

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS APRIL 25, 2021

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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APRIL 25 Rev Loni Vaitohi Sacrament of Holy Baptism -
Riley Fortin, Olivia Heenan and Parker Fortin

Praying Together Rutherglen, Chiltern-Springhurst, Corowa, Howlong

Readings Acts 4. 5-12 Ps 23 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

READINGS MAY

May 2 Acts 8.26-40 Psalm 22.25-31 1 Jn 4. 7-21 John 15. 1-8

May 9 Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 1 Jn 5. 1-6 John 15.9-17

May 16 Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Ps 1 1 Jn 5.9-13 John 17.6-19

May 23 Pentecost Acts 2.1-21 (s 104.24-34,35b Rom 8.22-27
John 15. 26-27, 16.4b-15

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.

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP ALSO CONTINUES ONLINE

Joining in to Zoom via the phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

April 25 Meeting ID 975 7991 7698# Passcode 304 648#

CHURCH ROSTERS

	April 25	May 2
Opening	A. Liersch	
Elder	H. Dixon	
Welcome/Sign In	M. Graham, C. Carter	
Readers	H. Dixon, L. Hardy	
Data Projector	L. Threlfall	
Audio-Zoom	TBA	
Counting Offering	A. and E. Cameron	
Flowers	G. Jones	
Morning Tea April	H. Lloyd, L. Watts, E. Brewster	

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27 *Friendship Group* Anzac Day (Isobel) 10.00am Crazy Whist

Wednesday 28 *Women's Afternoon Group* AGM 2.00pm

Thursday 22 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

Saturday May 1 *Winter Night Shelter Volunteers Training* 9.30 St B's
Connect Grow Serve Dr Vicky Balabanski 11-1 online

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, Ailsa, Jim, Eve, Gordon, and Merinda Speedy.

The Presbytery prays for Rutherglen, Chiltern-Springhurst, Corowa, Howlong. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

The Assembly asks us to pray for

*the family of George Floyd and those seeking racial justice in the US and here in Australia

*all who continue to suffer the trauma of war

*Australians and New Zealanders who continue to serve in the Defence Forces, their families and those who walk alongside them

*an end to the human rights crisis in the Philippines

NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY

This week's Assembly News has items on The President-Elect, Rev Sharon Hollis, introduces the theme for the 16th Assembly, *Dwelling in Love*. This theme will be the lens to view the key callings on the Church's life right now and invites reflection ahead of the Assembly meeting, July 17 and 18, 2021. Watch for details!

CONNECT GROW SERVE

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERY'S MISSION AND EDUCATION

COMMITTEE This year, the Committee's main event is online and spans eight days! We will explore the connections between our faith, the environment and how we live.

Saturday, May 1, 11.00am to 1.00pm Dr Vicky Balabansky will lead a study on Colossians, which has the highest view of Christ, and ecological potential

Monday, May 3, 7.00 - 8.00pm Wendie Wilkie *For God so loved the world - thinking theologically about creation*

Tuesday, May 4, 7.00 - 8.00pm Tanya Walker and Tim Angus *Community gardens share the faith*

Wednesday, May 5, 7.00- 8.00pm Mark Zirnsak *What does it mean to be a' green church'?*

Thursday, May 6, 7.30- 8.30pm Heather Woodman *Living simply - Children and Families*

Friday, May 7, 2.00- 4.30pm Ministry Agents PD - Planning for using *The Seasons of Creation* in worship

Saturday, May 8, 11.00am to 1.00pm Dr Deborah Guess *Eco-theology and the Church*

If you are interested in any sessions but are not online, we may be able to make arrangements for you! See Joan 5812 9320

SACRAMENTS TRAINING

The Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee has invited Wendie Wilkie to run Sacraments training groups for the Presbytery. All who would like to learn more about the Uniting Church's understanding and practice of Baptism and Holy Communion. The course is for those who wish to learn as well as those interested in becoming Lay Presiders - and Lay Presiders who would like a refresher course. There will be sessions, each of half a day, with further work for those wishing to be accredited. *Sessions* May 6 and May 20, Presbytery Office, 44 Carrier Street, Benalla Contact Tanya Walker if interested

If there are five interested people here, or Mooroopna-Shepparton, Wendie will come here and lead the session on an other date.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER 2021 VOLUNTEERS INVITED!

7 Venues 150+ Volunteers 13 Weeks 10 Guests Dinner, B and B More details April 25!

As we work towards being one of the venues for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter, the project team are inviting volunteers from host venues and other churches and groups to staff the venues.

The programme will run for 13 weeks, from June 1 to August 31. Each venue needs 15 volunteers each night, with a pool to choose from, so they are not all required every week. The volunteers are listed below:

Venue Co-ordinator Joan

Trailer Driver - to bring and return trailer to Salvation Army day

Minibus Driver - to bring guests from SA to venue and return them 5.30 - 6.00pm; return guests to Salvation Army by 9.00am

Evening Shelter Volunteers - Shift Leader and three shift workers 5.30 - 10.00pm

Kitchen Volunteers three - prepare and serve evening meals 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Overnight Shelter Volunteers - Shift leader and two workers 10.00pm - 7.00am

Breakfast Shelter Volunteers - three 7.00- 9.00am

Standby bus driver, two workers evening shift, two overnight shift, and both evening and morning kitchen shifts

Detailed sheets will be available Sunday April 25 for all volunteer positions

Training

All volunteers are required to do general training in the operation of Winter Night Shelters. Shepparton's main day is Saturday May 1 - next week! There will be some other opportunities. Training will be led by the Salvation Army; Stable One, the overall organisers of the whole Winter Night Shelter project, will also be with us. 8.50am to noon

Some volunteers also require First Aid training (May 11, 9.30-3.30) and Fire Warden training (online, by May 20). Kitchen volunteers require Food Handlers' training (online, by May 20) Details available Sunday April 25

Our Venue

Accommodation will be in the former church, between hospitality (meals area and evening programme) and the chapel.

Guests, who must be 25, will be screened at the Salvation Army each night.