

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

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NEWS JULY 24, 2022

AFTER PENTECOST 7

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SUNDAY, JULY 24 9.30 Service Rev Loni Vaitohi

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

Praying Together Emmanuel West Wodonga, Kergunyah

SUNDAY, JULY 31 9.30am Tanya Walker

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

READINGS

Aug 7 Is 1.1, 10-20 Ps 50. 1-8, 22-23. Heb 11. 1-3, 8-16. Lk 12.32-40

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 9.30am Joan McRae

REV LONI VAITOHI – LEAVE

Church Council has approved two weeks of leave for Rev Loni Vaitohi, commencing next Tuesday, July 26 until Wednesday, August 10, inclusive. Contact Rev Glenys Gill, 0417 723 634 or Shirley Marven, 0438 242 150 for any pastoral matters.

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 25 Winter Night Shelter

Tuesday, July 26 Friendship Group *Remember what is on the tray!*

10.00am. **Crazy Whist** 1.30pm

Wednesday, July 27 Women's Afternoon Group, 1.30pm

Thursday, July 28 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

WELCOME, TANYA!

Many of you have already met Tanya Walker. Tanya is a member of the Benalla congregation who is a Candidate for Minister of the Word. She is married to Steve Winkler and the mother of Aria and Sophie. Tanya is currently doing a placement at Shepparton. As part of this placement, Tanya will take four services and preach four times, as well as participating in the life of the Congregation. We are delighted to have her with us!

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve, Emma, Gwen, Clive Down and Lois Hardy.

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

The Presbytery prays for Emmanuel West Wodonga and Kergunyah.

The WCC prays for the lands and peoples of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. (Shepparton has many people from the first two countries – but not from next week's Republic of Congo.) *The Assembly* invites prayers for

*Congregations and communities of faith who are seeking new and renewing ways to embody the Gospel. *Those

affected by illness, isolation or grief as a new strain of COVID-19 leads to a surge in case numbers. We pray for all healthcare workers tirelessly providing care for the sick. *Those impacted by the extremes

of climate in Australia and across the world.

*Our Church partners in Sri Lanka working to support the country's most vulnerable communities amid an economic crisis.

NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY

A Catalyst for Renewal This week's Innovation is from the perspective of New and Renewing Communities Catalyst for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Rev Mat Harry, who encourages faith communities to think outside the box about what it means to 'be' and 'do' church. His vision speaks of mission, community collaboration and embodying the Gospel.

Mat says 'Our task – as has always been the task in every age and for every disciple – is to live and share the story of Jesus within the place we are planted. Therefore, congregational life needs to be ever adapting, and therefore innovative, in order to respond to the changes within our broader context.'

Diversity and Inclusion Rev Dr Paul Dongwon Goh who works in Justice and Cross Cultural Ministry in the Synod of South Australia reflects on how we might deepen our engagement with difference and reimagine our ways of working to be a truly intercultural church.

New Language Resource Hubs Collections of resources in different languages are now available through the Assembly resource library, *Illuminate*. There are now resources in the Spanish, Niuean, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Samoan, Indonesian, Tongan, Fijian and Korean Resources Hubs.

The Lord's Prayer

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.*

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for
ever.
Amen.*

~ New Zealand Prayer Book