

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

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NEWS JULY 5, 2020

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SUNDAY JULY 5

Praying Together Echuca-Moama

Readings Gen 24.34-38,42-49,58-67 Ps 45.10-17 Rom 7.15-25a
Mt 11.16-19,25-30

Worship Loni Vaitohi Service streamed on Facebook 9.30am
<https://www.facebook.com/shepparton.unitingchurch>

READINGS JULY

July 12 Gen 25.19-34 Ps 119.105-112 Rom 8.1-11 Mt 13.1-9,18-23

July 19 Gen 28.10-19a Ps 139.1-12 23-24 Rom 8.12-25 Mt 13.24-30. 36-43 [44-52]

July 26 Gen 29.15-28 Ps 105.1-11 45b Rom 8.26-39 Mt 13.31-33

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters of the region, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging

WORSHIP ONLINE

Waranga Cluster 9.30 am Check warangaunitingchurches.net.au

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

The Assembly Service is in recess at present. But you might like to try

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

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Ministers are available for pastoral conversation in the Narthex as

follows: Joan Fisher Wednesdays 10.00am to noon.

Loni Vaitohi Fridays 10.00am to 2.00pm

CROSSLIGHT

The June issue of *Crosslight* is only available electronically. Go to the Synod website.

FROM ASSEMBLY NATIONAL NEWS JUNE 25, 2020 PRAYER FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA

The Korean War, June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 is officially over but there has not been a peace treaty. So, on the seventieth anniversary of the outbreak of war, the Uniting Church has joined global churches and ecumenical bodies in calling for immediate steps to formalising peace on the Korean Peninsula.

The Uniting Church through its Korean communities has been part of the WCC Ecumenical Fellowship of Korea and has maintained a dialogue with the Korean Christian Federation from North Korea.

Assembly President Dr Deidre Palmer has asked UCA members to pray for the people of the Korean Peninsula, recognising their feelings of loss and dislocation spanning generations of Korean people around the world.

The joint ecumenical statement also calls for:

- Suspension and cancellation of any further military exercises in the region;
- Resumption of dialogue between the Republic of Korea and the DPRK, and between the USA and the DPRK, with the encouragement and support of other states who were involved in the Korean War;
- the normalisation of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and the USA;
- the realisation of the vision of the Korean Peninsula as a nuclear-free zone, and a world completely free from the threat of nuclear weapons.

'We pray that through dialogue and cooperation the long-divided Korean people may heal the wounds of division and conflict, find again their

common identity and shared future, and provide leadership and inspiration for peace in the north-east Asian region and throughout the world.'

JOIN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN PRAYER

for *Eritrea and Ethiopia*, July 5- 11.

Give thanks for their long centuries of Christian history (the official religion from 330, but remember the Ethiopian official in Acts 8) and the Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical Churches. Pray for the victims of human rights abuses, for greater understanding of the many ethnic groups, for lasting peace and reconciliation between Eritrea and Ethiopia, and pray for more democratic governance which respects human rights and justice.

PRAYER FOR REFUGEES written by Loni, at the invitation of the Assembly

Loving God, fill us with your love that we may welcome and embrace those of your children who have come to this land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war.

Open our eyes to see them as our own brothers and sisters and open our hearts that we may, without fear, receive them with joy and with much celebration.

O Son of God heal the wounds of our refugees and fill us with compassion that we may equally share the abundance of your banquet with joy and generosity by responding in kind to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

O Holy Spirit sustain our efforts in advocating for refugees here in Australia and their relatives who are yet to be freed from their land or refugee camps. Lead us in your way of seeking justice and mercy for all of your people in the world.

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit unite us in hope for the many refugees who are losing hope, inspire us in prayer and action for better condition for those who live in harsh and difficult conditions, and give us courage to find and build a better future for them.

O merciful God,
hear our prayer. Amen

REMEMBER!

Whenever you enter the Narthex, you must use the sanitiser then write your name and phone number in the book.