# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



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# **NEWS AUGUST 30, 2020**

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### **SUNDAY AUGUST 30**

Praying Together Mooroopna

**Readings** Ex 3.1-15 Ps 105.1-6,23-26,45b Rom 12.9-21

Matt 16.21-28

Worship Loni and Congregation Service live on Zoom, or by phone, 9.30am See details opposite or website (above) later

# **READINGS - SEPTEMBER**

Sept 6 Ex 12.1-14 Ps 149 Rom 13.8-14 Matt 18.15-20 Sept 13 Ex 14.19-31 Ps 114 or Ex 15.1b-11, 20-21 Rom 14.1-12 Mt 18.21-35

Sept 20 Ex 16.2-15 Ps 105.1-6,13-75 Phil 1.21-30 Mt 20.1-16 Sept 27 Ex 17.1-7 Ps78.1-4 12-16 Phil 2.1-13 Mt 21.23-32 We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters of the region, the Bangerang People of the Yorta Yorta Nations, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

# **WORSHIP ONLINE**

Waranga Cluster 9.30 am Check <u>warangaunitingchurches.net.au</u>
Brunswick Uniting Church <u>brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/worship-with-us/</u>
Mt Eliza Uniting Church <u>mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au</u> 10.00am or recorded

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# FAREWELL TO ROSALIE, JOHN AND LEILA August 30

Rosalie's final service will be held at 9.30am, August 30. So that many of us can share with Rosalie and each other, the service will be livestreamed on Zoom. This allows us to see each other and to join in hymns and responses together. After the service there will be opportunity for us to say goodbye to Rosalie and John. We can have up to 100 iPads, computers and mobiles with wifi access connected for the service!

Some people enjoyed the Zoom morning teas so much that we're planning to hold more!

The Zoom link for Sunday's service will be emailed with the service and NFWS

Phone numbers for those without internet access - see below.

# Saying goodbye to Rosalie and John

**If you have internet**, you can speak to Rosalie and John on Zoom after the service, from 10.45 to 11.15. The Zoom link will be emailed on Saturday.

If you do not have internet access, you can join in a drive-through in the car park, with social distancing and masks, between 11.15 and 12.00. There may well be gueues. You will have a couple of minutes!

There will also be a Zoom link for Messy Church families on Sunday at 4.30pm. Rosalie and John move of Bairnsdale on September 1.

# PHONE NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY'S SERVICE

If you don't have the internet, you can phone in and hear the service. Dial 61 3 7018 2005 and follow further directions.

Those with wifi: if you've misplaced the Zoom link, type in Meeting ID **957 0418 3535** Passcode **724438** 

### PRAYERS FOR AUSTRALIA DURING THE PANDEMIC

There are prayers by religious leaders both Sunday 30 and Monday 31!

# STANDING TOGETHER August 30, 2.00pm

facebook.com/viccouncilchurches Gather with Christians from across Victoria to uphold our Nation, our State and its citizens during the pandemic. Christian leaders from across the breadth of the Church have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, our government, our frontline health workers, our communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty.

**LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS** Time out for a suffering world Monday August 31, 7.00pm This is an invitation from the churches of Victoria, endorsed by the Jewish Christian Muslim Association. Do you remember the dawn witness on Anzac Day as people stood in their front gardens, many with a candle? This is an invitation to stand in your front garden on the last day of winter as light fades, and spend some time in silence, perhaps with a candle, to remember those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus or to violence. Then, as the first night of spring begins, look to the future with prayer and hope. Let us move from the cold and the dark into warmth and light together.

# **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

In your prayers this week, please pray for your pastoral group members and other members of the congregation - and the Ministers, of course.

Please keep our Maculata Place friends in your prayers as their restrictions are gradually eased. We pray for Trine, Noel, Fiona and Don, Anne, Rene and Gloria, all other residents and the staff.

Specially remember Rosalie and John as they complete their packing and travel to Bairnsdale on Tuesday.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO A VERY SPECIAL PERSON!

Betty Hildebrand celebrates her ninetieth birthday on Monday August 31! Congratulations Betty, from all your church friends, especially the Friendship Group. Betty's wish not to have a party has been granted, but we will celebrate with you and pray for God's richest blessings for you on Monday and through the year. **UNITING(CARE)** AND CURRENT

**FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS** It has come to our attention that a number of people have received phone calls from a telemarketing group requesting donations for Uniting. There has been some concern about whether the calls are genuine. Uniting is currently conducting a fundraising campaign through a telemarketing company for Food for Families in Need. If you would like to make a donation to this campaign, you can do so online at <a href="https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/donate-to-food-for-families">www.unitingvictas.org.au/donate-to-food-for-families</a> or if you prefer to have your donation used locally, you can call the Shepparton Uniting office on 5831 6157 for details of how to do that. Our Uniting agency is working extremely hard to support its clients during these COVID times.