

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS MAY 15, 2022

EASTER 5

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SUNDAY, MAY 15 9.30am Young Adults and Rev Loni Vaitohi

Readings Acts 11.1-19 Ps 148 Rev 21.1-6 John 13.31-35

Praying Together Small Churches Network

SUNDAY, MAY 22 9.30am. Joan McRae

Readings Acts 16.9-15 Ps 67 Rev 21.10, 22- 22.5 John 14.23-29

Praying Together Tallangatta, Eskdale, Red Bluff [John 5.1-9]

READINGS

May 26 Ascension Day Acts 1.1-11. Ps 47 Eph 1.15-23 Lk 24.44-53 *May*

29 Acts 16.16-34 Ps 97 Rev 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17.20-26

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 Rev Joan Fisher

MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

Special Meeting, Sunday May 15, after morning worship.

At this meeting, Richard Speedie, chair of the Joint Nominating Committee, will present the JNC report and bring a proposal naming a minister to be appointed to the vacancy left by the Rev Rosalie Rayment-Hewitt. The Congregation will vote on this proposal.

At the conclusion of the service, You Tube will be discontinued and the meeting will be held on Zoom – the link will be emailed Friday 13.

Please note: those attending the meeting on Zoom are able to vote and will have their votes counted. It would be good to have a card or sheet of paper to hold up when you are asked to vote. It can be any colour that is readily visible.

Annual General Meeting, Sunday May 29, after morning worship

Agendas for the meeting will be available at church Sunday, May 15.

Bron Fisher, Secretary

STOP PRESS: NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH POSITIONS

The closing date for nominations for all congregation appointments is FRIDAY, May 13, at 5.00pm. Signed, scanned forms can be emailed to Bron, bronnifisher0@gmail.com, to reach her by 5.00pm Friday May 13.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Tracy Ford, Eve, Emma, Don Gill, Lea Watts, Gwen Wallace, Rita and Wendy Mathews. All with COVID, or isolating.

The Presbytery prays for the Presbytery's Small Churches Network The WCC prays for the lands and people of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

The Assembly invites prayers for

*The ongoing work of the Assembly, and members of the 16th Assembly as they carry stories and decisions back to their communities.

*The faithful and life-changing work of Frontier Services and UnitingWorld.

*Peace, truth and justice in the Philippines in the days following its Presidential Elections and the days ahead.

Pray for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter!

THEME: *Who does God Love?*



Shepparton

Uniting Church

Sunday 15th May

4:30pm - 6:30pm (tea provided)

*A creative new approach to worship,
Messy Church aims to give space and*

*opportunity for all ages to ponder the spiritual side of life together,
through craft, games and other activities.*

Come and help us celebrate God's Love in Messy Church style.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 17 Friendship Group *Child's Drawing* 10.00am.

Crazy Whist 1.30pm *Born in Trauma* Study 2, 2.00-3.30pm

Wednesday, May 18 UCAF 1.30pm *Born in Trauma* Study 2 online,
7.00- 8.30pm

Thursday, May 19 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

PRESBYTERY ONLINE EASTER STUDIES *Born in Trauma*

Study 2 *Understanding Trauma – Overwhelmed* – What happened and our
reaction. Scripture Betrayal, Arrest, Trial Luke 22.39-71; Luke 23. 1-24

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

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. We also require two drivers to bring the van and bus from the
Salvation Army at 5.30 Monday evening and return them Tuesday morning.
Our venue runs on Monday nights, from June 6 to August 29.

All volunteers (2021, 2022) must attend a *training session* - Sunday, May
22, 9.00- 12.00, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Graham Street, or
Saturday, May 28, 9.00-12.00. Cooks and Overnight volunteers have online
training to do.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the Registration link is
<https://forms.gle/XGL9XhFW8h7QzdDr6> Please register soon!

DWELLING IN LOVE AT THE 16th ASSEMBLY

The Assembly concluded on Monday ‘after four days of joyful Christian community, prayer, worship and discerning the will of God for the Uniting Church in Australia.’ About 200 members from round Australia met on the lands of the Gubbi Gubbi people, continuing the triennial meeting which first met online in July 2021. ‘One of the most significant moments of the meeting was a historic renewal of the Covenant between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress which took place in worship on Friday night.’ This included an act of confession by the Second Peoples present. Bible Studies were led by students at Nungalinga College; the Bible was read in 11 First Nations languages. Prayers were offered in Fijian, Dinka, Korean and Tongan – and English! The Assembly passed a proposal seeking to deepen the Uniting Church’s commitment to living faith and life interculturally. An annual celebration, *Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday*, will be introduced.

*The Assembly affirmed the importance of the Act2 Project and resolved to continue its work. The whole Church and Congress will be invited to work together on Act2 before the 17th Assembly.

*The Church is invited to ‘listen anew for words of continuing witnesses from recent and contemporary contexts from other churches, to challenge, renew and strengthen the faith of the UCA. These are *The Confession of Belhar*, from the Reformed Church of South Africa, *Laudate si*’, written by Pope Francis, and *The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* between the Catholic Church and Lutheran World Federation (1999). [The World Methodist Council associated itself with the Declaration in 2006 – based on her long indebtedness to Luther’s teaching on justification.]

*A resolution on climate justice commits the Church to take seriously the voices and wisdom of First Peoples on climate change and care of creation and calls for the Councils of the church to join with the Assembly to commit to zero emissions by 2040.

*Ageing and aged care advocacy will ensure the dignity and care of older Australians; a new ‘day’ recognises the contribution of older people.