

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Epiphany 5

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Rev Glenys Gill HC

Readings Is 6. 1-8 Ps 138 1 Cor 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

Praying Together Mansfield, Bonnie Doon, Tolmie

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 Rev Glenys Gill

Readings Jer 17.5-10 Ps 1 1 Cor 15. 12-20 Luke 6.17-26

READINGS

Feb 20 Gen 45.3-11, 15 Ps 37.1-11, 39-40 1Cor 15.35-38, 42-50
Luke 6.27-38

Feb 27 Ex 34.29-35 Ps 99 2Cor 3.12- 4.2 Luke 9.28-36

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters of the region, the Peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nation and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

MINISTER'S LEAVE

The Rev Loni Vaitohi is on annual leave until Monday, February 14.

This leave, some of which is owing from 2021, was arranged some time well before the crisis in Tonga.

Should you require a minister in the next two-plus weeks, please contact Rev Glenys Gill or Rev Joan Fisher

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP

There are two options for worship every Sunday:

Worship in the church at 9.30am

or Worship online, using Youtube.

Go to www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

When the appropriate service link comes with the video link: click the link and you will be taken to the service. This may take a short while.

REQUIREMENTS FOR WORSHIP, ALL SERVICES

COVID Marshalls will ensure that you are correctly checked in – QR code

Masks are mandatory for worship in Victoria.

DOOKIE CONGREGATION February 6

9.30am. Joan McRae

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Bron, Lisa and her family, Emma Fethney; the family of Jim Waldron (funeral Wednesday 9,11.00am); the family of Trine Anderson (funeral Sunday 6, Woolshed, 12.30pm); Don Gill; all our Tongan members and their families.

The Presbytery prays for Mansfield, Bonnie Doon, Tolmie

The WCC prays for the lands and people of Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

The Assembly invites prayers for

*the people of Tonga and the work of our Church partners responding to the tsunami disaster.

*Uniting Church communities engaged in fresh expressions of Christian community and all those who are following the call of the Spirit to serve the communities around them.

*The Act2 conversation. May we listen to the leading of the Spirit as we consider how we order our life, so we can be committed to transforming lives and communities in God's love.

SALE OF MAUDE STREET CHURCHES

The two churches were sold at auction. Warm thanks to all who took part in the working bee at the property.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 6 Friendship Group Stamps 10.00am.

Crazy Whist 1.30pm. New players will be warmly welcome.

Thursday, February 8 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am to noon

OP SHOP NEWS

The Op Shop will be closed from Monday February 7 to Friday 11 because of the unavailability of staff and the number of COVID-19 cases in the area. Thanks. *Val Gibbs*

TONGA

Gifts for Tonga

Gifts through this congregation may be made to the Treasurer, Lea Watts – or in a labelled envelope in the offering bowl.

You may also choose to subscribe to the *UnitingWorld* appeal: contact unitingworld.org.au or phone 1800 998 122

or to the *Act for Peace* Tonga Emergency Appeal: contact actforpeace.org.au or phone 1800 025 101

USED STAMPS - FOR SAMMY STAMP

If you have used stamps, no matter how few, they will be gratefully received and added to those forwarded to the Synod Sammy Stamp group. Please give them to Wilma or leave them in the space in the store in the hospitality area.

Sammy Stamp co-ordinates the collection and sale of stamps to offer grants for mission and development work in Victoria and overseas and is responsible to the UCAF Council. In 2019, Sammy Stamp reached over \$1million in stamp sales since its foundation in 1977. NB leave a good margin round stamps: the trimming for sales is done by the Sammy Stamp team, which meets weekly.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lois and Brian Hardy – thought somewhat belatedly – who celebrated their Golden Wedding on January 26.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The Lent-Easter edition is now available on the narthex table for subscribers, or will be delivered to you if not collected on February 6.

ASSEMBLY NEWS UPDATE ON TONGA DISASTER RESPONSE

'Our friends in Tonga are incredibly grateful for the support so many of you have shown since Hunga Tonga-Hung Ha'api erupted on Jan 15, causing a tsunami and massive destruction on remote islands.

'With your help we've raised over \$125,000 so far for our partners to invest into their work caring for people impacted by the disaster. Thank you!' Feb 2

WCC PS FRIDAY 4

The WCC invites special prayers for Christians living in the West Bank (Palestinian Authority lands). There has been recent violence against Christians living at Nablus (where the Samaritans lived) and near Bethlehem, a few kilometres from Jerusalem.

MACLEAN HOUSE RE-OPENS

News was received Friday 4 that Maclean House, Pilgrim College Parkville, has re-opened and again offers hospitality to those requiring accommodation while in Melbourne. Joan has the details.

GOOD NEWS!

Many of you will remember the Maulidi family, who now worship at the Baptist Church. The most recent news is that Neema has completed her nursing training and is now working at GV Health, and still helping with aged care. Neema was separated from her family for six years, being reunited with them in Shepparton when she was eight years old. From her primary school years she has always 'wanted to give something back'. She is thrilled to be doing so, after years of social work while at school – well trained at Notre Dame College. Her twin Fitina, who graduated a couple of years ago, has worked as a Case Manager with Uniting in Shepparton for those two years. Namulika (their stepmother) works at the Rumbalara Elders' facility, and is continuing her nursing course; Monga works in education at Clayton.