

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



### **NEWS AUGUST 21, 2022**

### **AFTER PENTECOST 11**

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#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 9.30am Rev Loni Vaitohi**

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

*Praying Together* Presbytery Ministers, Tony Davies; Brian Spencer

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 9.30am Rev Loni Vaitohi; Tanya Walker**

#### **READINGS**

*Aug 28 Jer 2.4-13 Ps 81.1, 10-16. Heb 13.1-8, 15-16 Lk 14.1, 7-14*

*Sept 5 Jer 18.1-11 Ps 139.1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Lk 14.25-3*

*Sept 12 Jer 4.11-12, 22-28 Ps 14 1Tim 1.12-17 Lk 15.1-10*

*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](http://www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting)

**DOOKIE 9.30am Shirley Marven**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Aug 21 Messy Church** 4.30 – 6.30pm

**Monday, Aug 22 Winter Night Shelter**

**Tuesday, Aug 23 Friendship Group** *Bring a Friend* 10.00am.

**Crazy Whist** 1.30pm

**Wednesday, Aug 24 Women's Afternoon Group** 1.30pm

**Thursday, Aug 25 Cuppa and Chat** 10.00am – noon

### **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

**We remember** Emily, Eve, Clive

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

*The Presbytery* prays for the Presbytery Ministers, Tony Davies and Brian Spencer

*The WCC* prays for the lands and peoples of Liberia and Sierra Leone.

*The Assembly* invites prayers for

\*All those working across the Uniting Church to nurture a culture of safety, security and equality so that all may flourish in our communities.

\*Churches across Asia and beyond marking Asia Sunday on August 21 as they unite in prayer and reflection and celebrate how 'Christ's love reconciles and unites'.

\*Those from the Uniting Church preparing to take part in the World Council of Churches Assembly.

### **MEETING OF DOOKIE CONGREGATION**

A meeting of the Dookie Congregation will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, September 13 at 7.30pm.



**THEME:** *'Come to the Banquet'*



*At Shepparton*

*Uniting Church*

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August*

*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.*

## **NEWS FROM THE ASSEMBLY**

### **Our call to be a Safe Church**

The Uniting Church has an enduring commitment to make sure our communities are safe places of trust and care where all people can thrive. This is our call to be a safe Church, and we all have a role to play. Director of the National Safe Church Unit, Rev John Cox, writes: We believe that all people are made in the image of God, that God reaches out to us in love and acceptance and that our relationships with each other should express love, care and respect. Central to living out the Gospel is to love God and to love others. To do this we need to safeguard each other from potential harm ... nurturing and lifting each other up so that everyone can thrive and grow into who God calls them to be.

The Uniting Church participants at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, from August 31 to September 8 are the President, Rev Sharon Hollis, General Secretary, Colleen Geyer, Rev Mark Kickett, National Interim Chair of Congress (UAICC), Emily Evans, outgoing Central and Executive Committee Member, Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler, Rev Tara Curlewis. Rev Marie Wilson and Bruce Wilson.

*Sunday, August 21, is Asia Sunday.* The key to our identity as the Uniting Church is our shared faith and unity with other churches and in particular to partnering with Churches in Asia and the Pacific.

### **PROPERTY NEWS**

The sale of lots 2 and 3 of the Maude Street Property (Wesley Church and the Old Church) was completed this week with Settlement of the Sale occurring on Monday afternoon. A Settlement Statement will be forwarded to us when it is available so we won't have any details of the amount of money available to us from the sale until then.

With this sale and the Ground Lease of the Manse and Hall effective from June 2021 Shepparton Uniting Church is no longer the Responsible Body for the property.

Many thanks to those who have continued to maintain the gardens and grounds since the Congregation relocated to the Fryers Street Complex.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Boxes are still available from Val (Trevor) Gibbs. Filled boxes are to be returned by the end of September. Warm thanks!