



# REACHING OUT

Sunday November 24, 2024

9:00 am at Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church

*Uniting tradition led by Rev Leonie Findlay*

**No Service at Kergunyah Uniting Church**

## Bible Readings for Sunday November 24

### Christ The King

2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18); Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

## JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is

not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

**John 18: 33-37**

## Bible Readings for Sunday December 1

### Advent 1

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36

## Praying For One Another 2024

**In the Uniting Church Presbytery of North East Victoria.**

Congregations in the Presbytery are called to pray for one another each time they meet. By naming each other in prayer we enhance our pastoral support with each other, in God's company. This invitation builds our faith linkages every year. This week we pray for the congregations of **Echuca-Moama** Sunday November 24.

## Coming Events

Wed November 27, 8:30 am  
10:30 am

Fri November 29, 9:30 am

Sun December 1, 5:00 pm

Grounds and Maintenance  
Morning Tea and Fellowship  
Craft Group

Joint Anglican & Uniting Worship at St. Stephen's Church  
followed by a shared meal - **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE FOYER!**

# HUMILITY

## Rev Leonie Findlay

### PRAYER

Lord, grant us the grace of humility. Especially when we find ourselves judging those we know very little about. Lord, forgive our arrogance and grant us the compassion to accept others as you accept us. In your name we pray.

**AMEN**

### SOME THOUGHTS

Humility is a most elusive spiritual gift. The fact is that as soon as a person considers themselves to be humble, that person has lost their humility.

We certainly cannot be proud of our humility.

Having said that some people are naturally humble. They have always lived by the management dictum that 'there is no limit to what you can accomplish if no one cares who gets the credit'. Praise and public recognition just does not stick to these people.

Other people have learned the privilege of service and thereby found humility.

For one of the lessons of maturity is the wonder of giving without expecting anything in return.

The joy of humility is found in service, whatever kind it is. Only the humble heart can know and experience this joy. For Christians, the model of Jesus means that we take risks to live out the service we are each called to do. Jesus was publicly humiliated when he was run out of his hometown. He was humbled when his family considered him unstable and tried to pull him back into the fold.

Since the words humiliation and humility come from the same root, we need to ponder the possible connection between the two human experiences. Humiliation is not always necessary to have the gift of humility, but perhaps taking the chance of being humiliated is one form of humility. Chances are that few of us will face the humiliation of a public trial. But even there, Jesus' posture was a humble one. The model is one that only Jesus could achieve. But we are encouraged to follow his example, nonetheless.

Jesus was able to carry out his humble service on the earth because he lived and ministered within a constant sense of the presence of God. Seeking to live our lives in that same place offers us the possibility of the gift of humility. Sometimes life has lessons to teach us through humiliation, but the issue then is whether our heart is willing to listen and learn.

It is not easy to walk humbly on the earth. And yet the great spiritual paradox is that humility is our greatest protection, mostly from ourselves. Otherwise, we may be constantly living in stress and anxiety and the fear of loss of control, something we never had in the first place.

Humility is not poverty, but the wealth of freedom that comes when we release a judging attitude towards others and ourselves.

**SELAH**

### A BENEDICTION



Humility is a grace that we need more than we realise. When we feel the fire of pride and arrogance erupting in us, we need to ask for the grace of humility - to pour into us and put out the fire.

**AMEN**

## Emmanuel Roster

### November 24

Elder on Duty: Carol Harris  
Reader: Rod Clutterbuck  
Prayers: Rod Clutterbuck  
Early Word: Carol Harris

TV Screen: Harold Cover  
Usher: Ted Stabb  
Organist: LouAnne Stabb

### December 1

Elder on Duty: Ted Stabb  
Reader: Carol Harris  
Prayers: LouAnne Stabb  
Early Word: Carol Clutterbuck

TV Screen: Harold Cover  
Usher: Rod Clutterbuck  
Organist: LouAnne Stabb

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## Prayer of the Week

### World Council of Churches

Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore



*Participants of the Lutheran World federation's Asia Pre-Assembly in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 2023.*

*Photo: Jotham Lee/LWF*

#### We give thanks for:

- Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

#### We pray for:

- more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

# Joint Anglican & Uniting Advent Worship

at

## ST. STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

*Nilmar Avenue, Wodonga*

**Sunday December 1st at 5.00 pm**

Join with members of St. Stephen's, Kergunyah, St. Stephens and others for a time of worship, singing and creativity for the whole family, followed by a shared meal.

**ALL WELCOME!!**

### Refugees Support via Grace



It was lovely to have Grace and her family, including her baby daughter, with us last Sunday. She told us a bit about how the funds we raised earlier this year have been spent to assist young women to gain skills which lead to income earning. See the photos below.

We plan to provide more funds by mid- December so will be accepting gifts for 'refugee support' until Sunday, December 1. Please place in the offering bowl in an envelope marked or note 'refugee support' on a direct deposit to the congregation account.

Bank account details are:

**BSB 033-264; Account – 960276.**



A young woman is selling fabrics in her community.

A small snack shop for the people in the camp has been opened, giving an income earning opportunity as well as a gathering place.

A young woman has learned to braid hair, something highly valued in their culture and looks very difficult to do.

All of these things our gifts have contributed towards, and we hope to continue to support Grace in her efforts to improve the lives of those who live in the refugee community in the area from which she came.



## Uniting

### Charity Christmas Cards



**Send your Christmas cheer and support those in need.**

Proceeds from card sales will support individuals, families and communities in crisis this Christmas.

To order see: <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards/>