

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



### NEWS FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28 Lent 2 Revd Loni Vaitohi

**Praying Together** Seymour, Avenel-Nagambie

**Readings** Gen 17.1-7,15-16 Ps 22.23-31 Rom 4.13-25

Mark 8.31- 38 or Mark 9.2-9

#### SUNDAY MARCH 7 Revd Loni Vaitohi HC

**Praying Together** Beechworth, Stanley, Yack, Myrtleford-Whoroul

**Readings** Ex 20.1-17 Ps 19 1 Cor 1.18-25 John 2.13-22

#### READINGS MARCH

March 14 Num 12.4-9 Ps 107.1-3,17-22 Eph 2.1-10 John 3,14-21

March 21 Jer 31.31-34 Ps 51.1-12 Heb 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

March 28 Is 50.4-9 Ps 118.1,2,19-29 Phil 2.5-11 Mark 11.1-11

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*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 21 Meeting ID 914 7480 1555# Passcode 056 861#

### CHURCH ROSTERS

	February 21	March 7
Opening	J. Fitzgerald	Wes Gibbs
Elder	S.Marven	A. Russell
Welcome/Sign In	K.Jones, B. Fisher	B. Fisher
Readers	S. Marven. B. Fisher	A. Russell, L. Hardy
Data Projector	L. Threlfall	R. Dewi
Audio-Zoom	C. Shields	
Counting Offering	J. Dahlberg, D. Spratling	V.and W. Gibbs
Flowers	S. Marven	
Morning Tea		E. Brewster, J. McCaffrey, N. Howard, J. Lavery

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2 *Friendship Group* 10.00am Stamps; *Crazy Whist*

Thursday 4 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

Friday 5 *World Day of Prayer* 10.00am Here!

### LENT STUDIES

During Lent a series of studies using the UnitingWorld resources on what it means to be a good neighbour are being held. Wednesdays at 2.00pm, or Thursdays at 7.00pm There is still time to join a group! *Joan Fisher*

### THE SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA meets February

**26 to 28.** Please pray for this meeting and for Jeni, Jen and Cam, some of the representatives from this presbytery.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Shepparton Uniting Church Friday 5

The service will be held at 10.00am. This ecumenical service was prepared by the women of Vanuatu for use in churches around the world as well as in some schools and aged care homes. All are very welcome.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Dookie Uniting Church Friday 5, 10am**

The speaker is Rev Glenys Gill.

## **AGM: NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY NEXT SUNDAY!**

If you were not at church February 21, please collect the yellow sheets from the narthex table. They include the Nomination Form and details. Extra Nomination Forms (white) are also on the table. Check the details on the notice board - yellow sheets.

*Please continue your prayerful discernment as you make your nominations for this year's church leaders. These are the most important elections we have had for ten years!* Then place them in the narthex table box.

## **ANNUAL MEETING DATES**

**March 7** Nominations close at noon.

**March 8** List of nominations to be publicised

**March 21** Part 2 of AGM and Elections

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The congregation rejoices with Lavinia and Tavake on the birth of their daughter **'Atelaite Maopa Losaki** on February 20. The Losaki and Vaitohi families are delighted - and grateful for the prayers and support offered. With them we thank God for this huge blessing to their family.

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

This week we pray especially for those who are not well, remembering Emily, now at home, Tracey Ford, Heather Turner, Ailsa, Jim and Eve. Merinda Speedy is coping well with her treatment.

We pray for the meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, meeting online February 26 to 28. Jen, Cam and Jeni are among the presbytery representatives to Synod.

We invite prayers for the Congregation as it discerns and nominates the Congregational Leaders to be elected on March 21.

Pray for the people of Myanmar, especially the Christians, that democratic government may be returned.

In the Presbytery we pray for Seymour and Avenel-Nagambie. The WCC invites prayers for Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The Assembly invites our prayers for the people of Vanuatu and the work of UnitingWorld and our Church Partners in the Pacific to address gender inequality and violence.

Remember young people in the Uniting Church that we may listen to their insights their joys, their struggles, and support them in their journey of faith.

## **PRINTED NEWS AND SUNDAY SERVICES**

If you no longer require these printed or emailed resources, please sign the list on the narthex table. Or contact Shirley. *Shirley Marven*

## **ASSEMBLY NEWS**

### **The Uniting Church ACT2: What are our strengths and challenges?**

The Assembly wants to hear your voice and your insights as they consider the challenges the Uniting Church will face in the next five years, and the strengths we have as a church to face them. Join the conversation - check the Assembly website.

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

The presbytery's online Lent studies, *Journeying with Jesus*, began last Sunday, with 42 participants from 16 congregations, including one from Fitzroy Crossing. More from Loddon Mallee Presbytery are expected to join us. *Written* by Rev Dr Robert Bos the studies are based on The Gospel according to Mark. Passages have been selected which best present key elements of Mark's message and link with the Lectionary readings. Rev Cynthia Page of Eaglehawk Uniting Church is leading the studies.

### **Study Booklets**

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

### **Sunday evenings, 6.30 to 8.00pm.**

Participants meet together for an opening session, then move into groups for discussion and return to share with the group before the closing.

**Link** - ask Joan who will send it to you.