

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS MAY 9, 2021

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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SUNDAY MAY 9 Rev Glenys Gill

Praying Together Corryong, Walwa ARRM, Andrew Delbridge

Readings May 9 Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 1Jn 5.1-6 John 15.9-17

SUNDAY MAY 16 Revs Loni Vaitohi and Tony Davies

READINGS MAY

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

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 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 9 Meeting ID 944 8917 5451# Passcode 488 585#

CHURCH ROSTERS MAY 9 and 16

	May 9	May 16	Elder
Opening	H.Dixon H.Dixon	H.Dixon J.Le Quesne	
Welcome/Sign In	,J.Fitzgerald	J.Teague	
Readers	J.Shields	J.Le Quesne, H.Turner	
Data Projector	A.Russell	T.Maile	
Audio-Zoom	TBA	N.Maile	
Counting Offering	E., A.Cameron	S.,V.Marven	
Flowers	S.Marven	G.Jones	
Morning Tea	V.,W.Gibbs J.Le Quesne	H.Lloyd, J.Lavery N.Howard	

THIS WEEK

Saturday 8 Connect Grow Serve 11-1 Dr Deborah Guess

Tuesday 11 Friendship Group Mothers' Day - photos, memories 10.00am to noon

Wednesday 12 Church Council 7.30pm

Thursday 13 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am to noon

MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, May 16 4.30 - 6.30pm; tea provided

Theme: Pentecost, where we explore the Holy Spirit. See next page

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy, who is doing well.

The Presbytery prays for Upper Murray - Corryong and Walwa.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Friday May 7 is a WCC Day of Prayer and Fasting for the healing of India, organised by India's church leaders (27.8M Christians).

The Assembly invites our prayers for

*the deepening COVID crisis and those impacted by the travel ban to Australia

*an end to suffering, and lasting peace for indigenous people of W. Papua

*a spirit of friendship as people of all faiths join in Iftar meals during Ramadan

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

CHURCH ROSTERS: HELP!

Many thanks to those who have answered my phone calls and volunteered. We are looking for some extra help with the QR coding and extra help with the audio set-up before the Sunday services and also morning tea duties. Of course there is plenty of room for extra volunteers for the other duties as well! The new rosters for the remainder of May and June will be available on May 16. Many, many thanks.

Shirley Marven, Roster Co-ordinator

BIBLES IN WORSHIP: REMINDER

Regarding the use of Bibles in our worship, here's a reminder of the recommendations made at the January meeting of the Worship Group:

1. The Lectern Bible is too heavy to carry. So the Elder on Duty is asked to *open* it when the candle is lit before worship; and *close* it after worship.
2. **Two** large print copies of the *New Revised Standard Version* are now available on the table inside the entrance doors, recommended for readers to use during worship. WHY the NRSV? It's based on the most up-to-date and accurate scholarship; and where appropriate it uses language inclusive of women and men. A noted scholar and preacher, William Willimon, describes it as '*God's Word made fresh and accessible for our age.*'
3. After the last reading, the reader is asked to say either: '*For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God***'; or '*May your word live in us, **and bear much fruit to your glory.***'

Rev. Joan Fisher, for the Worship Group

CONNECT GROW SERVE

Still three sessions to come - from Thursday!

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*

All sessions so far are available on the Presbytery website and also on the Presbytery YouTube site. These sessions will be added later.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Volunteers still required! See Joan today! Warm thanks to all Volunteers.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM - VACANCY

A casual position, two days a week, for a School Chaplain is available in a local school. The National School Chaplaincy Program is Federally funded, to provide chaplains in local schools, through State Education Departments. The role of these Chaplains is to provide *pastoral care* to the students in the school. Each position is fully funded, the school receiving a grant of \$20,000pa for four years. Full details of the role and of the requirements of applicants is available from Lavinia or Lorraine - or the notice board.



THEME: *Pentecost*



At

Shepparton

Uniting Church

Sunday 16th May

4:30pm - 6:30pm

(tea provided)

A creative new approach to worship, Messy Church aims to give space and opportunity for all ages to ponder the spiritual side of life together, through craft, games and other activities.

This month's theme is Pentecost where we explore the Holy Spirit.
Come and help us celebrate our wonderful world in Messy Church style!

Warm thanks to those who have volunteered to staff our venue - or others.
The programme will run for 13 weeks, from June 1 to August 31
Volunteers must be 18; drivers 25

We would love to have

a Trailer Driver - to bring and return trailer to Salvation Army
and/ or a Minibus Driver - to bring guests from SA to venue 5.30
- 6.00pm; return guests to Salvation Army at 9.00am
one more Evening Shelter Volunteer shift worker 5.30 - 10.00pm
a couple more 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

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

Detailed sheets, with roles and details, are on the narthex table.

Contact Joan - 5812 9320 (taking services on Sunday)

Training

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

Costs of training: Any costs paid by volunteers will be reimbursed by Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter - mention our name

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.