

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS MAY 22, 2022

EASTER 6

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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]

THURSDAY 26 Ascension Day No service

Readings Acts 1.1-11. Ps 47 Eph 1.15-23 Lk 24.44-53.

SUNDAY, MAY 29 9.30am. Rev Loni Vaitohi

Readings Acts 16.16-34. Ps 97 Rev 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Jn 17.

Praying Together Cobram, Katamatite [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 share with Shepparton

SHEPPARTON CONGREGATION

On Sunday 15th May, the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) led by Richard Speedy from Presbytery, presented a proposal to extend a "call to become a minister of our congregation" to Rev Kerrie Needham. The report from the JNC noted that Kerrie had displayed skills, experience and motivation that highly complimented the Shepparton Christian community. There was 100% support from the congregation (written ballot) and a letter of offer has now been posted and we await Kerrie's prayerful consideration of this offer. If she takes up this offer, she and her husband Don would be joining us in October. I would like to thank Richard for leading the JNC members over the last 5 months and to the members who gave of their time and experience for this process.

Kim Read Chair - Congregation.

Annual General Meeting Sunday May 29

Please take time to read the reports noted in the agenda prior to the meeting and to ensure a timely meeting can any questions on these be forwarded to Bron or myself prior to the 27th May. Thank you. Kim

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 24 Friendship Group 10.00am. **Crazy Whist** 1.30pm

Born in Trauma Study 3, 2.00-3.30pm

Wednesday, May 25 Women's Afternoon Group 1.30pm *Born in Trauma* Study 3 online, 7.00- 8.30pm

Thursday, May 26 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

PRESBYTERY ONLINE EASTER STUDIES *Born in Trauma*

Study 3 *Understanding Trauma – Helplessness and Despair* – What happened and our reaction. Scripture Failed resistance, denial, crucifixion – Luke 23. 26- 56

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 Tallangatta, Eskdale and Red Bluff. *The WCC* prays for the lands and people of Angola and Mozambique.

The Assembly invites prayers for

*all those involved in the Federal Election this Saturday, and that those elected commit to policies that give all people the opportunity to flourish and live abundantly. *Safety, community, support and healing for those living in situations of violence and abuse.

*National Volunteer Week, for the faithful disciples across the Uniting Church giving generously of their time, energy, and gifts to serve Christ and enrich our communities.

Please pray for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter:

the Homeless, Volunteers, the Project and Volunteer Co-ordinators, the Board and Project Committee, all venues.

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! See Joan

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

In National Volunteer Week the community thanks all who volunteer in the many positions and activities which are not only available to volunteers, but often largely dependent on them. We share the gratitude of the community.

Churches, too, run on volunteers – a role in which we all share. We are grateful to all who work together for the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

ELECTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION, AGM MAY 29

NOMINATIONS

Chairperson of Congregation Kim Read

Secretary of Congregation Bron Fisher

Elder and Representative to Church Council

Bron Fisher. 1 year

Representatives to Church Council Rob Graham. 1 year

Gail Jones. 1 year

Representatives to Presbytery 3 to be elected

Elaine Brewster

Jeni Fitzgerald

Cam Shields

Jen Shields