

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS JULY 17, 2022

AFTER PENTECOST 6

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**SUNDAY, JULY 17 9.30 Service with Uniting . Rev
(Deacon) Gavin Blakemore**

Readings Amos 8.1-12 Ps 52 Col 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42

Praying Together Northern Rivers – Rochester, Elmore, Bamawm,
Tongala

SUNDAY, JULY 24 9.30am Rev Loni Vaitohi

READINGS

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

July 31 Hosea 11.1-11 Ps 107.1-9, 43 Col 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21

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 is joining with Shepparton, in person or on line

THANKSGIVING SERVICE, SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH AND UNITING, SHEPPARTON

On July 17 we welcome staff from Uniting VicTas and from Uniting Shepparton as we celebrate the partnership between Congregation and Community Services Organisation. Rev (Deacon) Gavin Blakemore, Mission and Ethos Partner, Uniting Eastern – Mission and Equity Division, will be joined by Annette Kelly-Egerton, General Manager North and West Victoria, Tasmania and Early Learning, and Sara Noori, Uniting Shepparton. Uniting CEO, Bronwyn Pike, regrets that she is not able to be in Shepparton as do other key leaders. Each quarter, four members of the congregation – Loni, Lorraine, Jeni and Joan – meet with UnitingVicTas and Shepparton staff, either in person or by Zoom. They planned this service before Covid caused its postponement, so our visitors are now doubly welcome!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 17 Messy Church, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Monday, July 18 Winter Night Shelter

Tuesday, July 19 Friendship Group 10.00am. Crazy Whist 1.30pm

Wednesday, July 20 UCAF, 1.30pm

Church Council , 7.30pm

Thursday, July 21 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve, Emma, Gwen Wallace, Clive Down (who has now returned to Shepparton).

All with COVID, or isolating – the vast numbers in Victoria and those in this district.

The Presbytery prays for Rochester, Elmore, Bamawm and Tongala.

The WCC prays for the lands and people of Djibouti and Somalia.

The Assembly invites prayers for

*The discernment and fellowship of the Assembly Standing Committee which meets in Sydney this weekend.

*Innovative Uniting Church ministries growing faith, hope and meaningful connection in our communities.

*Peace and stability in Sri Lanka amid economic crisis and protests.

NEWS FROM THE OP SHOP JULY 22, 2022

Despite some volunteers getting Covid and others going on holidays, we have been able to staff the Op Shop most days. We are still receiving lots of donations.

Total sales from the Op Shop:

February	\$3,257.00
March	\$5,660.20
April	\$6,829.90
May	\$6,356.85
June	\$6,667.05

We received \$20.40 for sales to Statewide Cleaning in January.

A total of \$28,792.10 to the end of June, 2022.

Thank you to all volunteers. Val Gibbs

2021 CENSUS DATA continued

The 2021 Census figures recently released show that Australians are less interested in Christianity.

Religious affiliations were: No religion 38.9%, Catholic 20%, Anglican 9.8%, Islam 3.2%, Hinduism 2.7%. More than 670,000 people identified with the Uniting Church, a decline of around 22 per cent since 2016.

Assembly National Consultant Rev Dr Apwee Ting considers how a more culturally and religiously diverse Australia might expand and enrich our life. He says we should celebrate the many emerging, vibrant and growing culturally and linguistically diverse communities across our synods.

Diversity challenges us to expand our grace margin to accept those who are different from us. The Uniting Church works with people across faiths, and with people of no faith – all of whom are made in the image of God.

NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is now just five years old. On Thursday, July 21 a Zoom webinar will be held at 7.00pm. The Uniting Church National Historical Society will bring together First Nations People and historians to explore *The Uluru Statement from the Heart*. Ask Joan for the registration link.

Translation of *The Uluru Statement from the Heart*

A joint project of the Uluru Dialogue and SBS has now translated *The Uluru Statement from the Heart* into more than 20 Aboriginal languages and 60 of Australia's multicultural languages. Check them out on Illuminate, the Assembly's resources database.



THEME: Mary & Martha



At Shepparton

Uniting Church

Sunday 17th July

4:30pm - 6:30pm

(tea provided)

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 learn about the bible story of Mary & Martha in Messy Church style!