

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



**NEWS OCTOBER 10, 2021**

**AFTER PENTECOST 20**

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### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 10 Revd Joan Fisher**

31 *Readings* Job 23.1-9,6-17 Ps 22.1-5 Heb 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-  
*Praying Together* Emmanuel West Wodonga, Kergunyah

### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 Revd Loni Vaitohi**

45 *Readings* Job 18.1-7 Ps 104.1-9, 24,35 Heb 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-  
*Praying Together* Seymour, Avenel-Nagambie

### **READINGS FOR OCTOBER**

Oct 24 Job 24.1-6, 10-17 Ps 34.1-8 Heb 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52

Oct 31 Ruth 1.1-18 Ps 146 Heb 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34

*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 OCTOBER 10**

Sunday worship will be online only.

**Please see the attached sheet which gives details of a different method for online worship to improve the quality after recent disappointments.** This is what we planned to try last week - until lockdown intervened!

***We apologise that those with only landline phones*** will not be able to listen on October 10. We're working on that! But tune in at 10.30 to chat.

## **SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP**

**Joining in to Zoom by phone 10.30AM**

*Step 1:* Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

**October** Meeting ID 915 8667 2318# Passcode 562 691#

**RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY OCTOBER 10** COVID-permitting  
**Dookie 9.30am Anglicans - Revd Dr Helen Malcolm**

## **STAYING CONNECTED CONVERSATION FRIDAY OCTOBER 8**

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 8, 7.30pm:

*Step 1* Dial 03 7018 2005

**October 1** Meeting ID 994 0178 5075# Passcode 437 581#

## **A MYSTERY MESSY CHURCH!**

Sunday October 17 4.30pm

Explore **God and Me** - is that a mystery?

**Clues to help solve the mystery will come online during the week...**



## **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Lisa and her family.

*The Presbytery prays* for Murchison, Emmanuel West Wodonga and Kergunyah

*The WCC invites prayers* for the lands and peoples of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

*The Assembly prays* for

\* The Uniting Church in its commitment to act on the climate crisis and shape a better future for the world.

\* The discernment of the Uniting Church communities impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns that are beginning to consider ways they might

gather in person again.

\* Members of the Northern Synod who are meeting in Darwin this week. We pray for all with COVID-19, all health care workers and scientists, all working with vaccinations, all causing problems for the community and families by their resistance, inaccurate 'facts' and protest.

## **NEWS FROM UNITING, SHEPPARTON**

You may have read the article *Tackling Domestic Violence, Shepparton News*, Tuesday, October 5. It describes the work being done by Uniting VicTas' Family Violence Intervention Program in Shepparton. The article is on the church notice board. This program is being run at Fryers Street, led by Katie Richter who is helping men who treat women badly to explore how they need to change, so that they make the change themselves. The program is based on *No To Violence*, whose Chief Executive Jacqui Watt says men are not born violent but may become violent because of social and environmental factors.

The Uniting release thanks us for letting Uniting share our space - the store room and hall, for this program - as well as the Meeting Room. ***The Men's Behaviour Change Program*** will run in the hall several nights a week; there will be client appointments in the store room - for individual interviews. Men's Behaviour Change is a group for men who have used Family Violence. The men sit together and share their stories. These men have used controlling and harmful behaviours in their relationships, and want to make positive change to become better men and fathers. The groups are a safe space for men to talk about their behaviours and the effects these have on the women and children in their lives. Program leaders will work full time at Fryers Street. They will hold client appointments for the Family Violence Program Monday at 1.00, 2.00 and 4.00pm; Tuesday 4.00pm; Wednesday 10.00am, 2.00pm and Thursday all day. The store room has a notice indicating when an interview is in progress so that no-one else enters the room. *Susie Carr*, Team Leader Perpetrator Interventions

## **PRESBYTERY ADVENT STUDIES 2021 *What are you waiting***

***for?*** The Presbytery of North East Victoria is again offering Advent Studies online, which you can join at home or in a group - if we can have groups! The studies will be held at 2.30pm Wednesday afternoons November 24, December 1, 8, 15, and also Sunday evenings November 28, December 5, 12, 19. Brian Spencer (PNEV and the Waranga Cluster) and Cynthia Page (Eaglehawk and Marong) will lead the studies. Full details next week.

## **UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE,**

**COP26** This week has heard further discussion about whether the Prime Minister will attend this important conference in Glasgow in November. Meanwhile Assembly News continues its presentation *Towards Zero Episode 2*, the Journey Towards Zero Emissions, supporting congregations to take action. Church and faith leaders have joined calls for climate justice - to achieve net-zero carbon emissions as soon as possible, and to limit the global average temperature rise to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. Almost 40 faith leaders including Pope Francis, the World Council of Churches, other church leaders and leaders from Sunni and Shi'a Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Confucianism and more released *Faith and Science: An Appeal for COP26* on October 4. Read more in Assembly News and WCC Weekly News - see Joan. And pray!

## **PLENARY COUNCIL FIRST ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 3- 10**

**2021** You may have heard news from this most important meeting of Australian Catholics taking place this week. A Plenary Council is the highest form of gathering for the Catholic Church in any country. This one is the first in Australia since 1937. Pope Francis has invited the Australian Church to dialogue about its future, given the changes to society and how the Catholic Church is seen, especially in relation to the Royal Commission on Child Sexual Abuse, and also the Church's shrinking attendances and shortage of priests. A very pressing matter is the role of women! Another is the autocracy of the episcopacy (bishops). This week, 280 members of the Plenary Council - Bishops, priests, members of religious orders and lay people - including women! from round Australia are meeting online and in some face-to-face meetings to discuss 16 questions round six national themes. Besides these voting members there are advisers and observers. Local groups have been listening and discussing the future of the Church for over three years providing insights for the national themes.

In some ways this is similar to the Uniting Church Assembly - almost 300 mostly elected members from all Synods and presbyteries, discussing matters concerning the role and life of the Church. But Assemblies take place every three years, with an elected Standing Committee to act between these Assemblies.

The Second Plenary Council Assembly is now planned for July 2022. You can pray for these last days of the Council, catch online sessions - and talk to your Catholic friends about it!

## Live streaming worship.

Following comments about the audio and video quality of the services being live-streamed via the Zoom platform, it has been decided to trial a different process to improve the reception qualities.

Zoom is an excellent programme for discussion and catching up with one another, which is what it was designed for, but has some issues with the transmission of data such as music or film. A zoom link for people to join in to for conversation after worship will still be sent out.

This Sunday, the service will be live-streamed via the Youtube platform.

The following procedure will need to be followed to be able to watch the service.

On your computer, ipad or mobile phone, open up a browser such as Google or Safari

Type [www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting](http://www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting) into the search box and tap the enter or return key

Once the morning's worship service goes 'live' a link with the video will be shown just under the Shepparton Uniting Church 'Banner' click this link to be taken to the morning worship service

To make the video box fill the whole computer screen or Ipad or computer screen, using your mouse, (or finger for those using a phone or ipad) click on the 'screen' icon in the bottom right hand corner of the service and you will be able to watch on full screen. Below is a screen shot of the Screen icon.



The zoom link will be open from 10.30am, so after worship has concluded, make a cuppa and join in to Zoom for a conversation with others from our congregation.

**NOTE:** Shepparton Uniting Church has its own Youtube account and it can be accessed at any time by typing in [www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting](http://www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting) or clicking on this link, so you might like to check it out before Sunday.