

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS MARCH 28, 2021

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SUNDAY MARCH 28 Palms and Passion Rev Loni Vaitohi

Praying Together Bright and Porepunkah

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

or Is 50.4-9 Ps 31.9-16 Phil 2.5-11 Mark 14.1-15.47

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER DAY Rev Loni Vaitohi

READINGS MARCH and APRIL

Holy Week Monday Is 42.1-9 Ps 36.5-11 Heb 9.11-15 Jn 12.1-11

Holy Week Tuesday Is 49.1-7 Ps 71.1-14 1Cor 11.23-26 Jn 12.20-36

Holy Week Wed'day Is 50.4-9a Ps 70 Heb 12.1-3 Jn 13.21-32

Good Friday Is 52.13- 53.12 Ps 22 Heb 10.16-25 Jn 18.1- 19.42

Holy Saturday Job 14.1-4 Ps 31.1-4,15-16 1Pet 4.1-8 Mt 27.57-66

Easter Day Acts 10.34-43 Ps 118.1-2,14-24 1Cor 15.1-11 Jn 20.1-18

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.

REV LONI VAITOHI - HEALTH BULLETIN

Dear Friends in Christ This is to thank you for all your support and prayers during the last couple of weeks. The result of tests that have been taken is good news and I am happy to be back to normal. Blessings, Loni

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP ALSO CONTINUES ONLINE

Joining in to Zoom via the phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

March 28 Meeting ID 955 9522 8652# Passcode 258 954#

CHURCH ROSTERS

	March 28	April 2 Good Friday
<i>Opening</i>	W.Gibbs	A. Liersch
<i>Elder</i>	J. Fitzgerald	S. Marven, J. Le Quesne
<i>Welcome/Sign In</i>	B. Fisher, K. Jones	K. Teague, J. Fitzgerald
<i>Readers</i>	B. Hardy, J. Fitzgerald	B. Mathews, S. Marven
<i>Data Projector</i>	L. Threlfall	R. Dewi
<i>Audio-Zoom</i>	TBA	TBA
<i>Counting Offering</i>	L. Watts, D. Spratling	-
<i>Flowers</i>	D. Metzke	-
<i>Morning Tea March</i>	E. Brewster, J. McCaffrey, N. Howard, J. Lavery	-

ROSTER EASTER DAY, APRIL 4 order as above ; ;

A. Liersch; L. Threlfall; K. Teague, J. Fitzgerald; E. Cameron, L. Watts;
R. Dewi; D. Spratling, J. Dahlberg; B. Mathews; H. Lloyd, L. Watts,
E. Brewster

THIS WEEK - HOLY WEEK

Monday 29 Worship 7.00pm Rev Glenys Gill

Tuesday 30 *Friendship Group with Joan Fisher* 10.00am; *Crazy Whist*
Worship 7.00pm Shirley Marven

Wednesday 31 Worship 7.00pm Young Adults

Thursday 1 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

Holy Thursday with Mark 7.00pm Joan McRae

Friday 2 Good Friday Worship 9.30am

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Change of programme: Next Tuesday, March 30, Rev Joan Fisher will be our guest speaker, reflecting on Easter and the situation in Palestine. There will be no Friendship Group meeting on Easter Tuesday as many members will be unavailable. We will resume on April 11.

ANNUAL MEETING PART TWO MARCH 21

Church Leaders All candidates received at least 60% of the votes cast, and were elected, as follows:

Congregational Chairperson, Kim Read; *Secretary*, Bron Fisher
Elders, Harold Dixon, Bron Fisher, Jan Le Quesne, Lavinia Losaki, Shirley Marven, Anni Russell, Cam Shields, Jen Shields
Representatives to Church Council Gail Jones, Munya Juru, Taleena Maile, Graeme Thomson
Representatives to Presbytery Elaine Brewster, Cam Shields - and one of Jeni Fitzgerald and Jen Shields, the other to be the Alternate. Alternates are welcome to attend Presbytery meetings but may only vote when replacing an elected member.

VOTES OF THANKS

- a. The Congregation of Shepparton Uniting Church records its grateful thanks to the retiring Elders and Representatives to Church Council for their faithful service to the Lord of the Church through this ministry. Jeni Fitzgerald and Melissa Graham are thanked for each completing ten consecutive years in these roles. Consensus
- b. The Congregation records warm thanks and appreciation to Thelma Payne for her deeply committed service to Shepparton Uniting Church from its formation on November 29, 2009 until her resignation as a Congregational Representative to Church Council on March 21, 2020. Consensus
- c. The Congregation of Shepparton Uniting Church records sincere thanks to all members of the Property Planning Task Group, from its election by the Congregation until the present time. Included in this vote of thanks are those who retired during the long years of preparing for the Redevelopment; the service of two former members now with God is noted with gratitude. The Congregation warmly thanks the Task Group, congratulates members on the work achieved and discharges the Task Group from today. Consensus
- d. A vote of thanks to the retiring Chairperson of the Congregation, Joan McRae, for her leadership and guidance was carried with acclamation.

LENT STUDIES

There are no Shepparton studies in Holy Week, but the final study will be held on either April 7 or 14, to be confirmed with members.
The Presbytery online studies conclude on March 28.



PASTORAL PRAYERS

We continue to pray for those who are not well, remembering Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Heather Turner, Ailsa, Jim, Eve, and Merinda Speedy.

The Presbytery prays for Bright and Porepunkah.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

The Assembly asks prayers

* that the peace and justice embodied in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem prevails

*for those devastated by the flooding in NSW and QLD as they begin to build their lives

*for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia to find safety and welcome

*for paces of conflict in our region, including Myanmar and the Philippines

OP SHOP GARAGE SALE

The Op Shop will hold a Garage Sale on Saturday March 27 to reduce excess stock. With nothing priced over \$5, we would welcome church members to assist on the Saturday morning between 8.00 and noon.

Please contact Geoff or Val if you can assist. Thanks Val Gibbs

CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?

The St David's chalice, a large, patterned, pewter goblet, has been missing from its place in the Worship Cupboard with the other three chalices for about 18 months. *If you know where it is* - somewhere else in the church, or perhaps borrowed at home, would you please return it to the storeroom table? Or tell Joan.

The Wesley Chalice, which has a gift inscription, was bought to match the St David's chalice - when we expected those two congregations to move together.

This is a serious matter, which must be resolved.

Joan McRae