

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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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 The AGM will follow morning tea.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 Revd Glenys Gill

Praying Together Strath Creek Faith Community

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

READINGS FEBRUARY

Feb 17 Ash Wed Joel 2 Ps15.1-17 2Cor5.20-6.10 Mt 6.1-6,16-21

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

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 7 Meeting ID 974 6186 1673# Passcode 814 703#

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

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

No questions on the reports were received.

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

| | February 7 | February 14 |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Opening | J. Fitzgerald | J. Fitzgerald |
| Elder | J. Shields | M. Graham |
| Welcome/Sign In | J. Lavery L.Threlfall | C. Carter, B. Fisher |
| Readers | J. Shields, Munya Juru | M. Graham, C. Carter |
| Data Projector | R. Dewi | A. Russell |
| Audio-Zoom | C. Shields | R. Graham |
| Counting Offering | A. and E. Cameron | L. Watts, C. Carter |
| Flowers | Bev Matthews | D. Metzke |

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. It will be closed when people arrive, allowing the Elder to open it before worship. At the end of the service, the Elder will close it.

There is now a large-print NRSV Bible for the readers to use on Sunday. They will collect it from the table immediately 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

The church is open and we are now worshipping together, which is very exciting. We will continue to print and deliver the NEWS and Sunday service, but we would like to hear of this delivery is no longer necessary for you., as some have already told us. Gradually, of course, the number of deliveries will be reduced but we will continue to deliver to all those whom we know are not able to attend.

There is a sheet on the narthex table for you to place your name to discontinue the delivery.

As a community of faith, we are pleased to have been able to remain in contact with the members of the congregation in this way and through these trying times.

Please feel free to contact Shirley Marven, or the person delivering to you.

Shirley Marven

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. The evening chosen will depend on the greater number of people interested.

Joan Fisher

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The new edition is available. Please collect yours from Joan.

There are some extra copies - see Joan if you are interested. *Joan McRae*

MORNING TEA

On February 7 we will begin serving morning tea after worship. This year we will have a monthly roster. Judy and Ray Luscombe and Val and Wes Gibbs will be on the roster for February. If you would like to assist for another month, please speak to Val Gibbs. Thanks, *Val Gibbs*

PASTORAL PRAYERS

This week we pray especially for those who are not well, remembering Emily, still in the Austin Hospital, , Heather, Ailsa, now in Banksia, Jim, Eve, Thelma and Merinda Speedy (Mooroopna) now home and receiving treatment in Shepparton. We pray for the family of Win McGoldrick, whose chapel funeral will be on Monday February 8.

We invite prayers for the Congregation as it prepares for the AGM on February 7. Remember our Ministers, Loni, Joan Fisher and Glenys Gill. In the Presbytery we pray for Strath Creek Faith Community. The WCC invites prayers for Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group will commence again this Tuesday, February 9, at 10.00am in the narthex.

After almost 11 months, it will be great to be together again. All are welcome to join us for morning tea and fellowship. *Jan Le Quesne*

CUPPA AND CHAT

Cuppa and Chat will recommence 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 *Joy Sims*

OP SHOP ROSTERS

There are a few vacancies during the afternoon shifts. If you are able to assist, could you please contact Geoff Thompson, or Jenny Goonan,

Val Gibbs

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 8.00am, or for the next few days, using the link in the flyer below

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

From 8.00am Friday 12 February

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

