

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



### NEWS FEBRUARY 14, 2021

#### MINISTERS

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#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 Transfiguration Revd Glenys Gill

*Praying Together* Murchison, Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Tatura

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

#### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

**SERVICE 7.00pm** Revd Joan Fisher

*Readings* Joel 2 Ps15.1-17 2Cor 5.20-6.10 Mt 6.1-6,16-21

The service will reflect on Lent as 'a summons to live anew.'

#### READINGS FEBRUARY

*Feb 21 Lent 1* Gen 9.8-17 Ps 25.1-10 1Pet 3 .18-22 Mark 1.9-15

*Feb 28 Lent 2* Gen 17.1-7,15-16 Ps 22.23-31 Rom 4.13-25

Mark 8.31- 38 or Mark 9.2-9

*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#

February 14 Meeting ID 991 6853 8795# Passcode 742.181#

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

Members of the congregation rejoiced to share worship together: the church was almost at capacity (98) with a few choosing to sit in the narthex. It was a joy to welcome Gabriel, son of Manuel and Marife Gandionko, members of Adelnas family, in the Sacrament of Baptism. 94 communicated in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It was an exciting and Spirit-filled service. Later came morning tea, friends, conversation!

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 2020-21 Pt 1

The minutes of meetings of the Congregation November 24 and December 22 2019 were confirmed. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation May 5, 2019 were confirmed. All reports were received. The Draft Budget for 2021 and the Profit and Loss Overview for 2020 were adopted. A vote of thanks to Zane Streeter for his outstandingly meticulous work as Treasurer of the Congregation for seven years was carried by acclamation. The Congregation resolved to accept the commendation of the Church Council that Option 3, Demolition and Rebuilding, of the Op Shop and taking a loan until moneys were available from Maude Street. The Congregation requested the Church Council to form a Project Control Group to manage this work ,and to set in motion the necessary actions.

**Leaders of the Congregation 2021 on** The Chairperson discussed the changing nature of the congregation, even since the 2019 Annual Meeting. Five new members have been welcomed to worship since December 2020 and will soon be recognised as members. A presentation on the leaders of the congregation, the gifts and graces required and the roles indicated that a rich prayer life, listening for the Spirit and being a learner are key graces. Following Loni's prayer for discernment, those present were invited to list the members they discerned as having these gifts and graces. Fourteen people were named - many by several people. Their names are listed on the notice board near the kitchen, with the second group, those who have already exercised gifts and graces as Elders, CC members or other roles.

**Sunday, February 14** *Nomination forms are available.* Please leave completed forms in the Nominations box on the narthex table. *Joan McRae*

## CHURCH ROSTERS

|                   | February 14          | February 21          |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Opening           | J. Fitzgerald        | J. Fitzgerald        |
| Elder             | M. Graham            | C. Shields           |
| Welcome/Sign In   | C. Carter, B. Fisher | H. Dixon, B. Fisher  |
| Readers           | M. Graham, C. Carter | C. Shields, B. Hardy |
| Data Projector    | A. Russell           | T. and N. Maile      |
| Audio-Zoom        | R. Graham            |                      |
| Counting Offering | L. Watts, C. Carter  | V. and S. Marven     |
| Flowers           | D. Metzke            |                      |

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 16 *Friendship Group* 10.00am Pancake Day; *Crazy Whist*  
Wednesday 17 *Ash Wednesday Service* 7.00pm Revd Joan Fisher  
Thursday 18 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

## PREACHING PLAN

|                  | February 14  | February 17 | February 21 |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shepparton 9.30  | Glenys Gill  |             | Glenys Gill |
|                  | 7.00pm       | Joan Fisher |             |
| Dookie 9.00      | Anglicans    |             |             |
| Pine Lodge 11.00 | Loni Vaitohi |             |             |

## THE BIBLE AND WORSHIP

The Bible on the lectern is not a processional Bible but a Lectern one! It is not to be moved from the lectern. The Elder will process and open it before worship. At the end of the service, the Elder will close it.

Readers are to collect the large-print NRSV Bible from the oval table near the front door to access and bookmark their own readings. Readers will be sent a copy of their readings if they do not have access to an NRSV, to prepare at home  
*Worship Committee*

## PRINTED NEWS AND SUNDAY SERVICES

Some members who are worshipping at the church have decided to discontinue the delivery or emailing of the Sunday Service and the *NEWS* each week. If you no longer require these printed or emailed resources, please sign the list on the narthex table.  
Please feel free to contact Shirley Marven

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be March 17 with old and new members together.

## LENT STUDIES

February 14 is the Last Sunday of the season After Epiphany, which concludes on Tuesday 13. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - remember to worship with us that evening!

During Lent a series of studies using the UnitingWorld resources on what it means to be a good neighbour will be held. Wednesdays at 2.00pm, starting on February 24 is one series. The other will be either Tuesdays or Thursdays at 2.00pm, beginning on February 23 or 25, is the other option. Joan Fisher has left a green sheet on the narthex table for you to indicate your choice. Please make your choice of evenings today! *Joan Fisher*

## PASTORAL PRAYERS

This week we pray especially for those who are not well, remembering Emily, now at home, Heather, Ailsa, now in Banksia, Jim, Eve, Thelma and Merinda Speedy (Mooroopna) now home and receiving treatment in Shepparton. and Vern who will undergo surgery in Melbourne. We invite prayers for the Congregation as it discerns the Congregational Leads to be elected on March 14. Remember our Ministers, Loni, Joan Fisher and Glenys Gill.

In the Presbytery we pray for the Waranga Cluster. Joan McRae is leading worship today at Tatura, with Zoom links to Murchison, Colbinabbin and Rushworth - and Melbourne! The WCC invites prayers for Austria, Leichenstein and Switzerland.

## CUPPA AND CHAT

Cuppa and Chat recommenced on Thursday, February 11 in the narthex, 10.00am to noon. Every Thursday morning you are assured of a welcome, a cuppa and time to enjoy a chat. All welcome. *Isobel Cameron*

## RURAL CHURCHES NEWS

### 1. Rural Churches Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 7.30pm, at Joy's and John's

### 2. Rural World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, 10.00am St Andrew's Uniting Church, Dookie The speaker will be Glenys Gill. *Joy Sims*

## APOLOGY BREAKFAST

The thirteenth anniversary of the Apology is Saturday, February 13. The Shepparton commemoration will be online, with the Elders, on Friday 12. You can join any time that day after 11.00am, not 8.00am, or in the next few weeks.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, March 5, 2021**

The Shepparton service will be held at the Uniting Church at 10.00am. The 2021 service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu and will be used in churches round the world. World Day of Prayer is a non-denominational organisation and the service is ecumenical. Many schools and aged care facilities also hold the service. *Lois Hardy*

## **PRESBYTERY LENT STUDIES Not in opposition to ours: extra! *Journeying with Jesus***

Following on from our Advent studies we will be offering a series of Lenten Studies - *Journeying with Jesus*. *These studies have been written* by Rev Dr Robert Bos and are based on The Gospel according to Mark. Passages have been selected which best present key elements of Mark's message.

### **Study Booklets**

Study booklets will need to be purchased and downloaded from Mediacom. Cost \$9.00 ([mediacomeshop.org.au](http://mediacomeshop.org.au))

### **Where and When**

The studies are a facilitated Presbytery-wide experience via Zoom. The studies will be led by Cynthia Page, minister at Eaglehawk and Marong UCA. She will introduce the studies and participants will interact initially as a large group before breaking into groups for discussion. We will re-convene as a single group to draw together the threads of our discussion and a time of prayer.

The studies will run on five consecutive Sunday evenings commencing 21st Feb from 6.:30 –7:45 pm. (21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb; 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> March)

### **Enrich your congregation**

These studies are a great way to build relationships within your congregation and across the presbytery and to prepare our hearts and minds for the journey with Jesus to the cross and resurrection.

**For the Zoom link**, contact Brian Spencer, by February 21 - next week!  
[brianspencer@warangaunitingchurches.net.au](mailto:brianspencer@warangaunitingchurches.net.au)



The poster features a background of various handprints in shades of blue, white, and yellow, arranged in a circular pattern. The text is centered and reads:

*Honouring the Stolen Generations*

We warmly invite you to join us  
for the 2021

# Online Shepparton Apology Breakfast

to acknowledge the  
**13th Anniversary of the National Apology**

Join us online at  
[bit.ly/GSApologyBreakfast](http://bit.ly/GSApologyBreakfast)

**From 8.00am Friday 12 February**

For more information contact:  
Dierdre 5821 6600 or Bobby 0434 279 653



**Note: now from 11.00am**