

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS OCTOBER 31, 2021

AFTER PENTECOST 23

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 Rev Loni Vaitohi *Reformation Day*

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

Praying Together Myrtleford-Whorouly

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

READINGS NOVEMBER

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

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 OCTOBER 31

Sunday worship will be online only, using You tube.

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

When the Sunday 24 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 October 31. 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 31 Meeting ID 998 4250 2543# Passcode 105 905#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

Dookie

9.30am

Shirley Marven

STAYING CONNECTED FRIDAY OCTOBER 29 7.30PM

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 29, 7.30pm:

Step 1 Dial 03 7018 2005

October 22 Meeting ID 926 5899 3894# Passcode 724 693#

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

Sunday 31 is important for a number of reasons. First, it's the **Sunday After Pentecost 23**. After this Sunday there are three more Sundays until the end of the Church's year.

Secondly, it's **Reformation Day** when we remember how the German monk-priest Martin Luther nailed 95 criticisms of his church on the church doors on October 31, 1517. That action, done with deep prayer and great love for the Church, set off actions which split the Church, causing suffering but bringing much-needed change to the Church, society and even politics. The Uniting Church understands that Jesus Christ rules and *constantly reforms his Church*. *Basis of Union* para 4.

Thirdly, it's the **Eve of All Saints' Day**, November 1, when the Church honours the countless faithful saints and martyrs through the ages. This day used to be called the *Eve of All Hallows' Day*, an ancient Celtic festival when people would light bonfires to scare ghosts away. Later this turned into *Hallowe'en*. American customs of carving jack-o-lanterns, dressing up and trick-or-treating have fairly recently migrated to Australia!

You can choose some or all of these ways to celebrate October 31!

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

The Presbytery prays for Myrtleford-Whorouly

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of the nations of Canada and the United States of America.

The Assembly prays for

* courage, compassion and collaboration from global leaders attending the COP26 meeting from this weekend; for shared commitment - climate crisis 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.

* faithful disciples who have gone before us and those who have carried our traditions and taught us faith - as we celebrate All Saints' Day on 1/11.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

People

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

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS - AUTHORISED WORKERS

Warm thanks to the 45 Volunteers who have given their Vaccination details to Lorraine. And an urgent reminder to anyone who has not yet given Lorraine what is required: their second vaccination date, vaccination certificate number, type of vaccine OR date of first vaccination and appointment date for second OR exemption certificate number.

QR CODE PROBLEMS?

If

you are having problems working with the QR Codes and Digital Certificate information on your phone, please let Lorraine Threlfall know on 0427 214 627. The Church Council will schedule a Sunday afternoon to help get these things set up for you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Grateful thanks to all who have contributed so generously: so far 157 boxes and \$530 have been received. This is the final week for these gifts to be given to Lois.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The

Women's Afternoon Group is now collecting gifts of groceries, toys and toiletries for hampers for needy families. Cash is most welcome - Val Gibbs will purchase items with it. Please have your gifts to Val Gibbs, 80 Sutcliffe Street or Lois Hardy, Unit 62, Kialla Gardens, by November 30 to allow time for extra shopping and packing. Many thanks - Lois Hardy

TREASURER'S NOTE - YOUR OFFERINGS

EFT or direct giving, the Church's account details are Shepparton Uniting Church NAB BSB 083-894 account 16-770-7403. Cheques (made out to Shepparton Uniting Church) may be sent to Shepparton Uniting Church Box 6223 Shepparton **3632**. Thanks to all supporting offerings *Lea Watts*

THE EDITOR AGAIN!

Warm thanks to those who shared that significant anniversary with me last Sunday and to those who have offered personal congratulatory messages.

