

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS JUNE 26, 2022 AFTER PENTECOST 3

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26 9.30am Rev Loni Vaitohi

Readings 2 Kgs 2.1-2, 6-14 Ps 77.1,2, 11-20 Gal 5.1,13-25

Luke 9.51-62

Praying Together Shepparton, Dookie Uniting Shepparton

SUNDAY, JULY 3 9.30am Rev Glenys Gill HC

READINGS

July 3 2 Kgs 5.1-14 Ps 30 Gal 6.7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

July 10 Amos 7.7-17 Ps 82 Col 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-27

July 17 Amos 8.1-12 Ps 52. Col 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42.

July 24 Hosea 1.2-10 Ps 85 Col 2.6-15 Luke 11.1-13

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

SHEPPARTON WORSHIP 9.30AM

Worship online www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting

DOOKIE 9.30 Small Church Network or Shepparton, online THIS WEEK

Monday, June 27 Winter Night Shelter

Tuesday, June 28 Friendship Group *Photo, sayings, keepsake*

10.00am. **Crazy Whist** 1.30pm

Thursday, June 30 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve, Emma, Lea Watts, Gwen Wallace.

All with COVID, or isolating.

The Presbytery prays for Shepparton, Dookie and Uniting Shepparton.

The WCC prays for the lands and people of Sudan, South Sudan and

Uganda *The Assembly* invites prayers for

*The Uniting Church in Australia as, with deep thanks to God, we joyfully celebrate 45 years of worship, witness and service, and look to the future with hope.

*Refugees in Australia who enrich our communities with vibrant diversity, gifts and contributions. May those who seek safety across the world find hope and welcome.

*The Christian Conference of Asia and its member churches as they mourn the passing of CCA Moderator Archbishop Willem T.P. Simarmata.

*The South Australian Synod as it prepares to meet this weekend. To these we add prayers for Afghanistan following the earthquake.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

At its meeting on June 17, the Board of Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter decided to discontinue the dinner and accommodation format of Winter Night Shelter because there had been just one guest most nights, and two a couple of nights. From Monday June 27, the format will be offering an evening meal to all homeless people who wish to have the meal, without their having to be referred by Beyond Housing. This means that more men, and women, can be our guests. Our congregation was involved in this form of offering meals to the homeless for a decade or more, from when the Youth Group began the Friday meals about 13 years ago.

Our Volunteers have been given details of how the programme will operate and have been invited to indicate their willingness to work in this different model. For some the changed times mean they cannot continue. We thank them for their contribution and note that we will miss them!

OUR LOVING SYMPATHY

to Moti and her family. Moti's sister passed peacefully to be with God, surrounded by her family, on Wednesday 22. Moti thanks all who have supported her sister and her and the family in prayer. We continue to uphold her and the family.

NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY

On June 22 we celebrated the 45th anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia. We give thanks to God for the courage, energy and insight of those who formed the Uniting Church, for the faithfulness of Uniting Church communities all over the country, and for the Spirit in our midst, leading us into the future.

The Uniting Church warmly congratulates newly-elected General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Rev Prof Dr Jerry Pillay. Rev Dr Pillay is a member of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern African and Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria. A further note about the death of CCA Moderator Archbishop Willem T.P. Simarmata, explains that he was the Ephoris (supreme head) of the largest Protestant church in Indonesia, the Huria Kristen Batak Protestan from 2012 to 2016.

UnitingCare welcomes the boost for the lowest paid workers, following the decision of the Fair Work Commission to increase the national minimum wage by 5.2%. The current cost of living pressures and rising inflation disproportionately impact on vulnerable low-income workers and households.

A CORRECTION

Last week I noted attendance in the Civic Centre for the Union service as 1,000. A subsequent check of press reports indicates that 1500 attended.

REFUGEE WEEK June 19- 25

A letter from Janet Cousens, CEO, Act for Peace, on June 22, asks people to continue their gifts to support refugees, through Act for Peace. The letter is on the notice board.

There are now more than 100 million people who have been forced to flee from their homes in search of safety. These include huge numbers in both Afghanistan and Ukraine in recent months. We may have already contributed to funds for refugees from these countries, but Act for Peace is encouraging us to make a tax-deductible gift before June 30, to help turn despair into hope for refugees.

CHURCH ROSTERS JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Available June 26.

FROM UNITING

Copies of the Winter 2022 edition of *Congregation Connect* are available on the narthex table.

Uniting Heritage, published April 2022, reports on the church's ministry to past residents, people affected by adoption and their families.

The Founding Agencies are listed: Methodist Babies' Home, Presbyterian Babies' Home, Copelen Street Family Centre, Canterbury Family Centre, UnitingCare Gippsland, UnitingCare Harrison, UnitingCare Kildonan (including the former Orana), UnitingCare Lentara, Wesley Mission Victoria, UnitingCare Wimmera, UnitingCare Wyndham and UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania.

Uniting Heritage assists people who received out-of-home care provided by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Churches. It helps people access information about themselves or their family members during their time in care, and supports them to better understand their past. Their records go back to 1890.

This issue lists three other services outside Uniting: The Care Leavers Australasia Network, Open Place and Vanish, which provide different types of support and advocacy. Vanish provides search and support services for adults affected by adoption.

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