

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**NEWS MAY 16, 2021**

***CHRIST IS ASCENDED! ALLELUIA!***

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**SUNDAY MAY 16 Revs Loni Vaitohi and Tony Davies**

*Praying Together* Mathoura; Thyra

*Readings* Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Ps 1 1 Jn 5.9-13 John 17.6-19

**SUNDAY MAY 23 Pentecost Rev Loni Vaitohi**

### **READINGS MAY**

*May 13 Ascension* Acts 1.1-11 Ps 47 Eph 1.15-23 Lk 24.44-53

*May 23 Pentecost* Acts 2.1-21 Ps 104.24-34,35b Rom 8.22-27

John 15. 26-27, 16.4b-15

*May 30 Trinity* Is 6.1-8 Ps 29 Rom 8.12-17 John 3.1-17

*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

May 16 Meeting ID 921 1035 163# Passcode 791 063#

### CHURCH ROSTERS MAY 16

<i>Opening</i>	H.Dixon	<i>Elder</i>
	J.Le Quesne	
<i>Welcome/Sign In</i>	J.Teague	
<i>Readers</i>	J.Le Quesne, H.Turner	
<i>Data Projector</i>	T.Maile	
<i>Audio-Zoom</i>	N.Maile	
<i>Counting Offering</i>	S.,V.Marven	
<i>Flowers</i>	G.Jones	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	H.Lloyd, J.Lavery, N.Howard	

### THIS WEEK

*Tuesday 18 Friendship Group* 10.00am to noon

*Wednesday 19 UCAF* 59 Orr Street 1.30pm to celebrate Dorothy Spratling's birthday!

*Thursday 13 Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

### MESSY CHURCH TODAY!



**THEME:** *Pentecost 4:30pm - 6:30pm (tea provided)*

### CHURCH ROSTERS

Rosters for the rest of May and June are available from Shirley today.

*Shirley Marven, Roster Co-ordinator*

### WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

you didn't receive your copy last week, it is available on the narthex table today.

If

*Joan*

## **ASCENSION DAY - THURSDAY MAY 13**

Ascension is one of the important days of the Christian year, though sometimes not marked by churches which do not have daily services. Ascension? Forty days after the Resurrection. Luke writes about it twice, in his Gospel, chapter 24.44-50, and again in his second book, Acts 1.1-11. You might like to read these two accounts today. You might wonder why Luke wrote two versions. And you will note that the disciples continued in prayer until the gift of the Spirit - ten days later, at Pentecost. Churches in the Southern Hemisphere observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (ten days!) from Ascension to Pentecost. (The Northern Hemisphere observance is in January, between Saints Peter and Paul.) This year the InterChurch Council is not holding gatherings for readings and prayer, but the Annual Ecumenical Service will be held - at the Uniting Church, June 13 at 5.00pm. PS Readings for Ascension are in the May readings, on a previous page.

### **A Prayer for Ascension Day**

Eternal God,  
by raising Jesus from the dead  
you proclaimed his victory,  
and by his ascension,  
you declared him Lord of all:  
lift up our hearts to heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

*A Prayer Book for Australia*

### **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy, who is doing well. The Presbytery prays for Mathoura and Thyra. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Bangladesh, Butan, Nepal. The Assembly invites our prayers for

\*our political leaders and decision-makers to continue to seek the flourishing of all people and all creation

\*all those across the Uniting Church who are living out of a commitment to seek and advocate for equality, be in solidarity with the marginalised, work for peace and care for creation.

\*preparations for the 16th Assembly of the Uniting Church to be held online, July 17 and 18.

And pray for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter and all Volunteers!

### **CONNECT GROW SERVE**

All sessions so far are available on the Presbytery website and also on the Presbytery YouTube site. Don't miss the study on Colossians - or any of the others!

**NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM - VACANCY** A casual position, two days a week, for a School Chaplain is available in a local school. Details are on the notice board.

### **ASSEMBLY NEWS**

This week's very full edition

\* welcomes the recovery focus of the Budget and the record investment in vital services

\*notes missed opportunities for the Budget in relation to renewable energy, planning for a more sustainable future, refugees and asylum seekers, who are no better off

\*reports on the President's Conference and the ways God is calling us to live lives of justice, reconciliation, hope and liberation in the world

\* reflects on Brunswick Uniting Church, 'an active presence of hospitality, justice and community engagement'.

\*youth leaders, who say 'we must pursue climate justice'.

\*National Reconciliation Week - National Sorry Day, May 26. We reflect on our commitment to a new way forward, announcing the rightful place of First Nations voices - a new way shaped by truth telling and treaty

\*and much more for you to explore!

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

#### **Cuppa for Cancer**

Women's Afternoon Group will hold the annual Cuppa for Cancer morning tea on June 13 after the morning service. A delicious morning tea will be served; it will be available for everyone. Donations towards cancer research may be made on the day of you wish to do so. *Lois Hardy*

### **WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

We urgently need some more Volunteers: drivers, overnight shift people and breakfast cooks. Training is compulsory. There is training Saturday May 13 9.00- noon. The final training session will be at the Seventh Day Adventist Church 124 Graham Street on Sunday May 23, 1.00 - 4.00pm. Please let Joan know if you will volunteer - 5812 9320.