

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS DECEMBER 12, 2021

ADVENT 3

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 Rev Joan Fisher

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

Praying Together Rutherglen, Chiltern-Springhurst, Corowa,
Howlong

DECEMBER READINGS

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 DECEMBER 12

There are two options for worship on Sunday, December 12:

Worship in the church at 9.30am

or Worship online, using Youtube.

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

When the Sunday December 12 service link comes with the video link: click the link and you will be taken to the service. This may take a short while.

SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP

Joining in to Zoom by phone 10.30AM

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

December 12 Meeting ID 936 8236 8995# Passcode 512 248#

ARRIVING AT CHURCH DECEMBER 12

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

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

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

Dookie 9.30am Anglicans Rev Dr Helen Malcolm

CLOSING OF KATANDRA WEST CONGREGATION 2.00PM

As the final service is held at Katandra West, we celebrate with the Congregation past and present their sixty years of faithful witness and ministry and pray for God's richest blessing on the last few members.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Bron, Lea, Lisa and her family; the family of Mavis Peace (funeral Monday 13, Numurkah); Uzembe Byamasu and Jeannette Mwavita (Uzembe's sister died in DR Congo December 5)

The Presbytery prays for

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of the nations of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam

The Assembly prays for

*** A generous and compassionate response to the millions of displaced Afghan refugees living in fear and insecurity**

*** The Christian community in Syria and Lebanon mourning their Church leader * Leaders of worship and faith formation guiding us prayerfully through Advent and busily preparing for the joyful worship of the Christmas season.**

Third Sunday of Advent



Finding Joy in times of COVID-19

Many families who have been living in crowded refugee camps in India for decades want to return home to Sri Lanka. Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that many are unable to travel. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner keep refugees safe by providing medicine and protective clothing and equipment. Once the emergency is over, they will continue helping families experience the joy of returning to their homeland in Sri Lanka. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

ADVENT STUDIES *What are you waiting for?*

Presbyteries of North East Victoria and Loddon Mallee.

Wednesdays at 2.30pm or Sundays at 6.30pm. This week's study focusses on joy, especially in relation to COVID-19. Interesting! Zoom link – see Joan

RURAL CONGREGATIONS NEWS

Dookie Carols live from the balcony of the Gladstone Hotel Sunday December 19, 7.30pm. 6.30 Lions' BBQ CWA gardens.

Dookie Christmas Service December 24, 9.00pm, not as advised earlier.

Pine Lodge Final Service Saturday January 15, 10.00am.

SHEPPARTON OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2022 offerings are available on the narthex table.

REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL DISTRIBUTED 5/12

Copies are available on the narthex table.

CHRISTMAS BOWL ENVELOPES

Envelopes and other information are waiting for you - on the narthex table.

KITCHEN FREEZER

During the week all items past their use-by-date were removed from the freezer to make room for frozen goods brought by people for their catering that day. A maxi-pack of chips and some peas are temporarily in the Winter

Night Shelter Freezer in the Children's Room. It would be appreciated if they could be removed by those who left them in the freezer some months ago.

CUPPA AND CHAT LAST 2021 MEETING – THIS WEEK!

Cuppa and Chat will meet on Thursday, December 16 for the last time in 2021. We look forward to friends joining us for a Christmas morning. Even if you have not attended before, you will be warmly welcomed. We hope to resume on January 20, 2022; Thursday mornings 10am to 12 noon in the Narthex. I. Cameron

CHURCH ROSTERS January, February, March 2022

Rosters! Request slips are available in narthex for the rosters – January, February and March 2022. If you are already on the roster and there are no changes please only record the dates when unavailable. OR ring/email Shirley Marven – Many thanks.



Christmas Messy Church!

Sunday, December 19

**Families are invited to join us from 4.30 to 6.30pm,
for Christmas activities, Messy Church-style
worship and sharing a meal, which is provided for
participants. Watch for the emails...**

OP SHOP COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR COVID MARSHALLS

Geoffrey Thompson is still keen to hear from people willing to serve as COVID Marshalls at the Op Shop so they can be assured of having a Covid Marshall on duty each day. Geoffrey Thompson