

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS JUNE 13, 2021

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SUNDAY JUNE 13 Joan McRae

Readings 1 Sam 15.34-16.13 Ps 20 2 Cor 5.6-10,14-17 Mk 4.26-34

Praying Together Broadford

SUNDAY JUNE 20 Revd Loni Vaitohi

Readings 1 Sam 17.32-49 Ps 9.9-20 2 Cor 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-41

Praying Together Lay Preachers in the Presbytery -

The service with Uniting planned for June 20 has been postponed, because COVID travel restrictions mean that Uniting staff from Melbourne and other areas would not be able to join us.

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 SUNDAY JUNE 13

Church Council has approved face-to-face worship in the church on June 13. The permitted maximum number *in the building* is 75, plus the worship leader. Distancing - 4 sq metres/person, even using the QR code.

Joining in to Zoom by phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

June 13 Meeting ID 915 5294 5048# Passcode 374 658#

CUPPA FOR CANCER - Postponed! Join us July 11.

RURAL CLUSTER WORSHIP JUNE 13

Dookie Anglicans Revd Dr Helen Malcolm

MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY JUNE 20

4.30 - 6.30pm, with tea provided

The theme is Prayer

See the flyer next page - and come!

THIS WEEK

Monday 14 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter* 5.30pm to 9.00am

Tuesday 15 *Friendship Group Stamps* 10.00am; *Crazy Whist*

Wednesday 16 *UCAF* 1.30pm

Thursday 10 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

CHURCH ROSTERS - JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Now that there is again access to the narthex, would volunteers please collect a form from the table and indicate any changes in your preferences, and any dates for which you are unavailable? Many thanks. *Shirley Marven*

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy. The Presbytery prays for Broadford. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples Botswana and Zimbabwe.

The Assembly prays for

*The leading of the Spirit and God's blessing for the 16th Assembly meeting and all members as they begin their preparation and discernment.

*The bold leadership needed to address the climate crisis.

*Members of the Uniting Church's Tongan National Conference around the country who will gather to worship together both online and in-person on Sunday. Blessings, Loni!

*The Uniting Church National History Conference to be held this weekend.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

*Six weeks of Dwelling in Prayer. President-Elect, Revd Sharon Hollis, offers the first of these weekly prayers - often in languages other than English - for all who are preparing for the Assembly and its members as they seek to become a community of discernment - wise, open, curious and alert to the movement of the Spirit.

*Inspired Preaching - about 300 from round Australia delved into what makes creative and inspired preaching at PreachFest, June 1-3.

*Lessons from COVID-19 for the Climate Emergency: a new resource from the Synod of South Australia explores connections between two crises that have and continue to pose drastic change and threat to life on earth: the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. It includes a series of videos with questions for discussion.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Winter Night Shepparton began on Tuesday 8, with two guests at Ardmona Hall, hosted by St Mary's Mooroopna. It was a wonderful experience. On Wednesday, St Brendan's welcomed four guests, Tuesday's two and two more, described by the Venue Co-ordinator as 'four lovely, gentle fellows' who were hugely grateful for meals, beds and most of all, conversation. One described it as 'just the best night'. The Volunteers found it an exhilarating experience.

So we are ready for Monday 14! I have a full team of 27 Volunteers, with another offering on Wednesday. Rosters for each team - Drivers, Evening Kitchen Shift, Evening Shift, Overnight and Breakfast Shift - have been completed for June. I made and collected my first fortnightly food order June 6 and 8. We have also been given - from community donors - pyjamas, beanies, drink bottles, towels, all the sanitising materials required and numerous other gifts in kind. These have been stored in various places at the church. The trailer will be parked in our car park overnight Mondays - with a wheel clamp to deter the curious. A First Aid kit and evening entertainment box come each night in the trailer.

Prayer for Volunteers:

*'Be the reason
someone feels
welcomed, seen,
heard, valued, loved
and supported.'*



THEME: Prayer **Pray**

At Shepparton Uniting Church

Sunday 20th June

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.

Come and help us celebrate our wonderful world in

Messy Church style!