

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS MAY 8, 2022 EASTER 4

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SUNDAY, MAY 8 9.30am Rev Glenys Gill

Readings Acts 9.36-43 Ps 23 Rev 7. 9-17 John 10.22-30

Praying Together Alexandra

SUNDAY, MAY 15 9.30am Rev Loni Vaitohi

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

Praying Together Small Churches Network

READINGS

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

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 Dr Helen Malcolm

MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

Special Meeting, Sunday May 15, after morning worship.

At this meeting, Richard Speedie, from the Joint Nominating Committee (appointed by Presbytery), 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 – a link will be given in the *NEWS* next weekend.

Annual General Meeting, Sunday May 29, after morning worship

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

Bron Fisher, Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH POSITIONS

The closing date for nominations for all congregation appointments is next FRIDAY, May 13, at 5.00pm. So collect a form today and put the signed nomination forms in the box on the narthex table – in case you forget during the week. Signed, scanned forms can be emailed to Bron, bronnifisher0@gmail.com, to reach her by 5.00pm Friday May 13.

RECONVENED MEETING OF THE 16th ASSEMBLY, MAY 6-9

The Assembly's Opening Worship will livestreamed at 7.30pm so we can share with Assembly members. This worship will include a public recommitment between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress, inviting us to again place the work of covenanting at the heart of our life as a Church.

You can be involved in the Assembly if you

Join the livestreaming on the 16th Assembly website and Facebook page. Follow Assembly on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. #UCA2022. Subscribe to National Update for a daily email report. Share in the Assembly Bible studies at 9.00am Saturday and Sunday online.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

The Presbytery prays for Alexandra. *The WCC* prays for the lands and people of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. *The Assembly invites prayers for* *All who will gather this weekend for the reconvened 16th Assembly meeting. We pray that 16th Assembly members connect in prayer and fellowship and listen closely for God's Spirit leading the Uniting Church. *Those in the Uniting Church, and those we partner with, who respond to the Gospel and live out their faith by working for a more just world. *The people of West Papua. We pray for a just and peaceful end to conflict in the region.

Prayers for Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter:

*That churches become more aware of the magnitude of the homelessness situation in Shepparton community – one of the highest rates in Victoria.
*For the many homeless people in Shepparton
*That our congregation and others and the community will be generous in volunteering time, money, food or other support.
*For the Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter programme, including the seven venues and the Day Programme (at the Salvation Army), as it prepares for offering shelter in June, July and August.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 10 Friendship Group Mothers' Day; Mothers' Sayings
10.00am. **Crazy**

Whist 1.30pm *Born in Trauma* Study 1, 2.00-3.30pm **Wednesday, May 11**
Born in Trauma Study 1 online, 7.00- 8.30pm **Thursday, May 12**
Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

PRESBYTERY ONLINE EASTER STUDIES *Born in Trauma*

The Christian Church was born in trauma. The disciples and other followers who gathered round Jesus suffered a traumatic experience with his death. ... But it is trauma transformed, helping to shape the Early Church – and our lives. This is a series of seven studies, taking us from Easter to the UCA anniversary. *Tuesdays*, from May 10, 2.00- 3.30pm, or *Wednesdays*, from May 11, 7.00- 8.30pm.

Study 1 *Understanding Trauma – The past is not in the past* – The body remembers. Scripture The Lord's Supper Luke 22.1-22; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

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

Study 3 *Understanding Trauma – Helplessness and Despair*.
Scripture Failed resistance, denial, crucifixion Luke 23.26-56

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

Study 5 *Transforming Trauma – The new normal*. No going back.
Scripture. Resurrection appearances. Luke 24.36-52; John 20.11-23

Study 6. *Transforming Trauma – The wounds remain*.
Scripture Thomas and Saul and wounds John 20.24-29; Acts 9.1-19

Study 7. *Transforming Trauma – Healing, forgiveness, mission*
Scripture Peter restored; promise of the Holy Spirit John 21.1-19; John 14.8-27

Joan will email the link, which is the same for all studies.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter programme will run again this year, from June 1 to August 31. 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 volunteers (2021, 2022) must attend *training sessions* - Saturday, May 14, 9.00 to 12.00, Salvation Army or Sunday, May 22, 9.00- 12.00, Salvation Army, 99 Nixon Street.

Information session: Tuesday, May 10, 6.30 pm, 99 Nixon Street.

Cooks and Overnight volunteers have other, online training to do.

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

CHURCH EMERGENCY APPEALS

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