

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



The building is closed.
The Church is alive!

NEWS MAY 31, 2020

MINISTERS

Rev Rosalie Rayment-Hewitt 5821 2077

Rev Loni Vaitohi 5822 4602

Rev Joan Fisher, Minister in Association
Church 4805 1120

Website sheppartonuc.org.au

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/shepparton.unitingchurch>

SUNDAY MAY 31 PENTECOST

Praying Together Defence Forces Chaplains

Readings Pentecost

May 31 Acts 2.1-21 Ps 104.24-34,35b 1Cor 12.3b-13 Jn 20.19-23

Worship Rosalie check Facebook for streamed service

<https://www.facebook.com/shepparton.unitingchurch>

Church services will not be held in the church until further notice.

JUNE 7 TRINITY

Readings Trinity Genesis 1. 1- 2.4a Psalm 8 2 Cor 13.11-13

Matt 28. 16-20

Worship Rosalie and Loni **Baptism** Jonathon Terry Ladson

The Ancient of Days breathed life into this land. From time beyond reckoning the Yorta Yorta Peoples have blessed this place through their care. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

WORSHIP ONLINE

Waranga Cluster 9.30 am Check warangaunitingchurches.net.au

Glen Waverley Uniting Church 10.00am <https://gwuc.org.au/live/>

Brunswick Uniting Church brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au.worship-with-us/

Mt Eliza Uniting Church mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au 10.00am or recorded

Manningham manninghamuc.org 10.00am or recorded

Sonder Collective first and third Sundays 5.30pm Go to Sonder Facebook

TODAY IS ALSO RECONCILIATION SUNDAY!

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

The Synod has requirements for people and church buildings - hand sanitising, social distancing; cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces, chairs included, each day. We have a thermometer. So we can come safely, up to ten people at a time, to spaced chairs in the Narthex.

Ministers are available for pastoral conversation and prayer

Monday to Friday mornings, 10.00 to noon. Just drop in - to the Narthex.

Borrow a book from the wide range - biographical, devotional and theological available from the book shelf in the narthex. Please borrow at the times the building is open.

Small groups If you would like to join with others, up to a maximum of ten, to read and reflect on the passages for the coming Sunday, share joys and concerns, please contact Loni and let him know days and times you would be available.

BAPTISM

On Sunday June 7, we will celebrate the baptism of Jonathon Terry Ladson, son of Ben and Bec Ladson. The service will be conducted at the church and live-streamed from 9.30am. In accordance with Government guidelines we will be limited to 20 in the congregation plus those involved in conducting the service. Half this number will be made of Ben and Bec's family and friends, the rest from members of the congregation. Rosalie encourages as many as possible to go online to be part of this special occasion. The congregational responses will be on the screen for you to join in at home. If you feel comfortable doing so, those who are able to go online might like to invite someone who doesn't have internet access to join with you in watching the service.

FINAL SERVICE

Sunday June 7 will be the final service for Rosalie before she takes four weeks' annual leave and eight weeks' long service leave. She will return for her final service on August 30 and will begin her new placement at Bairnsdale from September 1.

SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 9.30am

As was decided with Church Council, Rosalie's final service will now be on August 30. The service will include the Presbytery Service of Release and the Congregation's farewell. Further details about the farewell will be discussed shortly. Joan McRae Chairperson, Congregation

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2019 Due April 30, 2020 now June 3

The date for the Annual Meeting cannot be set, but reports can be received! They do not require details of every meeting, but are to report two aspects of your work: a, a couple of highlights; b. some directions for the future. And your financial report. To Joan by June 3, please. Phone 5812 9320 if you cannot email your report.

RE-OPENING OF THE OP SHOP

The Op Shop will re-open on Monday, June 15. It will open from Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 2.00pm but will not open Saturday morning at this stage. A new roster is being organised for six weeks with a day person and one volunteer. If you have any concerns, please contact Val or Geoff.

YOUR OFFERING

Zane's phone number is 0409 438 741 if you need help to make your offering.

RECONCILIATION WEEK May 27 - June 3 (Mabo Day) *In this together*

National Reconciliation Week allows us to recognise shared experiences in Australia. It also presents opportunities to recognise and learn about the longstanding cultures of First Peoples.

Reconciliation Sunday (today) allows us to recognise the Covenant between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church in Australia. Together we participate in one of the major themes of the Christian faith: God was in Christ reconciling the world. We can share in this reconciling by developing mutually respectful relations between First and Second Peoples within congregations and the wider church.

Benediction Brooke Prentis

May our footsteps, on these ancient lands,
remind us of creation and connectedness, in our search for truth.

May the Gum Tree, from its roots to its branches,
remind us to dig deep and reach high, in our action for justice.

May the Eagle, who soars in the sky,
remind us of the power, in our call for love.

May the expanse of the lands and sea, of the sky and stars,
remind us of God's timing in our faith and hope.

May the Holy three, Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa Jesus,
remind us of community.

So with grace, mercy and peace, go in truth, justice, love and hope.

Synod of South Australia, Reconciliation Sunday 2020

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

This week was to be the first operating week of Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter. The launch of the project was planned for just after we moved to lockdown. You may have read some news recently. We have a Board, we have been incorporated, our Project Director is working for us to be registered as a charity and we have just received news of the second of two of the grants we applied for early in the year. Watch for further news!