

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS JANUARY 31, 2021

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SUNDAY JANUARY 31 9.30am

Praying Together The Scots' School Albury Chaplain Beth Bear

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

Worship Revd Glenys Gill

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7 Revd Loni Vaitohi

Praying Together Mansfield, Bonnie Doon, Tolmie ARRM

Readings Is 40. 21-31 Ps 147.1-11,20c 1Cor 9.16-23 Lk 2.22-40

The service will include the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

READINGS FEBRUARY

2 Kings 2.1-1 Ps 50.1-6 2 Cor 4.3-6 Mk 9.2-9

Ps15.1-17 2Cor5.20-6.10 Mt 6.1-6,16-21

Feb 14

Feb 17 Ash Wed Joel 2

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

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ID for that date, followed by # *Step 2:* when prompted enter the meeting
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January 31 Meeting ID 938 5671 0627# Passcode 701 246#

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

Sunday 7 will be an exciting morning for the Congregation! Both the Sacraments, of Baptism and Holy Communion, will be celebrated. The Worship Committee will prepare Communion according to Synod COVID requirements. Morning tea is planned - again as required by Synod. And finally PART 1 of the AGM. All in air-conditioned comfort!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 2020-21

Supplementary reports (on pink sheet) available January 31 *If you have questions* about any of the reports, put them in the box on the narthex table or get them to Joan by January 31 5812 9320

Sunday, February 7 Annual Meeting Part 1. This will be a short meeting, to receive reports and discuss the congregation, its vision and discern people with the gifts and graces for the positions to be filled.

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

	<i>January 24</i>	<i>February 7</i>
<i>Opening</i>	H. Dixon	J. Fitzgerald
<i>Elder</i>	J. Fitzgerald	J. Shields
<i>Welcome/Sign In</i>	B. Fisher, S.Marven	J. Lavery L.Threlfall
<i>Readers</i>	J. Liersch Jeni Fitz	J. Shields, Munya Juru
<i>Data Projector</i>	L.Threlfall	R. Dewi
<i>Audio-Zoom</i>	C. Shields	C. Shields
<i>Counting Offering</i>	V. and W. Gibbs	A. and E. Cameron
<i>Flowers</i>		Bev Matthews

NEW MEMBERS

Recently we have welcomed Munya Juru, Elizabeth and Kirk Webster and Robyn Jansen. Make sure you meet them all!

PASTORAL PRAYERS

This week we pray especially for those who are not well, remembering Emily, Heather, Ailsa, Jim, Eve, Thelma and Merinda Speedy (Mooroopna).

We invite prayers for the Congregation as it prepares for the AGM on February 7. Remember our Ministers, Loni, Joan Fisher and Glenys Gill.

January 27 was Holocaust Remembrance Day: pray for the remaining survivors and their families. In the Presbytery we pray for Mansfield, Bonnie Doon, Tolmie and the Alpine Regional Resource Ministry. The WCC invites our prayers for Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia. And all Black Lives - who 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, or Jenny Goonan. Thank you. Val Gibbs

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our church is the host for World Day of Prayer, Friday March 5, 2021.

our planning meeting will be held on Wednesday February 3 at 10.00am at our church. All interested people are welcome. Lois Hardy

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

The Assembly News January 28 celebrates 25 Uniting Church members awarded Honours on Tuesday, some for service to the Uniting Church, others in other fields. 'A groundbreaking woman minister, an ex-Moderator, a Legacy leader, a trade unionist (female), a rice grower and a Christian educator' are among those honoured.

It also reprints the letter from former President of the Uniting Church, the Revd Alistair Macrae, now minister at Wesley Church Melbourne, who has returned his AO, awarded in 2017, in protest at the 'upgrading' of Margaret Court to AC. The letter was written to *The Age* and is in *Crosslight*. Other people who have returned Honours have done so for reasons often to do with sensitivity to LGBTI people. Alistair, 'an avid sports fan', spent years leading the Uniting Church in its consideration of 'changing attitudes to human sexuality, responding in terms of the church's core values and beliefs'. His citation noted this leadership. In the Uniting Church a person's sexuality is no bar to membership or leadership'.
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