

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

SHEPPARTON RURAL CLUSTER



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 Loni Vaitohi

Season of Creation

Readings Job 1.1; 2.1-10 Ps 26 Heb 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16

Praying Together Murchison, Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Tatura

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10 Joan Fisher

Readings Job 23.1-9,6-17 Ps 22.1-5 Heb 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31

Praying Together Emmanuel West Wodonga, Kergunyah

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 17 Job 18.1-7 Ps 104.1-9, 24, 35 Heb 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45

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 3

Sunday worship will be online only.

Joining in to Zoom by phone 10.30AM

Step 1: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

October Meeting ID 970 3374 5674# Passcode 373 136#

RURAL CLUSTER SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

Dookie 9.30am Glenys Gill HC

Pine Lodge 11.00am Glenys Gill HC

STAYING CONNECTED CONVERSATION FRIDAY OCTOBER 1

Here is the phone-in link for this week, Friday 1, 7.30pm:

Step 1 Dial 03 7018 2005

October 1 Meeting ID 935 6199 6515# Passcode 278 787#

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3: OLDER PERSONS SUNDAY

UnitingCare is encouraging Uniting Church congregations to recognise the human rights and dignity of older people during worship October 3, the first Sunday after the United Nations' International Day of Older Persons. We are invited to extend our support of aged care, recognising both the dedicated staff and the treasured residents of aged care homes.

A BLESSING AT THE END OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

... May the rhythms of our liturgy be breath,
and wind, and wave.

May the bees give their sermons,
and the birds their wisdom.

May ripples and dandelion seeds carry
our prayers to the ears of God.

May the freedom from walls widen our hearts
and fill them with compassion.

Jessica Morthorpe who writes of the Season of Creation 'may it be for us a time of deep connection with the god of life, who loves and is present within every creature and all of creation.'

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Lisa, Eve, Faye Wooster and her family.
The Presbytery prays for Murchison, Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Tatura
The WCC invites prayers for the lands and peoples of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela

The Assembly prays for

- * Older people in our families and communities. May we celebrate their contributions, listen to their experience and learn from their wisdom.
- * A commitment from Australian and global leaders to take action on climate change and make decisions that will protect the future of all God's creation.
- * Those still trapped in Afghanistan who are fleeing danger. We pray they find safe passage, protection and welcome.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Warm thanks to all who have taken boxes. This week's news is that closing time for the boxes to be filled is now the end of October - so there's still time to phone Lois to ask for a box.

TOGETHER IN SONG CDs

Lorraine would be delighted to have her two *TiS* CDs returned, please. Perhaps the person who now has them could contact Lorraine?

MULANA NIN LYOGA WALKING TRAIL MT MAJOR

From

Mountain Sunday, September 26. The 4.6k return walk includes interpretive signs to provide insights into the area's rich cultural history, including Indigenous links to the land. Opened in 2020, it is supported by Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Yorta Yorta Aboriginal Corporation, Greater Shepparton City Council, and the University of Melbourne Dookie Campus. An excursion some time?

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT RE THE MAUDE ST PROPERTY

Work is proceeding well to fulfil the requirements of City of Greater Shepparton to subdivide the property at 136 to 162 Maude St, Shepparton.

The original plan was to realign the title boundaries to give 4 separate, 'workable' titles to allow the land to be sold in 4 lots. [the original boundaries for two of the blocks ran along the walls of the buildings and the portion of the building housing the Settlement Hub was built across the boundary]

Following negotiation with Uniting for Uniting to enter into a Ground Lease arrangement with us for the buildings and land at 136 and 142 Maude St, it was decided that the application to subdivide should be amended to 3 lots, leaving the Manse at 136 Maude St on its existing title.

Council requirements to provide separate power and water connections to each of the lots are well in hand,

The next step is to complete the Synod Property Services Form 3F - Permission to Sell, which requires the signatures of the Chair and Secretary of Church Council confirming that the Church Council recorded a decision to sell the property at 156 and 162 Maude St (Wesley Church and the old Church)

The following decisions were made at a specially convened Church Council meeting held via zoom on Tuesday, 28th of September:

Shepparton Uniting Church Council resolves to sell the land and buildings at 150 and 162 Maude St, (Lots 2 and 3 PS900114S on the plan of subdivision) Shepparton. (Consensus)

It was resolved that the Maude St Working Group liaise with the Property Maintenance Committee to organise and prepare the buildings for sale. (Consensus)

Form 3F will be forwarded to the Presbytery Property and Finance Committee for its endorsement and then it will be sent to the Synod PART (Property Applications Review Team) for their attention. PART will advise us of the procedure they wish us to follow from here on.