

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS JANUARY 8, 2023

BAPTISM OF JESUS

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Sick Leave

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 Rev Glenys Gill

Readings Is 42.1-9 Ps 29 Acts 10. 34-43 Matt 3. 13-17

DOOKIE 9.30am Anglicans

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP 9.30AM

Worship online www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

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.

SUNDAY JANUARY 15 Rev Kerrie Needham
DOOKIE Rev Joan Fisher HC

Readings Is 49.1-7 Ps 40.1-11 1 Cor 1.1-9 John 1.29-42

SUNDAY JANUARY 22 Shirley Marven
DOOKIE Elders/Zoom

EPIPHANY Friday, January 6

The Church festival which commemorates the Magi's visit to the Baby Jesus - It's twelve days after Christmas – which may remind you of the carol, though leaping lords and others in the carol do not feature in the biblical story!

Google notes that Epiphany gives a 'natural, satisfying end to the Christmas holidays' and that it is 'a multicultural celebration'. The Church sees other aspects as more important than these!

And a reminder of the readings for the day
Is 60. 1-6 Ps 72. 1-7, 10-14 Eph 3. 1-12 Mt 2.1-12

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Happy New Year!

Don't you love this time of year? A fresh start, a look ahead, a time to plan. Having spent so many years as a teacher, I am used to putting aside the old year, and seeing the new year as a fresh start for everyone. It's never the same old, same old. There's plenty of opportunity for great things ahead.

Uniting will be moving in this month. A team of volunteers got to work on sorting the resources in the children's room and moving them to a new home. It will take a while to decide where all will go tidily and remain accessible, but the 'back breaking' work has been done. A big thank you to the people who sorted, repacked, and moved crafts and books etc. A big thank you to the people who moved furniture.

As we assist Uniting for the time their new renovations are being done, we now have opportunity to quietly think about our resources and how we will organise and use that space in the future. We also look forward to a visit from Uniting during the next month so the congregation will get to hear what wonderful things Uniting will be doing and supporting.

One of the interesting things which came from the move was a find of three table crosses. (All things here are still new to me.) I decided to use one cross on a beautiful little table in the foyer, with a bible reading to be regularly changed, beside it. It doesn't have a bible reading yet, though. I have two stands, so we can display an A4 piece of paper either portrait or landscape. I'm guessing we'll need around 52 bible readings for the year so 52 people could be involved.

So... if you have beautiful calligraphy skills, neat handwriting or great skills on a computer... would you like to choose an uplifting bible reading, maybe not too long, prepare it and bring (or send) it to church for me?

God bless you as you look forward to your year. God bless us all as we look forward to our year, and the ways we can live our faith.

Kerrie

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY SHEPPARTON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Chairperson of Presbytery, Rev Gereldine Leonard, encourages all members of Presbytery to attend, and to bring leaders in each congregation or faith community. All our Shepparton and Dookie leaders should be there! Please see Gereldine's letter, which is available separately, in full. Meanwhile, please note the date in your diary.

NEWS FROM THE OP SHOP

Thank you to Ray and Judy for providing a wonderful venue for our Op Shop Break – Up. Everyone enjoyed the morning.

Our total sales for last year was \$64,894.20.

The Op Shop is opening again on January 9. Val Gibbs

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve

All with Covid, or Long Covid; those isolating – the greatly increasing numbers in Victoria and locally with the new vicious strains.

The Presbytery prays for Shepparton, Dookie and Uniting Shepparton.

The WCC prays for the lands and peoples of Iran, Iraq and Syria.

All refugees and displaced people

Loni, Moti and the family.

CHURCH OFFERINGS – ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please contact us for further information.