

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



NEWS SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

AFTER PENTECOST 17

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 Rev Glenys Gill

Season of Creation *Sky Sunday*

Readings Jer 4.23-28 Psalm 19.1-6 Phil 2.14-18 Mark 15. 33-39

Praying Together The Scots' School Albury; Chaplain Rev Beth Bear, currently on maternity leave

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26 Joan McRae

Season Of Creation *Mountain Sunday*

Readings Is 65.17-25 Psalm 48.1-11 Rom 8. 28-39 Mark 16,14-18

Praying Together Mansfield, Bonnie Doon, Tolmie, ARRM

READINGS FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 4 St Francis' Day

Gen 2.18-25 Ps 148. 7-14 Gal 6.14-18 Matthew 11.25-30

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 SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday worship will be online only.

Joining in to Zoom by phone

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

September 19 Meeting ID 917 0201 0135# Passcode 956 008#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Dookie 9.30am

Shirley Marven

Pine Lodge 11.00am

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MINISTER'S LEAVE Rev Loni Vaitohi

Loni is on leave until September 27.

If you need a minister, please phone Glenys or Joan.

STAYING CONNECTED CONVERSATIONS

The group meets on Fridays at 7.30pm. You are welcome to join!

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 17:

Step 1 Dial 03 7018 2005

September 17 Meeting ID 978 1777 2588# Passcode 316 971#

SEASON OF CREATION September 1 to October 4

Sunday 19 is Sky Sunday, an opportunity to explore the sky or heavens as they were created and now.

Assembly News is featuring a month-long celebration of how we live in the created world. This week's prayer was written by the young people of Willoughby and Northbridge Uniting Church. It begins

Rainbow God

We give thanks for the colour with which you fill this beautiful place we call home.

We give thanks for the comfort and love of your wonderful creation
Creation that flies, creation that swims, creation growing, and creation
that moves beyond what our eyes see.

See the whole prayer on the next page.

MESSY CHURCH September 19

Today is our Messy Church Sunday. Our families have each received a pack with many Season of Creation activities, including colouring, cooking and creativity as well as jigsaws, word puzzles, planting seeds and worship.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve. We offer loving prayers and sympathy to Faye Wooster and her family following the death of Bill, on September 10.

The Presbytery prays for St David's, Albury, the Scots' School and their chaplain, Rev Beth Bear. When Beth returns from maternity leave in 2022, she will become the minister at St David's.

The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The Assembly prays for

* The Synod of WA following its 45th Meeting that took place last weekend. The Revd Dr Andrew Williams was appointed General Secretary from January 2022.

* Those feeling the strain of lockdown, those struggling economically and those who are sick with COVID-19. We give thanks to our healthcare workers and those who are reaching out to care for the most vulnerable right now.

* Equitable access to vaccines to ensure all in our community are safe.

* Give thanks for the splendid work of GV Health and countless others who sustained Shepparton through those weeks of quarantine; pray for blessing for Shepparton in this new freedom.

* Messy Church and all the families who will be working on Season of Creation kits this weekend.

OP SHOP NEWS

The Op Shop is planning to re-open on Monday, September 20. There will be lots of bargains.

Val Gibbs

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Warm thanks to all those who have already obtained boxes. There are more boxes available, so phone Lois, 0427 159 808, if you would like a box and it will be delivered to you. Boxes need to be returned in early October, so don't delay!

ROSTERS OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

The rosters for the next three months are now being done. Shirley invites you to let her know any dates that you will not be available. Soon, please!

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Giving God

You embody what it means to love and be kind.

You are with us, your people young and young at heart
You create safe spaces for all living things in this world, and for
that we give thanks.

But at times, we forget to be kind to living things. We forget to
share your love beyond humans.

We take advantage of the wondrous breath with which your
creation fills us.

We think of animals being mistreated and becoming extinct.

We think of the human cruelty on land, sea and sky.

Like humans; animals, nature, creatures and Mother Earth feel pain
too.

Help us to ease the pain of your true creation,

Help us to stretch our hands and feet to love beyond our comfort,
because it's time to speak for those who can't.

It's time for us to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves,
it's time to care more and
It's time to be kind, to every kind.

We put our faith and trust in you during this season of creation.
Amen.