

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**NEWS NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

***AFTER PENTECOST 25***

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### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14 Joan McRae**

*Readings* Nov 14 1 Sam 1.4-20 1 Sam 2.1-10 Heb 10.11-14,19-25  
Mk 13.1-8

*Praying Together* Yarrawonga, Bundalong

### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21 *Reign of Christ* Rev Glenys Gill**

*Readings* 2 Sam 23.1-7 Ps 132.1-12 Rev 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

*Praying Together* Bright, Porepunkah

### **ADVENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 Rev Loni Vaitohi**

*Readings* Jer 33.14-16 Ps 25.1-10 1 Thess 3.9-15 Luke 21.25-36

*Praying Together* Mooroopna

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters of the region, the Peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nation and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.*

## **SHEPPARTON WORSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14**

**There are two options for worship on Sunday, November 14:**

***Worship in the church at 9.30am*** Note explanations next page.

*or*

***Worship online, using You tube.***

Go to [www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting](http://www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting)

When the Sunday 14 service link comes with the video link: click the link and you will be taken to the service. This may take a short while.

Remember to tune in November 14 at 10.30am for a chat.

## **SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP**

**Joining in to Zoom by phone 10.30AM**

*Step 1:* Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

**November 14** Meeting ID 993 1281 8216# Passcode 318 544#

## **RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14**

**Dookie 9.30am Anglicans Rev Dr Helen Malcolm**

## **STAYING CONNECTED FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12 7.30PM**

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 12, 7.30pm:

*Step 1* Dial 03 7018 2005

**October 22** Meeting ID 926 9121 2366# Passcode 298 421#

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We

remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve and Lisa and her family. We pray for the family of Joan Shipston (Memorial Service Saturday, 10.00am.)

*The Presbytery prays* for Yarrowonga and Bundalong.

*The WCC* invites prayers for the lands and peoples of the nations of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia

*The Assembly* invites prayers for

\* Members of Assembly Standing Committee as they meet this weekend

\* The new President of the National Council of Churches in Australia, Rev John Gilmore, as he offers national ecumenical leadership.

\* Rural and remote communities as borders re-open after months of lockdown. Pray that people may have access to vaccines and healthcare and for Bush Chaplains as they support those communities.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE NOVEMBER 28 2.00pm**

This is the service when we remember those who have died during the year. The families are invited to this shared remembering.

## RETURNING TO CHURCH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14

As we prepare to return to face-to-face worship on Sunday, here are some points to guide you as we negotiate the new arrangements.

**Remember to bring your certificate of double vaccination (on your phone) or your certificate of medical exemption.**

\* **Plan to arrive early** because entry procedures will take longer than usual.

\* **QR Code (or signing in) and proof of double vaccination or medical exemption** will take place at a table outside the entrance door.

\* **Hand sanitiser** will be available in the narthex.

\* **Numbers who may attend worship:** 49 in the church and 31 in the narthex.

\* **Seating** Members of families may sit together. All others must observe social spacing, *leaving at least one empty seat* between you and the next person. *The whole church must be used*, so move to the front! *In the narthex*, please use the seating as arranged: it is correctly spaced.

## NO MORNING TEA AT CHURCH

Morning tea will not be served after worship until further notice. Those planning to come to worship may like to join friends at a coffee shop or invite them home for morning tea.

## GOVERNMENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS - VOLUNTEERS

Lorraine thanks all Volunteers who have given their Vaccination details to her. It is a Government requirement that Volunteers submit vaccination details: their second vaccination date, vaccination certificate number, type of vaccine OR date of first vaccination and appointment date for second OR medical exemption certificate number. Please give any outstanding ones to Lorraine who will keep them confidential.

## VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

People without mobile phones may be interested to know that credit card-sized certificates are available from Ken Faulkner, PrintWorks, \$5.00.

## NUMBERS WHO MAY ATTEND WORSHIP

For a congregation where everyone is doubly vaccinated, or has a medical exemption, seating spacing is one person per 4 sq metres. This means 49 people may sit, suitably spaced, in the church; a further 31 may worship in the narthex, suitably spaced.

Should there be anyone not meeting the government's vaccination requirements, the maximum who may be in the building for worship is 30.



## ***Christ the King!***

***Gold crown or crown of thorns?  
A King who rides a donkey?***

**Sunday November 21 - the last Sunday in the Church's year  
4.30 to 6.30pm, including a meal.**



**ADVENT ONLINE STUDIES *What are you waiting for?***  
**Presbyteries of North East Victoria and Loddon Mallee**  
**Leaders: Revs Brian Spencer, Waranga, and Cynthia Page,**  
**Eaglehawk.**

Advent reminds us that we are still waiting - for Christ to bring 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?

Sessions will be held

- Wednesday afternoons - November 24, December 1, 8, 15, at 2.30pm
- Sunday evenings - November 28, December 5, 12, 19, at 6.30pm.

The studies will be on Zoom, in your lounge or at the church.