

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS JANUARY 9, 2022

Epiphany 1 Baptism of Jesus

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SUNDAY JANUARY 9 Rev Glenys Gill 9.30am

Readings Is 43.1-7 Ps 29 Acts 8.4-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Praying Together Wangaratta, Eldorado, Greta-Moyhu, Whitfield

SUNDAY. JANUARY 16 Rev Loni Vaitohi Baptisms

Readings Is 62.1-5 Ps 36.5-10 1 Cor 12.1-11 John 2.1-11

Praying Together Violet Town, Strathbogie

READINGS JANUARY 2022

Jan 23 Neh 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19 1Cor 12.12-31a. Lk 4.4-21

Jan 30 Jer 1.4-10 Ps 71.1-6 1Cor 13.1-13 Luke 4.12-30

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

There are two options for worship every Sunday:

Worship in the church at the given time

or *Worship online*, using Youtube.

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR WORSHIP, ALL SERVICES

COVID Marshalls will ensure that you are correctly checked in – QR code

Proof of double vaccination is no longer required for worship as of Thursday December 16. Masks are mandatory for worship in Victoria.

RURAL CONGREGATIONS SUNDAY JANUARY 9

Dookie. 9.00am. Anglicans – Rev Dr Helen Malcolm

CHRISTMAS BOWL ENVELOPES are available on the narthex table; online gifts are also most welcome.

CLOSING SERVICE PINE LODGE CONGREGATION

The final service of the Pine Lodge Congregation will be held on **Saturday, January 15** at 10.00am.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Bron, Lea, Lisa and her family, Emma Fethney; the family of Avis Hicks (funeral Jan 8, Mooroopna)

The Presbytery prays for Wangaratta, Eldorado, Greta-Moyhu,

Whitfield

The WCC

invites prayers for the lands and peoples of the nations of Iran, Iraq and Syria.

We pray for

All suffering from COVID; all working to assist healing those with COVID, all those mourning those who have died from COVID. All unable to acquire Rapid Antigen Tests, all unable to obtain COVID tests.

Hospitals under extreme pressure caused by COVID; all facing the postpone-ment of surgery; all nursing staff.

First Peoples as they are recognised at the National Indigenous cultural precinct to be established in Canberra.

OP SHOP RE-OPENING

The Op Shop plans to open on Monday January 10 subject to COVID requirements and restrictions. *Val Gibbs Op Shop Committee.*

SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will hold a Special Meeting January 19

CUPPA AND CHAT

Cuppa and Chat will resume on January 20, 10.00am to noon.

OFFERINGS 2022

Envelopes are available from the narthex table.

SERVICE OF RELEASE - REV DENISE NAISH INVITATION

The Service of Release for the Rev Denise Naish from her present placement at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Wodonga, prior to the commencement of her retirement, will take place on Sunday January 30 commencing at 2.30 pm at St Stephen's, 177 Beechworth Road, Wodonga.

The service will be livestreamed and recorded and the link will be available in the week prior to the service by contacting the Church Office.

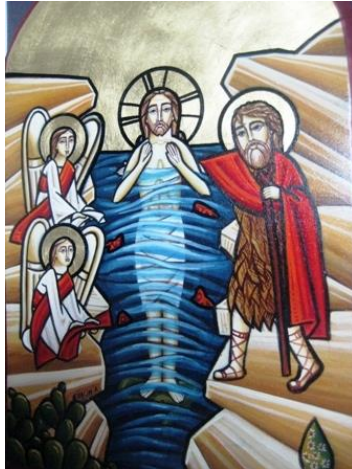
To assist in planning it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to the Church Office by Monday January 24.

admin@wodongastst.victas.uca.org.au

Helen Collins, Secretary St Stephen's Church Council

Denise plans to retire to Shepparton.

REFLECTIONS ON BAPTISM



Icon by a Coptic monk at one of the four fourth century monasteries in Wadi Natrun, 100 k north-west of Cairo. Shown to Joan by that monk in 2004.



Shepparton font, blessed February 4, 2018. The work of the Rev Rhonda Kissick

**Martin Luther: 'Remember you are baptised!'
'I am baptised! I am baptised': a fact stronger than any anxiety**