

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS AUGUST 22, 2021

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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

SUNDAY AUGUST 29 **Revd Joan Fisher; Young Adults**

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

Praying Together Defence Force Chaplains

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

The readings will be for *Season of Creation* and will be printed next week. Lectionary readings are printed in the Plan
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 22

Sunday worship will be both at the church and online.

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.

Morning Tea requirements If churches offer morning tea with the present COVID restrictions for Regional Victoria, **everyone must be seated**. Maximum size for groups is 10. Maximum in narthex 17 This did not happen August 15!

Joining in to Zoom by phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

August 22 Meeting ID 991 8329 0548# Passcode 768 655#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY AUGUST 22

Dookie

9.30am

Elders or Zoom

THIS WEEK

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

Monday 23 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter* 5.30pm to 9.00am

Tuesday 124 *Friendship Group* Your first ball gown 10.30; *Crazy Whist*

Wednesday 18 *Women's Afternoon Group* narthex, 1.30pm

Thursday 19 *Cuppa and Chat* 10.00 am to noon

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY COVID-19 Sunday, August 22

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve, Bev Mathews

The Presbytery prays for Kyabram; Cooma - soon to be closed.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands of Liberia and Sierre Leone

The Assembly prays for

*The people of Afghanistan and the Afghan community in Australia who seek peace, security and a safe future

* Defence force personnel and retired veterans who served in Afghanistan

*All those impacted by COVID-19 in Australia and across the world as we mark more than 200 million cases globally and 4.4 million deaths

*Our leaders navigating the response to the pandemic, health workers caring for the sick and those providing care and support to the vulnerable.

*Families and communities engaged in Messy Church in the UCA and beyond.

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

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

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Presbytery's August meeting is on Zoom. The elected representatives may vote, but any other UCA members may join the meeting. *Joan has the link:* ask her if you would like it.

CLOSING OF KATANDRA WEST CHURCH

Sunday, October 10 is the proposed date for the closing of the Katandra West Church, COVID-19 permitting. Make your diary entry now!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2021

Christmas Child boxes are now available from Lois. If you want to pack a box or boxes, please phone 0427 159 808 and boxes will be delivered to you.

MESSY CHURCH AUGUST 15

13 children and 19 adults shared in Messy Church last Sunday from 4.30 to 6.30pm. As well as the family groups, we welcomed Jonathan, a visitor.

David and Goliath inspired our activities, our worship and what we have to show you. We checked everyone's height on the Growth Chart which you will find in the narthex. No-one seven feet tall, but Rob was getting close! Quite a few about David's size. Find David and Goliath on the chart. The story from 1 Kings was shown in pictures on the screen. *Only a boy named David, only a little sling*, we sang. Then we finished our colouring, decorating our stones - and making the Goliath jigsaw. He'll be at church on Sunday, in the hospitality area. We share a picture on the next page. After a quick reprise of our story and song, using the narthex screen, we enjoyed a delicious meal! Warm thanks to everyone who shared - and Anni, Joan, Lyn, Lisa, Joan, Gail, Jeni and Bron.

ASSEMBLY NEWS AUGUST 19 - MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church was featured as one of the ways our church shares its Intergenerational Ministry. You may not know that Messy Church began in the UK in 2004 and was introduced to Australia in 2010. It has thrived as a creative, practical model for local congregations and communities seeking to nurture faith and build relationships across generations. Messy Church

was begun to engage families with no links to the more formal church services. There are now 3,700 known Messy Church communities in 30 countries. The National Church Life Survey records that 90 of these are in the Uniting Church in Australia. As you will realise, this congregation began Messy Church very soon after it reached Australia, thanks to Rosalie, Anni and the Young Church group. St Augustine's visited - and have begun their community. Please keep Messy Church in your prayers each month.



GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

August 16 - seven guests, of whom two decided to sleep 'on the road' and didn't join us. We also welcomed two guests to dinner, Lorraine, and Jenny who runs the St Brendan's venue. On Monday it will be Kim Read.

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 and the Project Team. Volunteer Co-ordinator and all others who have special tasks.

