

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**NEWS JUNE 20, 2021**

### **AFTER PENTECOST 4**

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#### **SUNDAY JUNE 20 Revd Loni Vaitohi**

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

*Praying Together* The 25 Accredited and Recognised Lay

Preachers in the Presbytery

#### **SUNDAY JUNE 27 Revds Loni Vaitohi and Tony Davies**

**Mission Study and Cafe Church**

*Readings* 2 Sam 1.1, 12-17 Ps 89.20-37 2Cor 8. 7-15 Mk5.21-43

*Praying Together* Shepparton Uniting GNE

#### **READINGS JULY**

*July 4* 2 Sam 5.1-5, 9-10 Ps 48 2 Cor 12.2-10 Mk 6.1-13

*July 11* 2 Sam 6.1-5, 12b-19 Ps 24 Eph 1.3-14 Mk 6.14-29

*July 18* 2Sam 7.1-14a Ps 89.20-37 Eph2.11-22 Mk 6.30-34,55-56

*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 20**

Worship will be in the church. There cap on numbers in the building in the regions is 300, but we must observe the *wider spacing* - 4 sq metres/ person - so leave at least one empty chair between you and the next one.

### **Joining in to Zoom by phone**

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

**June 20** Meeting ID 986 1213 1939# Passcode 641 570#

## **RURAL CLUSTER WORSHIP JUNE 20**

**Please note the wider spacing - see above**

Dookie 9.30 Revd Glenys Gill

Pine Lodge 11.00 Revd Glenys Gill

## **MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY JUNE 20**

**- 6.30pm, with tea provided**

**The theme is Prayer**

Families are welcome to share this creative approach to worship to explore the spiritual side of life through craft, games, worship and a shared meal!



## **FRIDAY JUNE 18 President's Roundtable Event, Shepparton**

Young Adults (18-25) are invited to attend the President's Roundtable held between 18-20 June 2021. Led by UCA President, Dr Deidre Palmer, this event is a time of listening to young adults about their hopes and dreams for the church and world. The President's Roundtable will be hosted by Churches in Shepparton, Geelong and Melbourne over the weekend. For locations, times and to register visit

<https://victas.uca.org.au/event/presidents-roundtable/2021-06-18/>

## **TUESDAY JUNE 22 44 Years since Union!**

The President, Dr Deidre Palmer's anniversary message:

'On this anniversary of the Uniting Church, I invite us to move forward in faith, opening our hearts to the actions of the innovative, creative Holy Spirit, forming and transforming the Uniting Church into a community in Christ, embodying God's abundant grace and liberating hope.' To watch the video message, go to the Assembly website and download it.

## **MOU SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH AND UNITING VT**

If you were not at worship in the church June 13, please collect a pink sheet from Joan after the service. It is a report from Church Council read at the service last week.

## **THIS WEEK**

Monday 21 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter* 5.30pm to 9.00am

Tuesday 22 *Friendship Group* 10.00am; *Crazy Whist*

Wednesday 23 *Women's Afternoon Group* 1.30pm in the narthex. Bring your cup!

Thursday 10 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

## **CHURCH ROSTERS - JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

Please complete any outstanding Roster forms on Sunday June 20!

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy, Gordon and Lorraine Threlfall. The Presbytery prays for the 25 Accredited and Recognised Lay Preachers in this Presbytery. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Malawi and Zambia

The Assembly prays for

\*The Uniting Church on its 44th anniversary, as we remember where we have come from and discern the church we are called to be in the future.

\*All those in the Uniting Church who go above and beyond to faithfully serve their local communities and wider society.

\*The ongoing journey of the Uniting Church to be a truly intercultural church, where people from different aces, languages and cultures are bound together by our unity in Christ.

Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter!

## **ASSEMBLY NEWS**

\*Six weeks of Dwelling in Prayer. The second prayer this week, written by Revd Dr Pauj Goh, 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.

Other great news about

\*Our Intercultural Church

\*National Conferences of the Uniting Church

\*Child Safety in our leadership, governance and culture

\*Volunteering for Frontier Services

Go to the Assembly website and explore these really interesting stories.

## **SHEPPARTON FESTIVAL**

The Stewart Street wall is now graced by a mural, work of *Shine on Greater Shepp* artist Rachel Doller. You have seen it?

## **GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

Winter Night Shelter completed its first week at our venue on Monday June 14. The reports have been glowing, from both Guests and Volunteers across the seven Venues. All agree that it is a wonderful project, which we should have started years ago! The maximum number of guests was five, for two nights; other nights have mainly had four guests.

We were expecting five guests, but one had withdrawn. The Volunteers - three from this congregation and a dozen others - greatly enjoyed meeting and conversing with the guests. The dinner was excellent: one Cook organised her husband to make bread rolls which arrived hot, just at soup time!

All guests slept right through the night - this is something they are really enjoying. We had to wake three at 7.30. But I was concerned that the former church was not warm enough, although we also had the WNS heater running. (At least one other venue was too hot!)

I have two further invitations:

We could use someone to go with the trailer 8.30ish to its home near the cemetery to help the driver unload. If you could help, please let me know. Some cooks in the congregation would love to assist: here is a way, since we cannot invite you to deliver cooked meals. But a slice for supper or a few homebaked biscuits would be a great gift. Please see me if you would like to help and we'll arrange some dates. Your gift could be left at church on Sunday or brought on the Monday, 5.00ish.

If either of these is for you. I'm at church here Sundays 20 and 27. Or [joanmcr@netspace.net.au](mailto:joanmcr@netspace.net.au)

**Prayer for Volunteers: Please keep praying! You have no idea what the prayers of all the churches are effecting!**

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