

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**NEWS APRIL 18, 2021**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

### MINISTERS

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### APRIL 18 Rev Glenys Gill

*Praying Together* All ministers in the Presbytery, both in placement and retired

*Readings* Acts 3.12-19 Ps 4 1 John 3. 1-7 Lk 24.36b-48

### READINGS APRIL

*April 25* Acts 4. 5-12 Ps 23 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

### SHEPPARTON WORSHIP ALSO CONTINUES ONLINE

Joining in to Zoom via the phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

April 18 Meeting ID 981 8499 2555# Passcode 162 635#

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

### MINISTER'S LEAVE

The Rev Loni Vaitohi is on leave until April 20. Please contact the Revs Glenys Gill or Joan Fisher if you need a minister before then. See phone numbers previous page.

### CHURCH ROSTERS

	April 11	April 25
Opening	A. Liersch	A. Liersch
Elder	B. Fisher	H. Dixon
Welcome/Sign In	J. Fisher, L. Threlfall	M. Graham, C. Carter
Readers	B. Fisher, L. Threlfall	H. Dixon, L. Hardy
Data Projector	T. Maile	L. Threlfall
Audio-Zoom	N. Maile	TBA
Counting Offering	S. and V. Marven	A. and E. Cameron
Flowers		G. Jones
Morning Tea April	H. Lloyd, L. Watts, E. Brewster	

### THIS WEEK

Sunday 18 *Messy Church* 4.30 to 6.30pm. The Mystery of Jesus  
Tuesday 20 *Friendship Group* Outing - the Butter Factory (car transport)  
Wednesday 21 *Church Council* 7.30pm New and retiring members  
Thursday 22 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

### MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY APRIL 18, 4.40- 6.30PM

**Theme: *The Mystery of Jesus and the Road to Emmaus***

Messy Church aims to give space and opportunity for all ages to ponder the spiritual side of life together, through crafty, games and other activities. Come and help us celebrate our wonderful world Messy Church style! Tea is provided.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the incoming Church Council will be on Wednesday, April 21. On this occasion they will be joined by the retiring members of the Council.

We offer thanks for the service of the retiring members of Church Council and pray for the new Council as it begins its ministry.

## **WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GROUP ANNUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 28 at 2.00pm in the narthex.**

Please bring your own cup or mug for afternoon tea.

Bring along something about Anzac Day to share.

*Lois Hardy*

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We continue to pray for those who are not well, remembering Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Heather Turner, Ailsa, Jim, Eve, Gordon, and Merinda Speedy. The Presbytery prays for all ministers in the Presbytery, both those in Placement and those who have retired.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Belarus, Moldova, Russia and the Ukraine.

The Assembly asks us to pray for

\* Communities facing devastation after Cyclone Seroja struck the MidWest region of WA

\* Our Muslim friends beginning the month of Ramadan this week. We pray that it is a time of blessings and drawing closer to God.

\*The Royal Family and all those mourning the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

\* For creative thinking in our Church to boldly meet the challenges of the future and for openness to the inspiration of the Spirit.

## **NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY**

This week's Assembly News has items on

\* **Statement from the Heart Study Guide** *Hearing the Heart of First Nations Peoples* is a new study guide now available for the whole church. It was prepared by our Synod and offers an important way to grow in our understanding and to seek to walk together with integrity as First and Second Peoples. Should we look at this?

\***The President's Conference**, *Called by God2*, April 29 to May 2, in Adelaide. Five reasons are given for why you should join others at the conference, as it celebrates 'every member ministry' and Christian call and vocation.

\***Anzac Day 2021** Uniting Church Defence Force Chaplains have prepared a short video for congregations to share on Anzac Day,

\***What will be our Act2?** We have until Friday 16 to complete the Act2 survey on the future of the Uniting Church.

\***A Discipleship of Equals** This is a sharing of the article in this month's

*Crosslight* telling the story of three UCA women whose call to discipleship led them to ordination and celebrates the UCA as a church which embraces the equality of women and men and the mutuality of lay and ordained ministries. Make sure you read it!

## **DEATH OF KATANDRA WEST UNITING CHURCH FOUNDATION MEMBER**

Marie Dewhurst has shared news of the death of Mr Syd Turvey, a foundation member of the congregation, who died April 10, aged 99 years, 10 months, so close to his hundredth birthday. This very gentle man, fondly remembered by those who knew him, had been in aged care in Toowoomba. If you would like to contact the family, Marie has an address.