

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS AUGUST 7, 2022

AFTER PENTECOST 9

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 9.30 am Rev Glenys Gill HC

Readings Is 1.1, 10-20 Ps 50. 1-8, 22-23. Heb 11. 1-3, 8-16.

Lk 12.32-40

Praying Together Wangaratta, Eldorado, Greta-Moyhu, Whitfield Uniting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 9.30am Rev Glenys Gill

READINGS

Aug 14 Is 5.1-7 Ps 80.1-2, 8-19 Heb 11.29-12.2. Lk 12.49-56

Aug 21 Jer.1.4-10 Ps 71.1-6. Heb 13.1-8, 15-16 Lk 13.10-17

Aug 28 Jer 2.4-13 Ps 81.1, 10-16. Philem 1.1-21 Lk 14.1, 7-14

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 Rev Joan Fisher HC

REV LONI VAITOHI – LEAVE

Church Council approved two weeks of leave for Rev Loni Vaitohi, which conclude on Wednesday, August 10. Until Thursday 11, please contact Rev Glenys Gill or Shirley Marven for any pastoral matters.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug 8 Winter Night Shelter

Tuesday, Aug 9 Friendship Group 10.00am.

Crazy Whist 1.30pm

Thursday, Aug 11 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

SPECIAL DAYS

Thursday, August 4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. The Uniting Church reaffirms its commitment to help build a strong future for First Nations children. Interim National Chairperson of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Rev Mark Kickett, speaking for UAICC, UnitingCare Australia and the Uniting Church Assembly, encouraged Uniting Church communities to celebrate and commit to a new beginning and hope-filled future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Youthful Congress member Nichola Overeem, says,

'I dream for a world where children can grow up strong and be proud of themselves and their identity. Where they are nurtured, respected and empowered to be who they are. Dreaming for me is a holistic approach to viewing someone's identity and empowering them to shape their own story. Where their cultural, spiritual, and emotional selves are nourished through the stories of their ancestors.'

Saturday, August 6 Hiroshima Day

The anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War 2, on August 6 and 9, 1945. The nuclear blasts killed nearly 80,000 people and injured more than 35,000; there was also extensive structural damage. Large numbers of people died later from radiation sickness. Today the radiation in this area is similar to the extremely low levels of natural radioactivity in other parts of the world. Hiroshima Day is celebrated to help promote peace in the world.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve, 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 Wangaratta, Eldorado, Greta-Moyhu, Whitfield ; Uniting.

The WCC prays for the lands and peoples of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea.

The Assembly invites prayers for

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to grow up strong, grounded in their identity and connected to culture, family and community.

*We pray for all those mourning the loss of Aboriginal activist, talented musician and storyteller Archie Roach. We give thanks for his artistry, truth-telling and humanity.

*A peaceful world free from nuclear weapons, as we mark Hiroshima Day on August 6.

*Those who find themselves without a secure place to live and for actions, policies and changes that enable everyone to have a home.

NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY

The Uniting Church Assembly has signed on to a global interfaith statement to the Tenth Review Conference of Parties to the treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons expressing unified support for a world free from nuclear weapons. We are one of over 100 faith bodies and organisations to support the statement as we mark the anniversaries of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

UnitingCare Australia has welcomed the Government's actions to abolish the cashless debit card, implement the recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission and legislate ten days of paid domestic and family violence leave in the first sitting week of the 47th Parliament.

UnitingCare Australia's senior leaders have met with Ministers to make the case for change in areas like aged care reform and economic inequality.

CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

August is the time for Christmas Child boxes to be collected from Val (Trevor) Gibbs and Lois Hardy. Boxes are to be returned by the end of September. Warm thanks!

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

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