

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS MAY 29, 2022

EASTER 7

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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. 20-26
Praying Together Cobram, Katamatite

READINGS

June 5 Acts 2.1-21. Ps 104.24-34, 35b, Rom 8.14-17 John 14.8-17
June 12 Prov 8.1-4 ,22-31 Ps 8 Rom 5.1-5 John 16.12-15
June 1. 1 Kgs 19-1-4, 8-15a Pss 42,43 Gal 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39
June 26 2 Kgs 2.1-2,6-14 Ps 77.1,2, 11-20 Gal 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62

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 to share with Shepparton

SHEPPARTON CONGREGATION

Annual General Meeting Sunday May 29 Elections

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 Kim by May 27.

THURSDAY MAY 26 ASCENSION DAY

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

Thursday marks 40 days since the Resurrection. It is observed by the Church as Ascension Day, when Jesus returned from earth to be with God. Luke recounts the story in both his Gospel, and also in Acts, his second volume. On the fortieth day after Easter, Jesus ascended to be with the Father, sitting at God's right hand. At Ascension, we remember that Christ died and rose so that we might have eternal life; he ascended so that we might be given a share in his divinity, his continuing presence and life with God.

THURSDAY, MAY 26 SORRY DAY RECONCILIATION WEEK MAY 27- JUNE 3

Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the poor treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islanders who were forcibly removed from their families and communities and which we now know as the Stolen Generations. The first National Sorry Day was held in 1998, a year after the *Bringing Them Home Report* was tabled in Parliament. This year it is twelve years since the National Apology. It is also five years since the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* was delivered. Reconciliation Week follows.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 31 Friendship Group *Beetles* 10.00am. **Crazy Whist** 1.30pm *Born in Trauma* Study 4, 2.00-3.30pm
Wednesday, June 1 *Born in Trauma* Study 4 online, 7.00- 8.30pm
Thursday, June 2 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

PRESBYTERY ONLINE EASTER STUDIES *Born in Trauma*

Study 4 *Understanding Trauma* – Study 4 *Transforming Trauma – Reframing the Story*. Scripture Resurrection and Road to Emmaus Luke 24.1-35-56

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 Cobram and Katamatite *The WCC* prays for the lands and people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland.

The Assembly invites prayers for

*the ongoing journey of healing, reconciliation and relationship between First and Second Peoples in Australia.

*Common ground and shared life for Australia's Christian Churches as together we find our identity and purpose in Christ.

*The incoming Australian Government and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; that those who represent us will work to build communities of care and compassion where all belong and may flourish.

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 still 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. Our venue runs on Monday nights, from June 6 to August 29.

All volunteers (2021, 2022) must attend a *training session* - Saturday, May 28, 9.00-12.00. Salvation Army Cooks and Overnight volunteers have online training to do. We could use one more driver.

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

CUPPA FOR CANCER

After worship Sunday June 5 there will be opportunity for members of the congregation to make gifts to support work for cures for cancer. A delicious morning tea will be served.

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