

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**NEWS JULY 11, 2021**

### **AFTER PENTECOST 8**

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#### **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

#### **SUNDAY JULY 25 Revd Loni Vaitohi**

*Readings* 2 Sam 11.1-15 Ps 14 Eph 3.14-21 John 6.1-21  
*Praying Together* Euroa, Terip-Ruffy

#### **READINGS FOR AUGUST**

Aug 1 2 Sam 11.26- 12.13a Ps 51.1-12 Eph 4.1-16 Jn 6 24-35  
Aug 8 2 Sam 18.5-9,15,31-33 Ps 130 Eph 4.15-5.2 Jn 6.35,41-51  
Aug 15 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Ps111 Eph 5.15-20 John 6.51-58  
Aug 22 1 Kings 8.22-30,41-43 Ps 84 Eph 6.10-20 John 6.56-69

*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 18**  
Sunday's service is online only. Join Revd Gelys Gill

**Joining in to Zoom by phone**

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

**July 18** Meeting ID 939 8936 3701# Passcode 106 606#

**Postponed!**



**Here! Today - 4.30 to 6.30pm**, including a meal

**Theme *David and Goliath***

*'God often uses something small to show his might is greater than all'*

All welcome to share this creative approach to worship!

**DOOKIE WORSHIP JULY 18**

**Join Shepparton online!**

**Dookie 9.30am**

**Pine Lodge 11.00am**

**THIS WEEK as COVID restrictions allow**

Saturday 17 *Opening of 16th Assembly 11.30am Cato Lecture 7.00pm*

Monday 19 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter 5.30pm to 9.00am*

Tuesday 20 *Friendship Group 10.00am; Crazy Whist*

Wednesday 21 *UCAF 1.30pm*

Thursday 22 *Cuppa and Chat 10.00am to noon*

**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.

The 16th Assembly theme is *Dwelling in Love*.

This Assembly Meeting, we can all join in! There are seven ways...

1. *Join the Opening Service* - see above.
2. *Tune into livestream* through the weekend. Check the timetable to see

the parts which particularly interest you. Use the 16thAssembly webpage - above - or follow on Facebook.

3. *Listen to the Cato lecture* - by Professor Anthony Reddie, Oxford University - Saturday July 17, 7.00pm. 16thAssembly website and FB

4. *Subscribe to National Update* for the wrap of each day

5. *Follow and add to the social media conversation* using hashtags - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

6. *Watch the Examen* (evening reflection) to close the day in prayer

7. *Read about the life of the National Church* over the last three years - that is, the Reports to the Assembly.

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We remember with loving sympathy those recently bereaved, praying especially for Alison Finlayson and her family on the death of Brian, July 6, and Uzembe Byamasu and Jeannette Mwavita and their family on the death of Jeannette's sister in Uvira, DR Congo.

We continue to remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve and Merinda Speedy, Lorraine Threlfall, Philip, Andrew and Lana. The Presbytery prays for St Stephen's Wodonga and Uniting. The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Djibouti and Somalia. The Assembly prays for \*the Sixteenth Assembly, July 17 and 18, and its members, meeting online \*Revd Sharon Hollis as she is installed as President of the Uniting Church, for strength and wisdom in her spiritual leadership over the next three years \* Dr Deirdre Palmer: we give thanks for her leadership over the last three years, for her faithful service, her great encouragement of the whole Church and her constant reminder of the abundant grace and liberating hope we have in Jesus.

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

## **REPORT: CUPPA FOR CANCER**

After a lovely baptismal service for baby Adelaide Maopa Losaki, a beautiful morning tea was served by the Women's Afternoon Group. Donations for cancer research totalled \$1,163.80, which included \$164 raised by the doll. Her name was revealed as Isla, but no-one had chosen this name. From the names of those who attempted to name the doll, the winner's name will be drawn.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful effort. Lois

## **WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GROUP MEETING**

Wednesday July 28 in the narthex, 1.30pm. Bring a cup!

## ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

using the service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021**

**Shepparton Uniting Church Sunday July 25, 5.00pm**



Theme     *'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit'* John 15.5  
Homily     Fr Joe Taylor

The service was prepared by the Community of Grandchamp, in Switzerland, a Community of Sisters from Reformed Churches in many lands. It is based on their daily vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity. The service has three major sections, each with readings and prayers.

Join with members of other Shepparton and Mooroopna churches, and share some soup and fellowship after the service.

*Led by Shepparton InterChurch Council*

## **GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

In the last week, hosts have welcomed some new Guests. We were expecting five last Monday, but only three arrived - including one new person. Again - great food, which encourages good fellowship with our Guests during their stay - and wonderful Volunteers who do far more than is expected of them!

**Please keep praying! You have no idea what the prayers of all the churches are bringing about! There are great stories from all venues.**