFL](#) player with the [Carlton Football Club](#).
- [David Wirrpanda](#), former AFL player with the [West Coast Eagles](#), known for his community work in helping to improve the lives of young Indigenous Australians, named the 9th most influential Aboriginal Australian by [The Bulletin](#) in 2007.^[28]
- [Margaret Wirrpanda](#), activist, niece of Margaret Tucker, born at [Cummeragunja](#), New South Wales, daughter of activists Geraldine Clements Briggs and Selwyn Briggs & mother to David Wirrpanda.

Add to these the James family - Lance, Glenn and Greg, the Atkinsons - especially Neville and Sharon (YY languages expert), Aunty Pam Pederson (Sir Doug's daughter), Uncle Bobby Nicholls (Sir Doug's nephew), Felicia and Rhonda Dean and, of course, Uncle Paul Briggs OAM, leader in Aboriginal Rights, founder Rumbalara Football Club, first Indigenous member of the Council of Melbourne University, member AFL National Indigenous Advisory Board, Exec Chair Kaiela Institute - and father of Adam!