

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS DECEMBER 11, 2022

ADVENT 3

MINISTERS

Rev Loni Vaitohi

Sick Leave

Rev Kerrie Needham

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Rev Glenys Gill, Supply Minister

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 Advent 3 Rev Kerrie Needham

Readings Is 35.1-10 Ps 146.5-10 James 5.7-10 Matt 11.2-11

Praying Together Tallangatta, Eskdale, Red Bluff

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 Advent 4 Rev Glenys Gill, Tanya Walker and Young Adults.

READINGS

Dec 18 Is 7.10-16 Ps 80.1-7, 17-19 Rom 1.1-7 Matt 1.18-25

Dec 25 Is 63.7-9 Ps 148 Heb 2.10-18 Matt 2.13-23

We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the lands and waters of the region, the Bangerang Peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nations and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP 9.30AM Rev Kerrie Needham
Worship online www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

DOOKIE 9.30AM Anglican priest
December 18 Rev Kerrie Needham HC

ADVENT 3 – Rejoice! So today's Advent candle is pink, not purple, as a sign of joy. But there is also John the Baptist's question from his prison cell: 'Are you the One who is to come? Or are we to wait for another? How would you answer him?'

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 13 *Friendship Group* **Christmas break-up Degani**, 10.00.am
All welcome! *Crazy Whist* 1.30pm. *Presbytery Advent Study 4*, 2.30- 4.00pm
Wednesday, Dec 14 *Presbytery Advent Study 4* (repeated) 7.00- 8.30pm
Thursday, Dec 15 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am – noon – last day for 2022 *Last day for Op Shop 2022*
Friday, December 16 *Op Shop break-up*

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve, Nola Smith.

All with Covid, or Long Covid, those isolating – the increasing numbers in Victoria and locally.

The Presbytery prays for Tallangatta, Eskdale and Red Bluff.

The WCC prays for the lands and peoples of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

The Assembly requests prayers for

*Communities of faith as they gather for worship in the season of Advent. May we be bearers of the hope, peace, joy and love of God.

*People who have experienced abuse and trauma, and those who care for them.

*Flood-affected communities, particularly at Christmas, as they face the long road to recovery.

Ukraine

****Special prayers for Loni and his family.**

ENVELOPES FOR DECEMBER 2022-23 OFFERINGS

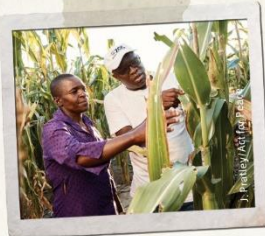
Boxes of envelopes for offerings from December 4 may be collected from the narthex table.

CHURCH OFFERINGS – ELECTRONIC GIVING

NAB Shepparton Uniting Church

BSB 083-894 Acc number: 167707403

Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas



Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101

VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



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



**Sunday December 18,
3:30- 6.30pm**

Messy Christmas!

Do join us for Christmas craft, games, worship, and a special Christmas dinner. *Note the earlier time of 3.30.*

Please RSVP to Anni, 0488 367 474, by Thursday December 15, to help with the Christmas dinner catering. *Please also let Anni know of any dietary requirements.*

CUPPA AND CHAT

Thursday, December 15th, 2022 is our last day to meet together before Christmas.

We hope everyone involved in Cuppa and Chat during the year will attend on the 15th. Volunteers will bring some party food for morning tea. We look forward to sharing together at this special Christmas time.

We hope to resume Cuppa and Chat on Thursday, 12th January, 2023

OP SHOP BREAK-UP FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

The last day of trading for 2022 will be Thursday, December 15. We are planning our Christmas Break-Up at Toolamba. It is at Rod's Place (Judy and Ray Luscombe's son) at 1010 Toolamba Road, 10k south of Mooroopna Police Station on the Rushworth-Mooroopna Road. If you have helped at the Op Shop as a volunteer in the shop, or washed clothes at home or sorted clothes at Ray's, or anything else and would like to go, please add your name to the list at the Op Shop and/or email Geoff Thompson for catering purposes. If you would like a ride we will arrange to meet you at the Op Shop.

Since the floods we have distributed some Flood Vouchers to people who have been flooded. Thank you. Val (Wes) Gibbs, Op Shop