

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS NOVEMBER 28, 2021

ADVENT SUNDAY

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 Rev Loni Vaitohi

Readings Jer 33.14-16 Ps 25.1-10 1 Thess 39-15 Luke 21.25-

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Praying Together Mooroopna

DECEMBER READINGS

Dec 5 Mal 3.1-4 Luke 1.68-79 Phil 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6

Dec 12 Zeph 3.14-20 Is 12.2-6 Phil 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18

Dec 19 Mic 5.2-5a Luke 1.46b-55 Heb 10.5-20 Luke 1.39-45

Dec 24 Is 9.2-7 Ps 95 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-14

Dec 25 Is 62.6-12 Ps 97 Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2.8-20

Dec 26 1 Sam 2.18-20, 26 Ps 148 Col 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52

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 28

There are two options for worship on Sunday, November

**21: *Worship in the church at 9.30am* Note explanations next page.
or *Worship online, using Youtube.***

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

When the Sunday 28 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 28 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 21 Meeting ID 942 7704 2505# Passcode 393 372#

MEMORIAL SERVICE NOVEMBER 28, 2.00PM

The annual Remembrance Service for those who have died will be held on Sunday afternoon. Share this quiet time together.

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

Dookie 9.30am Elders/Zoom

ARRIVING AT CHURCH NOVEMBER 28

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

*** *Plan to arrive early***

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

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

There is now no limit to the numbers who may attend worship, as everyone will be double-vaccinated.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

The Presbytery prays for Mooroopna.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of the nations of Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore.

The Assembly prays for

*** those whose homes are not safe places and who live in fear of gender-based violence. May they find places of safety, support, healing and strength.**

*** Members of Parliament as they consider the Religious Discrimination Bill. We pray for thoughtful discernment and respectful conversation.**

*** Conversations taking place across the Church as part of the Act2 Project.**

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has been celebrated by the Church since the fifth century. Originally a season of six Sundays – modelled on Lent – Advent was later reduced to four Sundays. The season prepares us for the coming of Christ, both in the Nativity, when Jesus took on human form as the Babe of Bethlehem, and also in the second coming of Christ at the end of time. Advent is the season of waiting, of preparing, of keeping watch, but it is also a penitential season, so the liturgical colour is purple. But on the third Sunday the penitential aspect is relaxed as we rejoice, so the candle that Sunday is pink. A blessed Advent to you all!

ADVENT ONLINE STUDIES *What are you waiting for?*

Presbyteries of North East Victoria and Loddon Mallee.

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

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

A reminder to get your items for inclusion in the hampers to Val or Lois in the next couple of days, please! Jars of homemade biscuits would be very welcome – but remember to include the list of ingredients with the jar. Lois.

KATANDRA WEST UNITING CHURCH CLOSING SERVICE

The Closing Service for Katandra West Congregation will be held on November 12 at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome – provided they are doubly vaccinated, use the QR code and wear a mask. Afternoon tea will be served after the service. RSVP by December 5 to Bronwen Bray, Please contact us for the contact details

THE VISION OF ACT2 FOR THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Act2 is a process of imagination, vision and discernment about how faithfully following Christ in our time and place shapes our own life and the presence of the Uniting Church in the world.

What is the vision of Acts2 for the Uniting Church in Australia?

To be a church of missional, vibrant and life-giving local communities of faith. To be a church always attentive to where the Spirit is leading.

To be honest about our strengths, challenges and context.

To make sure our structures and ways of being Church reflect who we are.

To read the Report and to complete the Survey, go to the Assembly website and Assembly News November 12-18, 2021.

CHRISTMAS BOWL ADVENT 1

Hope for Families in Indonesia

In 2018, Sulawesi experienced an earthquake and a tsunami. Since then farms have been hit by floods and drought. COVID-19 has caused further problems as farmers seek to produce sufficient food . Our gifts will help to bring hope to families adapting to climate change.

REVISED PREACHING PLAN DECEMBER, 2021

DATE	SHEPPARTON 9.30AM	DOOKIE 9.30AM	PINE LODGE 11.00A M	KATANDR A WEST 2.00 PM
DEC 5	Rev Loni Vaitohi HC	Rev Glenys Gill HC	Rev Glenys Gill HC	
DEC 12	Rev Joan Fisher	Anglicans Rev Dr Helen Malcolm		Closing Service
DEC 19	Rev Glenys Gill	Rev Loni Vaitohi		
WED DEC 22			Rev Loni Vaitohi Carol Service 7.00PM	
FRI DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	Rev Joan Fisher Messy Church 7.00PM	Rev Loni Vaitohi Christmas Service 7.30PM		
DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	Rev Loni Vaitohi			
DEC 26	Rev Glenys Gill	Elders/ZOO M		