

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS NOVEMBER 7, 2021

AFTER PENTECOST 24

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 Rev Loni Vaitohi

Readings Ruth 3. 1-18 Psalm 127 Heb 9. 24- 28 Mark 12. 38-44

Praying Together Strath Creek Faith Community

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

READINGS NOVEMBER

Nov 21 2 Sam 23.1-7 Ps 132.1-12 Rev 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

Nov 28 Jer 33.14-16 Ps 25.1-10 1 Thess 3.9-15 Luke 21.25-36

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 NOVEMBER 7

Sunday worship will be online only, using You tube.

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

When the Sunday 7 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 October 10 for a reminder - keep that sheet!

We apologise that those with only landline phones will not be able to listen on November 7. But tune in at 10.30am 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

November 7 Meeting ID 964 5645 9284# Passcode 931 327#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

Dookie 9.30am HC Rev Glenys Gill

Pine Lodge 11.00am HC Rev Glenys Gill

STAYING CONNECTED FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5 7.30PM

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 5, 7.30pm:

Step 1 Dial 03 7018 2005

October 22 Meeting ID 925 3529 2129# Passcode 522 511#

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve and Lisa and her family. We pray for the family of Joan Shipston (funeral, Tuesday, 11.00am.)

The Presbytery prays for Strath Creek Faith Community.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of the nations of the Pacific. Think specially of those already suffering from the climate crisis and how they are affected by Australia's stance on net zero emissions.

The Assembly prays for

* COP26 meeting as it continues. We pray for the world leaders and those involved in negotiations to be courageous, for more ambitious targets to emerge and for actions to back the pledges and promises.

* For the Uniting Church as we consider together how our identity and foundations are guiding us to a faithful future.

* Remember all suffering from COVID-19, all front-line healthcare workers and all epidemiologists working to defeat the virus - especially as most restrictions are now being eased.

GOVERNMENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS - VOLUNTEERS

Lorraine thanks the latest group of 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 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 27 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.

MORNING TEA

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.

ADVENT ONLINE STUDIES Presbytery of North East Victoria ***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...

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, led by Revs Brian Spencer and Cynthia Page, Wednesday afternoons - Nov 24, Dec 1,8,15, 2/30pm or Sunday evenings Nov 28, Dec 5,12,19 at 6.30pm.

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

RETURNING TO CHURCH - NOVEMBER 14, 2021

As the state of Victoria moves towards reopening and our requirements around COVID management are released we encourage you all to keep safe and get vaccinated if possible.

The Shepparton Uniting Church will re-open the church for in person services on Sunday 14th November at our usual time of 9:30am for members of the public who have received both doses of the vaccination, or have a certified medical exemption.

After much discussion and deliberation, the Church Council felt this was the best way to reopen while keeping our most vulnerable members of the community safe.

Services will continue to be live streamed and recorded for those who cannot or wish not to attend in person worship and found at www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting and worship material will be available from both our Facebook page and website. Alternatively, a printed copy of worship material will be available for those without access to online options. Please contact Shirley or Joan if you would like to have a hard copy delivered each week.

All information regarding the requirements of entry, density limits will be clearly displayed on all entry points to the building and published in the newsletter and on the website.

The latest information from the Synod of Vic/Tas Crisis Management Team (published 28/10/21) regarding numbers in the building is:

Religious gatherings and ceremonies –As of October 28:

- ***If all attendees are fully vaccinated***, the number of people who may attend is based on a density quotient of one person per 4 sqm indoors. Up to 500 people may attend outdoors with a density quotient of one person per 2 sqm
- ***If the vaccination status of all attendees is not known***, up to 30 people may attend, with a density quotient of one person per 4sqm
- ***COVID check-in marshals*** must ensure all attendees check-in and, if it is a service for the fully vaccinated, that all attendees over 16 have proof they are fully vaccinated or medically exempt.