

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS AUGUST 8, 2021

AFTER PENTECOST 11

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SUNDAY AUGUST 9 Revd Loni Vaitohi

Readings 2Sam18.5-9,15,31-33 Ps130 Eph4.15-5.2 Jn6.35,41-51

Praying Together Shepparton Rural Cluster - Dookie, Pine Lodge

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

READINGS FOR AUGUST

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

Aug 29 Song 2.8-13 Ps45.1-2,6-9 Jas1.17-27 Mk7.1-8,14-15, 22-3

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 8

Sunday worship will be online. The link will be available online from our website.

Joining in to Zoom by phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

August 8 Meeting ID 981 8984 8801# Passcode 600 799#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY AUGUST 8 Pre-lockdown!

Dookie 9.30am Anglicans Revd Dr Helen Malcolm

THIS WEEK adjusted for Lockdown

Monday 9 *Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter* 5.30pm to 9.00am

Wednesday 11 *Church Council* 7.30pm

Sunday 15 *Messy Church* 4.30-6.30 David and Goliath! See over

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 Shepparton Rural - Dookie and Pine Lodge.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea.

The Assembly prays for

*All communities across Australia supporting our *First Nations children* to grow strong in spirit and deepen their connections to culture, family and community.

*Our journey to be an *Intergenerational Church* where people of all ages are welcomed, engaged and can fully participate. (*see Messy Church!*)

**Aged care workers* for their devotion and care for our family during COVID.

**A world free from nuclear weapons* and all those who advocate for a world of peace and justice. (Remember Hiroshima, August 6)

SHEPPARTON RURAL CONGREGATIONS

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

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The new issue has arrived and will now be available Sunday August 15.

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH WORSHIP ONLINE

On July 25 we had a new congregation - at Harmony Village, thanks to Keith Smith. Our service also goes to Mooroopna Place in lockdown. Hakea has joined us, too. Maculata Place will be next!

OP SHOP NEWS

The Op Shop re-opened on Monday August 2 after the third COVID lockdown this year. We are continuing to receive lots of donations. We are planning to have some ½ price sale days during the week beginning August 9. Please call in and find a great bargain! During the last couple of weeks we have provided warm clothing for some fruit pickers who have arrived from overseas without suitable warm clothing for our very cold Winter. One person from the Night Shelter program has also been given some warm clothes.

Prior to the last lockdown we had a delightful young teenager from the Goulburn Valley Grammar School participating in the school Community Service Program. He enjoyed working with us and we all appreciated his youthfulness and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all our volunteers, who are assisting in the Op Shop during this cold and wet Winter. *Val Gibbs Op Shop Committee*

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

We were thrilled to have six Guests on August 2 and expect a similar number from now on. One first-timer had walked 6.5 hours to get here for Winter Night Shelter. We had our first Muslim and Halal food has been arranged by one of our cooks. Loni has completed his Overnight Shifts: we are delighted that he has been involved in this, the most difficult shift. But he had great contacts on the team! Barb from Uniting (Job Seeker) was able to discuss employment with more of our Guests, too. Only four nights left: what will become of the Guests then?

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)

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

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!