

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS MARCH, 2021

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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

SUNDAY MARCH 14 Joan McRae

Praying Together Strath Creek Faith Community
Readings Num 12.4-9 Ps 107.1-3,17-22 Eph 2.1-10 John 3.14-21

READINGS MARCH

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

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 #
March 7 Meeting ID 661 418 7046# Passcode 3z3FUy#

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY MARCH 5

Shepparton Uniting Church 10.00am *Speaker* Cam Shields

Dookie Uniting Church 10.00am *Speaker* Rev Glenys Gill

This ecumenical service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu.

CHURCH ROSTERS

	March 7	March 14
<i>Opening</i>	W.Gibbs	W. Gibbs
<i>Elder</i>	A. Russell	L. Tu'ungafasi
<i>Welcome/Sign In</i>	B. Fisher	B. Fisher, C. Carter
<i>Readers</i>	A. Russell, L. Hardy	L. Tu'ungafasi, W. Gibbs
<i>Data Projector</i>	R. Dewi	A. Russell
<i>Audio-Zoom</i>	TBA	TBA
<i>Counting Offering</i>	V.and W. Gibbs	A. and E. Cameron
<i>Flowers</i>		D. Metzke
<i>Morning Tea March</i>	E. Brewster, J. McCaffrey, N. Howard, J. Lavery	

THIS WEEK

Monday 8 *International Women's Day* Pray for all women...
Tuesday 9 *Friendship Group* 10.00am; *Crazy Whist*
Wednesday 10 *Lent Study* 2.00pm; *Church Council* 7.30pm
Thursday 11 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon *Lent Study* 7.00pm
Saturday 13 *Meeting of the Presbytery of North East Victoria - here!*

AGM: NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY, at NOON!

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.

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

March 7 Nominations close at noon.

March 8 List of nominations to be published

March 21 Part 2 of AGM and Elections

Please continue your prayers for all who have been nominated.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We continue to pray for those who are not well, remembering Emily, now at home, Tracey Ford, Heather Turner, Ailsa, Jim and Eve. Merinda Speedy continues to do well.

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

In the Presbytery we pray for Beechworth, Stanley, Yackandandah, Myrtleford-Whorouly. The WCC invites prayers for Ireland and the United Kingdom

Our prayers for the people of Vanuatu and the work of UnitingWorld and our Church Partners in the Pacific to address recovery from the pandemic, ending violence and upholding the next generation..

The Assembly asks prayers for

- Women everywhere. we especially give thanks for the ways women generously give their time, compassion and care for others.
- Australia's response to the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care and the work towards crucial reforms.
- The space for people to discern and think creatively about the fresh words and deeds that God is calling the Church to embody.

PRINTED NEWS AND SUNDAY SERVICES

If you no longer require these printed or emailed resources, please sign the list on the narthex table.

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*, were written by Rev Dr Robert Bos and are based on The Gospel according to Mark. Leader is the Rev Cynthia Page of Eaglehawk

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

Sunday evenings, 6.30 to 8.00pm.

Link - ask Joan who will send it to you. You are still welcome to join!

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY Saturday, March 13, 10.00am

This meeting of the Presbytery of North East Victoria is both face-to-face and online. Members are very welcome to come for part or all of the meeting. Full details have not yet arrived but will be available on Sunday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - Annette and Rob Orrman

A Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of Annette and Rob Orrman will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 12 noon at Shepparton Uniting Church, and later at the home ground of the Shepparton Swans, W.B.Hunter Pavilion, Princess Park, Nixon Street, Shepparton. The service will be livestreamed from Owen Mohan Funeral Directors' website, www.owenmohan.com.au/livestream

