

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**The building is closed.  
The Church is alive!**

### NEWS SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

**Praying Together** Rochester, Elmore, Bamawm, Tongala

**Readings** Ex 16.2-15 Ps 105.1-6,13-75 Phil 1.21-30 Mt 20.1-16

**Worship** Revd Loni Vaitohi Duty Elder Shirley Marven

The service will be live on Zoom, or by phone, 9.30am See details opposite or use the website (above) to view the service later.

#### READINGS - SEPTEMBER

September 27 Ex 17.1-7 Ps78.1-4 12-16 Phil 2.1-13  
Mt 21.23-32

#### TREASURER 0409 438 741

*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.*

## SHEPPARTON WORSHIP ONLINE

### Joining in to Zoom via the phone

*Step 1:* To join the meeting via a Phone call please dial one of the five following phone numbers: The 03 number is for Victoria so is likely to be a cheaper call than one of the interstate numbers.

03 7018 2005

02 8015 6011

07 3185 3730

08 7150 1149

08 6119 3900

*Step 2:* when prompted enter the meeting code on the Zoom invitation.

The Meeting Code for September 20 is **996 4957 3115#**

*Step 3:* you will asked if you are the meeting host or a participant

Don't worry about this question, just press #

*Step 4:* when prompted enter the passcode on the Zoom invitation, which will also change each week.

The Passcode for September 20 is **487717#**

### USING ZOOM

#### HOW CAN WE USE ZOOM TO ENRICH OUR LIFE TOGETHER?

How could we use Zoom to enrich our lives together in these COVID days? One suggestion is for a fortnightly Chat with Joan Fisher to see how our faith is guiding us in these times of isolation. Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning has been suggested. Please contact us if you would like further information.

#### YOUR VISION FOR MISSION - IN FIVE YEARS!

*Here is the task for you:* We are in 2025. The new Op Shop has been operating for several years. Uniting has redeveloped the manse, hall and Settlement Hub in Maude Street. They are no longer using the Meeting Room at Fryers Street.

*What is Shepparton Uniting Church now doing for mission?* With the background above, write a sentence, a list or a paragraph - noting ways the congregation is at mission. Spell your ideas out... You can chat to family or friends and come up with shared ideas. Then get them to Joan in the next week - joanmcr@netspace.net.au or the church letter box, Fryers Street. This is not a test but a fun-and-faith challenge!

## PASTORAL PRAYERS

Remember Rosalie as she is inducted into her new ministry at Bairnsdale.

Also remember those in hospital, those convalescing from surgery, others who are not well, or undergoing various forms of treatment.

Pray for the family of Norman Peace who died September 14; funeral Monday 21, Numurkah

## ROSALIE'S INDUCTION SERVICE SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

Rosalie's Induction Service will be available for you to share - on YouTube on Saturday morning, September 19 at 11.00am. The link will be available from Joan Friday 18 - do not contact Gippsland!

Hard copies of the Service Order can be printed. If you would like a copy, please let Joan know.



You are cordially invited by the  
UCA Presbytery of Gippsland

Pelican Ministry Team

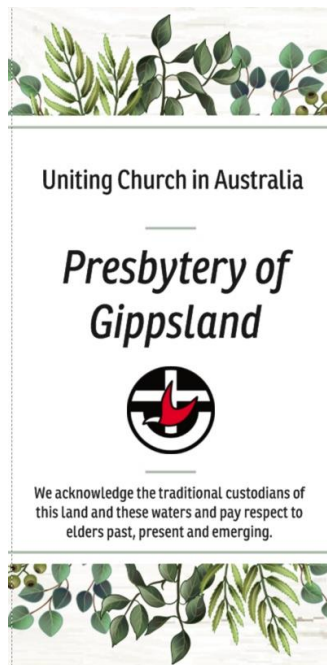
and the  
Bairnsdale Congregation  
to celebrate the induction of the  
Rev Rosalie Rayment-Hewitt

**When: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**How: via YouTube**

R.S.V.P. to [sec.ucagipps@gmail.com](mailto:sec.ucagipps@gmail.com)  
by 5pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September to receive a link

As this is a pre-recorded service, the YouTube link will not be available until Saturday morning but will be available for viewing at anytime, once received.



## REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council met by Zoom on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. While meeting in person is definitely the best way to conduct Church Council meetings we are fortunate that we are able to use technology to continue to 'meet' to do the business of Church Council – and we are getting better at it!

Members of the Dookie Congregation joined with us for the first part of the meeting, and there was considerable discussion around how both congregations can support each other and work together during this time of Covid-19 and during the time of vacancy in the Shepparton Congregation as well as touching on the future of the rural congregations. While no decisions were made there were lots of ideas shared and suggestions offered. There will be more conversation.

Guided by a set of questions from Brian Spencer, the Presbytery Education, Resource and Innovation Support Minister, the Council reviewed the way in which the SUC and Rural Congregations have responded to the Government restrictions around offering opportunities for worship and pastoral care.

It was agreed that the pre-recorded and now Zoom services, the emails and hand-delivered copies of the News and Services have all been well received. The opportunity to engage with Worship from other churches has been a new experience which has been welcomed. It was noted that the services shared on Social Media have been accessed by a wider 'congregation' than just local Shepparton people. The Pastoral Care Teams were commended for their work, which involves lots of phone calls to maintain contact with members of the Congregations. It was acknowledged that people are really missing actually being together, so the opportunity to 'see' each other viz zoom gatherings has been received very well.

It was agreed that more opportunities will be offered for a variety of Zoom gatherings, such as Cuppa and Chat sessions, Bible Study sessions etc.

A report was received from the Maude Street Property Working Group. Uniting have indicated that the Uniting Board has approved the development of the Maude Street premises, within the particular parameters of purchase price and redevelopment costs. The site will be developed to become the Uniting Hub for the North East and Northern area of Victoria.

The preference of the Board is to have the **Responsible Body Status** for the Manse (136 Maude Street) and the Hall/Sacred Space (136-142 Maude Street) transferred from the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust to Uniting VicTas Property Trust as soon as possible.

The Working Group (Harold Dixon, Kevin Jones, Lorraine Threlfall) has met, via Zoom, with representatives of Uniting (Mark Karutz, Gavin Blakemore, Jennifer Sleep) and the Presbytery (Richard Franklin) twice to work out how this transfer might take place in the best way for both Shepparton Uniting Church and Uniting.

The request from Uniting for Property Valuations for the Manse and the Hall be carried out, with costs to be shared between Uniting and SUC, was approved.

Church Council also approved the recommendation from the Working Group that Property Valuations for the two churches be carried out.

Further developments will be shared as they occur. Please keep the members of the Working Group and Uniting in your prayers as they work through all the issues and implications of the transfer of this property from the Uniting Church Property Trust to Uniting VicTas.

### **THANKS FROM THE PORRITT FAMILY**

Our sincere thanks for your cards of sympathy, words of comfort, prayers, visits, phone calls and sharing in the service of thanksgiving to celebrate Darryl's life and ministry.

Many thanks to everyone who made the service run so smoothly by setting up the church, the musicians, AV team and the ladies of the Catering Committee.

Darryl would have been so humbled and we thank everyone for their help. We were so grateful for the gift of a new liver which gave us an extra 25 years together enabling Darryl as a Minister-in-Association in the Shepparton and Rural Congregations to help in a small way to faithfully continue his ministry of worship and service to God and those he ministered to.

We appreciated the support we had from the people in our church family over the many years during Darryl's transplant and his illness.

We miss him so much but take comfort in the knowledge that he is now resting in peace free from pain and suffering and in God's loving care.

Many Thanks

Norma, Matthew, Melissa and Rob, Breanna and Liam

### **OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES**

Many people of numerous churches have enjoyed worshipping with other congregations this year, often taking in two services on Sunday. Here is our usual list, in case you want to go service-surfing after our service:  
*Waranga Cluster* 9.30 am Check [warangaunitingchurches.net.au](http://warangaunitingchurches.net.au)  
*Brunswick Uniting Church* [brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au.worship-with-us/](http://brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au.worship-with-us/)  
*Mt Eliza Uniting Church* [mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au](http://mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au) 10.00am or recorded

*Bairnsdale Uniting Church* has a Youtube channel and offers Bairnsdale Uniting Church Worship@Home 20th September a couple of days before the Sunday. Remember to adjust the date, of course!

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Just a reminder that your boxes need to be with Lois by September 30.

**JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS** Sundown tonight (September 18) marks the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days for 2020. These are ten days of repentance for sins committed during the year. In these ten days, Jews are called to seek forgiveness from those whom they have wronged, to make amends and to resolve to do better in the future. The most holy day is Yom Kippur, the Day of Repentance.

September 18-19 Rosh Hoshanah - Jewish New Year

September 27-28 Yom Kippur - Day of Repentance

Remember our Jewish friends who can neither welcome guests to their homes for the special meals, nor worship in the various synagogues.