

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS OCTOBER 17, 2021

AFTER PENTECOST 21

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 Revd Glenys Gill

Readings Job 18.1-7 Ps 104.1-9, 24,35 Heb 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45

Praying Together Seymour, Avenel-Nagambie

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24 Joan McRae

Readings Job 24.1-6,10-17 Ps 34.1-8 Heb 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52

Praying Together Beechworth, Stanley, Yackandandah, Myrtleford

At this service Joan's 60 years as an accredited Local and Lay Preacher will be celebrated.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 31 Ruth 1.1-18 Ps 146 Heb 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34

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 SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

Sunday worship will be online only, using You tube.

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

When the Sunday 17 service link comes with the video link, click the link and you will be taken to the service. This may take a short while.

Check the yellow sheet you received last week for a reminder - keep that sheet!

We apologise that those with only landline phones will not be able to listen on October 17. We're working on that! But tune in at 10.30 to chat.

SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP

Joining in to Zoom by phone 10.30AM

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

October 17 Meeting ID 932 4412 8684# Passcode 486 521#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

Dookie 9.30am Revd Loni Vaitohi

Pine Lodge 11.00am

STAYING CONNECTED FRIDAY OCTOBER 15 7.30PM

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 8, 7.30pm:

Step 1 Dial 03 7018 2005

October 1 Meeting ID 970 6365 5547# Passcode 456 668#

A MYSTERY MESSY CHURCH!

Sunday October 17 5.30pm

Explore **God and Me** - is that a mystery?

Clues to help solve the mystery will come online before Sunday!



THIS WEEK

Church Council will meet on Wednesday 20. Following Synod Guidelines, there will be no other face-to-face meetings or activities at the church until Church Council advises that they may resume.

OP SHOP

The Op Shop will remain closed next week as there are still many active COVID-19 cases in the Shepparton area. This decision will be reviewed for the week beginning Monday October 25.

Val Gibbs

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Lisa and her family.

The Presbytery prays for Seymour and Avenel-Nagambie.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

The Assembly prays for

* The people of Lebanon as they struggle with extended power blackouts, a failing economy and as they continue to support Syrian refugees who have arrived there. We also pray for the Lebanese community in Australia. UCA members are supporting their families and communities in Lebanon.

* Communities in Australia as they emerge from lockdown and churches as they discern ways to re-open their buildings.

* The work of UnitingWorld and our church partners who are supporting communities facing disaster and the impact of COVID-19.

PRESBYTERY ADVENT STUDIES 2021 *What are you waiting for?*

Waiting is certainly one thing we're accustomed to just now – waiting for announcements of new restrictions, lockdowns, freedoms, pathways out of the pandemic. Waiting to hear what will or will not be possible this Christmas.

There has been an anxious wait for the availability of vaccines, as the only real solution to our currently restricted way of life. So we celebrate the good news that, while later than we hoped, we move towards the key targets that trigger new freedoms.

And so, to Advent – when we're reminded that we are still waiting – for Christ to bring all things to completion. There is unfinished business in the struggle against evil. How has the pandemic changed us? How has it changed the way we think about and experience hope, peace, joy and love?

Join with people across the Presbytery of North East Victoria to share, dream and pray together in this Advent Season.

The studies are a facilitated Presbytery-wide experience via Zoom, in your lounge or at the church. You can choose to attend either on a Sunday evening or Wednesday afternoon.

2.30pm Wednesday Afternoons: 24th Nov, 1st, 8th, 15th Dec

6.30pm Sunday Nights during Advent: 28th Nov, 5th, 12th, 19th Dec

The studies will be led by Brian Spencer from PNEV and the Waranga Cluster, and Cynthia Page, minister at Eaglehawk and Marong UCA. Participants will interact initially as a large group before breaking into groups for discussion. If your congregation has a large enough group you can choose to be a discrete group for the discussion.