

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS JUNE 27, 2021

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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

SUNDAY JULY 4 Revd Loni Vaitohi

Readings 2 Sam 5.1-5, 9-10 Ps 48 2 Cor 12.2-10 Mk 6.1-13

Praying Together Tallangatta, Eskdale, Red Bluff ARRM

READINGS JULY

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

July 25 2 Sam 11.1-15 Ps 14 Eph 3.14-21 John 6. 1-21

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 27

Worship will be in the church. The cap on numbers in the building in the regions is 300, but we must observe the *wider spacing* - 2 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 27 Meeting ID 971 0913 1216# Passcode 073 670#

RURAL CLUSTER WORSHIP JUNE 27

Please note the spacing - see above

Zoom service

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 June 13.

THIS WEEK

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

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

Thursday 10 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

CHURCH ROSTERS - JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Please collect your copy from Shirley today

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy, Lorraine Threlfall. Philip, Andrew and Lana. The Presbytery prays for Tallangatta, Eskdale and Red Bluff, and also the Alpine Regional Resource Ministry and the Rev Andrew Delbridge. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Kenya and Tanzania.

The Assembly prays for

*Refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia

*People who are survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, including those abused in the care of the Uniting Church. We pray the Government's review of the National Redress Scheme leads to better support for survivors and improved access to the scheme.

*Uniting Church meetings in all councils of the Church to be places where peoples of all cultures have a voice and can fully participate.

We join Shepparton churches in praying for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter offering bed and meals in the seven venues each week.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

****Six weeks of Dwelling in Prayer.** Sixteenth Assembly, July 17,18, theme *Dwelling in Love*. The third prayer, is written by Rev Siotame Paletu'a, in Tongan - that the Assembly become a community of discernment - wise, open, curious and alert to the movement of the Spirit. Siotame is a Presbytery Minister who lives in Mildura.

Other great news

****Pink Sleepbus delivers a home for women** - Tuggeranong Uniting Church Canberra is part of a project providing a safe night's sleep for women sleeping rough in Canberra.

***National Conferences of the Uniting Church** webinar

****2021 Cato Lecture** Save the date - July 17, 7.00pm Livestreaming: Professor Anthony Reddie, Black Theology scholar -*Is God Colour-blind?* Go to the Assembly website and explore these really interesting stories.

<https://assembly.uca.org.au>

VALE GORDON THRELFALL

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Gordon Threlfall last Sunday. We offer Lorraine, Philip, Andrew and Lana our deepest sympathy and our loving prayers that they may be sustained by God's gracious care now and in the days to come. Celebrate Gordon's wonderful life on Saturday at 11.00am.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Winter Night Shelter completed its second week at our venue on Monday June 21. The daily reports continue to reflect the value of the project, the commitment of the Volunteers and the help to Guests. Numbers were lower, with two Guests Wednesday and Thursday, then one the next four nights - but four again for Mooroopna Uniting Church at Ardmona Hall on Tuesday 22 and each night since. Some of the Guests had been away. 24 of our 27 Volunteers have now worked at least one shift; the others do their first shift with us on June 28. Several of them are working at two venues. One lives at Moama. Another works for the Royal Flying Doctor Dental Service and works away every second week.

Monday's Guest has benefitted hugely from the good meals, warm bed and showers. He spoke about how much better he now is. We pray for that for all our Guests - the other three have returned to the Shelter and we look forward to welcoming them again on Monday.

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



GSWNS

NEXT SUNDAY: CAFÉ CHURCH CONVERSATIONS

Next Sunday as part of our worship we will engage in various missional conversations over coffee. We will have six conversations, at 6 different tables. You will have 15 minutes at one table, before moving on to a second table for 15 minutes. Take this week to pray for each conversation and to choose which 2 you will join.

1. **Growing our theological understandings** – we where we explore how we might grow in our faith journey.
2. **Growing new connections** – where we think about how we can continue to grow our connections into the wider community.
3. **Our cyberspace connections** – people are connected to the world via their phones. How might we improve our connections with them?
4. **The Op shop as ministry and as outreach** – our Op Shop is a wonderful ministry connection to our community. How can we make this a better more meaningful experience for everyone?
5. **Loneliness is a key issue in our community – what can we do?** – where we think intentionally about how we might reach the lonely through our existing programmes and activities.
6. **Climate change and environmental stewardship** – is a global issue. How might we enter the conversation as a people sharing in God's work of reconciliation of the planet?

Additional note: Printed copies of the addresses by Rev Tony Davies are available on the narthex table, or attached (email version).