

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS AUGUST 15, 2021

AFTER PENTECOST 12

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 Revd Glenys Gill

Readings 1Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Ps111 Eph 5.15-20 John 6.51-58

Praying Together St David's Albury Uniting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 Revd Loni Vaitohi and Munya Juru

Readings Aug 22 1 Kings 8.22-30,41-43 Ps 84 Eph 6.10-20 John 6.56-69

Praying Together Kyabram, Cooma

READINGS FOR AUGUST

Aug 29 Song 2.8-13 Ps 45.1-2, 6-9 Jas1.17-27 Mk 7.1-8,14-15, 22-33

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 AUGUST 15

Sunday worship will be both at the church and online.

As of Thursday morning, we are permitted to have 49 in the church and 17 in the narthex. Distancing has to be 4 square metres, so we need to use all the rows in the church to spread our 49 out suitably. If the restrictions are eased, I will email those on the email list.

Joining in to Zoom by phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

August 15 Meeting ID 968 3280 1650# Passcode 176 283#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY AUGUST 15

Dookie 9.30am Revd Loni Vaitohi HC

Pine Lodge 11.00am Revd Loni Vaitohi HC

THIS WEEK adjusted for Lockdown

Monday 16 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter* 5.30pm to 9.00am

Tuesday 17 *Friendship Group* Guest Speaker - Jillean 10.30; *Crazy Whist*

Wednesday 18 UCAF 1.30pm

Thursday 19 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00 am to noon

Saturday 21 *Meeting of the Presbytery* of North East Victoria 9.30-12.30

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Shirley, Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve, Merinda Speedy, Lorraine Threlfall, Philip, Andrew and Lana, Alison Finlayson, Uzembe and Jeannette.

The Presbytery prays for St David's Albury; Uniting.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. (this is not Nigeria - September 12)

The Assembly prays for

*All those grieving, suffering or experiencing loss, fear and anxiety due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19

*The people of Lebanon, especially those gripped by poverty as the nation faces an economic crisis

*World leaders meeting at COP26 in October - for the courage and commitment to out in place policies and action that will limit climate change and protect the planet

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The new issue will be available at church on Sunday 15, then delivered to those not worshipping at the church that day.

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER

Table Talk, Dookie first and third Mondays at hall or Joy's and John's home
7.30pm, COVID-permitting

Friendship Group, Dookie second and fourth Wednesdays at the hall
Parish Council Meeting Thursday August 26, 6.00pm, Pine Lodge

OP SHOP NEWS

The Op Shop will re-open on Monday August 16.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST VICTORIA SATURDAY AUGUST 21 9.30 to 12.30 by ZOOM

The Presbytery's August meeting is on Zoom. Just as well, because the Secretary is currently in North Queensland. Not to mention the rest of us scattered across the presbytery. Shepparton members are Loni, Elaine, Jen and Cam, Joan McRae; retired ministers are also members, so Joan Fisher, too. Jeni is our Alternate, in case one of Elaine, Jen and Cam is not available - these four were elected by the congregation.

But this time anyone can join online. The link isn't available yet, but I'll email it in the next few days.

Shepparton Rural also has representatives, of course.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

August 9: our biggest night yet! Seven Guests, including one with broken ribs on his first night at the Shelter - he'd been hit by a car the previous week. It was a joy to give three of the new air conditioning units a workout - they were gladly welcomed by those who have spent the last two months with us in less than warm comfort most nights. One who had been well clothed the previous week arrived in bare feet. A Volunteer went home to get socks - my store had been used - but he'd gone out, returning at 9.15pm and great delight to have socks. Jeni was on Breakfast Tuesday so took him to the Op Shop for shoes, new jeans - his only pair had split overnight - undies - had none - and kitted him out beautifully. I met our Central Queensland Guest by chance, took him to collect his bag of clothes from Mooroopna and heard bits of why he is not at home - was caught up in Robodebt, has lost his car and is part of a Robodebt class action, so can't return yet. I advised the Salvation Army Captain; we spoke of Legal Aid. So you see our varied Winter Night Shelter experiences!

Please continue to pray for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter, the seven venues, all Guests and, of course, the wonderful Volunteers. And also the Project Co-ordinator, Deputy, Project Team Volunteer Co-ordinator and all others who have special tasks.



THEME: David and Goliath

At Shepparton Uniting Church

Sunday August 15

4:30pm - 6:30pm *(tea provided)*

Please remember to RSVP - see emailed invitation

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

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