

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS APRIL 24, 2022

EASTER 2

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24 9.30am Shirley Marven

Readings Acts 5.27-32 Ps 118.14-29 or 150 Rev 1.4-8 John 20.19-31

Praying Together Echuca-Moama

SUNDAY, MAY 1 9.30am Rev Glenys Gill HC

Readings Acts 9.1-6 Ps 30 Rev 5.11-14 John 21.1-19

Praying Together St David's Albury

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

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP 9.30AM

Worship online www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

DOOKIE CONGREGATION 9.30am Zoom/Elders

PASTORAL PRAYERS.

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Emma, Don Gill. All with COVID, or isolating.

The Presbytery prays for Echuca-Moama.

The WCC prays for the lands and people of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. *The Assembly invites prayers for*

*The ministry and service of Uniting Defence Force Chaplains, and for Defence Force members, veterans and their families. May we be peace-makers in a conflicted world.

*Those who are working to grow understanding, empathy and friendship with other Christians and with people of other faiths and none.

*Our siblings in Christ in the Orthodox Church who celebrate Easter this coming weekend.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 26 Friendship Group *Anzac Day Speaker* 10.00am.

Crazy Whist 1.30pm

Wednesday, April 27 Women's Afternoon Group 1.30pm Annual Meeting *Remembering Anzac Day*

Thursday, April 28 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TODAY!

Reports, including financial details, should be emailed to Bron, bronnifisher0@gmail.com by Sunday, April 24. Please see Bron if there are any queries.

A reminder: Ministers, Congregation, Church Council, Treasurer, Catering Committee, Op Shop Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Property Maintenance Committee, Property Control Group, Publicity Committee, Worship Committee, Young Church, Crazy Whist, Cuppa and Chat, Friendship Group, UCAF, St David's Indoor Bowls, Wesley Indoor Bowls, Women's Afternoon Group.

FROM THE ASSEMBLY – MARKING ANZAC DAY 2022

Uniting Church Defence Force Chaplains have recorded a short video resource: go to the Assembly website (assembly.uca.org.au) to view this. Speaking from the Australian Army base Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, Rev John Dansie said that the church as a peace-loving community still has an important role to play in ANZAC Day rituals.

'We can still remember the sacrifice of our forefathers and foremothers and we can still lament the horrors of war. But we should also tell of the hope that we have as Christians that one day we will be able to live in peace with each other.'

In the Uniting Church, there are 40 Chaplains serving across the navy, army and air force, with about half of those full-time.

In marking ANZAC Day, UCA communities are encouraged to pray for the ministry, service and spiritual leadership of Defence Force chaplains, and for Defence Force members, veterans and their families.

A PRAYER FOR ANZAC DAY

Lord God,

help us to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACS, the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of peace.

Help us to remember those who bear the scars of their service, physical, mental and spiritual.

Help us to remember those who had to say goodbye: widows and widowers, girlfriends and boyfriends, parents and orphans, sisters and brothers, and all who waited anxiously with no reply. Save us from ever glorifying war and its horrors and tragedies. As the sun rises on this day, Lord, help us to remember. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Assembly News

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

An online forum to be jointly hosted by the National Safe Church Unit and UCA Redress Ltd will be held on Thursday May 5, 12 – 1 pm. The forum is aimed at all adults across the Church including ministry agents and Safe Church contacts.

Email info@safechurch.uca.org.au to register. A Zoom link will be sent to you.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter programme will run again this year, from June 1 to August 31. We will again host the Monday Venue, Joan McRae being the Venue Co-ordinator. Winter Night Shelter offers homeless men a hot dinner, evening activities, bed and breakfast. Up to ten men are brought from the central location at 6.00pm; the programme concludes at 9.00am Tuesday morning. Volunteers are required for the following shifts: Evening 5.30 to 10.00pm; Dinner (cooks) 5-30 – 8.30; Overnight, taking turns to sleep; breakfast, 7.00 to 9.00am. All 2021 Volunteers have been contacted about their availability for 2022. New volunteers are being sought. All volunteers must attend training sessions - a weekend half-day, dates to be announced. Cooks and Overnight volunteers have other, online training to do. This year three volunteers from each venue will be required to do Mental Health training. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the Registration link is <https://forms.gle/XGL9XhFW8h7QzdDr6>

CHURCH EMERGENCY APPEALS

Our Tonga Appeal will close on Monday April 25 – to allow for any further donations. By the end of the month, payments will be made as directed by Loni. The congregation will be advised about the final figure and how the funds will be used. Thanks to all who have contributed and those now doing so. Lea

The Act for Peace Emergency Appeal for Ukraine envelopes are available on the narthex table.

UCA Assembly National Disaster Relief Fund

If you would like to contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund initiated by the President, Rev Sharon Hollis, for relief for flood-ravaged areas, here are some options:

Direct Debit Westpac BSB 032 003. Acc No 269941

Cheque To UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund

Mail to UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund
Box A2266 Sydney South NSW 1235