

# **SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH**

## **SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER**



**NEWS JULY 11, 2021**

### ***AFTER PENTECOST 7***

#### **MINISTERS**

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#### **SUNDAY JULY 11 Revd Loni Vaitohi**

**The Baptism of 'Atelaite Maopa, daughter of Lavinia and Tavake Losaki**

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

*Praying Together* Numurkah, Nathalia, Picola

#### **SUNDAY JULY 18 Revd Glenys Gill**

*Readings* 2Sam 7.1-14a Ps 89.20-37 Eph2.11-22 Mk 6.30-34,55-8

*Praying Together* St Stephen's, Wodonga UnitingGNE

#### **READINGS FOR 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 JULY 11**

Worship will be in the church. We must observe the *wider spacing* - 2 sq metres/person - so *leave at least one empty chair* next to you.

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

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

**July 11** Meeting ID 995 0101 5471# Passcode 838 474#

## **CUPPA FOR CANCER: SPECIAL MORNING TEA JULY 11**

prepared by the Women's Afternoon Group. All welcome: Do come!

## **DOOKIE WORSHIP JULY 11**

**Dookie 9.30am Anglican: Revd Dr Helen Malcolm**

## **THIS WEEK**

Monday 12 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter* 5.30pm to 9.00am

Tuesday 13 *Friendship Group* 10.00am; *Crazy Whist*

Wednesday 14 Banksia Lodge, 10.45am Revd Glenys Gill All welcome  
Church Council 7.30pm

Thursday 15 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00am to noon

Saturday 17 *Opening Service, 16th Assembly* 11.30am See next page

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy, Lorraine Threfall. Philip, Andrew and Lana. The Presbytery prays for Numurkah, Nathalia and Picola. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia. The Assembly prays for  
\*final preparations for the Sixteenth Assembly, July 17 and 18.

\*The healing of this land and her First Nations People

\* the gifts and leadership of emerging generations in the Uniting Church  
*We join Shepparton churches* in praying for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter, offering bed and meals in the seven venues each week.

## **NAIDOC WEEK JULY 4- 11**

**Theme *Heal Country!***

*Shepparton News* has provided splendid coverage of NAIDOC Week, not least Thursday's supplement. ABC radio and TV have featured NAIDOC Week every day. The stories of Interim National Chair of UAICC (Uniting Church Congress), Pastor Mark Kickett, Aunty Rev Dr Denise Champion (Synod of SA), Brooke Prentis, Aunty Janet Oobagooma and Pastor Kirsty Burgu have been shared. Go to the Assembly website to catch up on these and other stories: <https://assembly.uca.org.au>

## **SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY OPENING: YOUR INVITATION!**

Members of the Uniting Church are invited to attend the Opening Service on Saturday July 17 at 11.30 am. The Revd Sharon Hollis (daughter of Joy and John Sims) will be installed as President of the Uniting church in Australia. Go to <https://www.uniting.church/16thassembly> or the Assembly Facebook page.

## **AND ALSO FROM ASSEMBLY**

**\*Six Weeks of Dwelling in Prayer:** this week's prayer is led by Rev Faye Talatonu, in Samoan

\*more news of UCA National Conferences

\*Save the Date - Older Persons' Sunday October 3!

\*the impact of joining hands with UnitingWorld

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

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

## **OP SHOP NEWS**

A sketch plan of the Op Shop Committee's suggested layout for the Op Shop and work areas for the new Op Shop is on the notice board in the narthex. Please take a moment to look at the plan and feel free to offer any further suggestions to members of the Op Shop Committee or Heather Lloyd. Thanks! Val Gibbs

## **ALSO ON JULY 11**

Tatura Congregation open their new premises at 115 Hogan Street Tatura! Please pray for the Tatura Congregation and minister Brian Spencer - and the Waranga Cluster! You may have seen the closing service last week on ABC News.

## **GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

Our Volunteers are a fabulous team and are really enjoying our Guests. We were to have had five on Monday 5, but only three arrived. It was a time of good sharing, great food and warmth! A Uniting staff member happened along on Tuesday morning and shared job and other possibilities with two of our guests, with specific help for each one.

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

## **ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

The annual Ecumenical Service led by Shepparton InterChurch Council will be held at this church on Sunday July 25 at 5.00pm. The Preacher will be Fr Joe Taylor. Do join us! Details next week.

## MESSY CHURCH



### ***THEME:***

*At Shepparton Uniting Church*

*Sunday 18th July*

*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!*