

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

AFTER PENTECOST 16

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 9.30am Rev Tony Davies

Readings Jer 32.1-3a, 6-15 Ps 91.1-6, 14-16 1Tim 6.6-19 Lk 16. 19-31

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 9.30am Rev Glenys Gill HC

Oct 2 Lam 1.1-6 Lam 3.19-26 or Ps 137 2 Tim 1. 1-14 Lk 17.5-10

Oct 9 Jer 29.1, 4-7 Ps 66.1-12 2 Tim 2.8-15 Lk 17.11-19

Oct 16 Jer 31.27-34 Ps 119.97-104 2 Tim 3.14-4.5 Lk 18.1-8

Oct 23 Joel 2.23-32 Ps 65 2 Tim 4.6-8, 16-18 Lk 18.9-14

Oct 30 Habb 1.1-4, 2.1-4 Ps 119.137-144 2 Thess 1.1-4, 11-12 Lk 19.1-10

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

DOOKIE 9.30am Elders/Zoom

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Sept 27 Friendship Group *a favourite poem* 10.00am Crazy Whist 1.30pm **Wednesday,**

Sept 28 Women's Afternoon Group 1.30

Thursday, Sept 29 Cuppa and Chat 10.00am – noon

THE INDUCTION SERVICE FOR THE REV KERRIE NEEDHAM

Due to a commitment that Kerrie has to attend the Synod Selection Conference on October 23, the Induction Service has been postponed until October 30 at 2 pm.

The service on October 16 will be at 9.30am as usual.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

We remember Emily, Eve, Clive; Val and the Felmingham family; Terry and Nola Smith.

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

The Presbytery prays for Seymour, Avenel and Nagambie Connect.

The WCC prays for the lands and peoples of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru.

The Assembly invites prayers for

*The deep peace of Jesus to guide us in our lives. On the International Day of Peace (Sept 21), we pray especially for people who are impacted daily by war and conflict and for dialogue to lead the way to peace.

*Our Church Partners from across South East Asia who are meeting in Bali this week with UnitingWorld and President Rev Sharon Hollis.

“All of the earth's creatures impacted by the loss of habitat and environmental degradation. We pray for courage and commitment to seek new ways of living that will limit our impact on the earth and renew the land and waters around us.

Special prayers for Loni and his family.

Special prayers for Pakistan and the disastrous flooding, attributed to global warming. 1500 have died in the floods. **Japan** and other countries experiencing typhoons. **Sri Lanka**, experiencing a financial crisis, exacerbated by the Covid pandemic. The people of **Ukraine** as they defend their land against Russia.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The closing date for receiving completed boxes and gifts of money is Friday, September 30. Phone Val Gibbs, 5821 6925, or Lois Hardy, 0421 159 808, to arrange collection of your box.

CELEBRATING OLDER PERSONS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

We are invited to celebrate the contributions of older people and challenge ageism by marking older Persons' Sunday on October 2. UnitingCare has provided worship resources.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

South East Asia Partners Gather with UnitingWorld and the President , Rev Sharon Hollis, in Bali this week, for the first time since 2019. Our Partners connect, learn from each other and share fellowship. The President has led a discussion on the biblical imperative of safeguarding, offering a UCA perspective on how we seek to be a 'safe church'.

PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THEIR PEOPLE

In preparing to lead worship this week, I was interested to read concern for Pacific countries – our Partners - with rising sea levels, in resources prepared by the Church of Scotland as it celebrates the Season of Creation and draws attention to the climate crisis and the need for both care for, and renewal of, Creation. Joan

FRIENDSHIP GROUP BUS TRIP

The Friendship Group have organised a bus trip to Wangaratta on Tuesday October 25 to see the paintings by Shirley Barber, now housed in Wangaratta Uniting Church. We will arrive in time for lunch at the church, followed by a talk about the artist and her paintings by Rev John van Riet. Then afternoon tea before returning to Shepparton. Cost \$15 per person. This will be a great day. Please see Wilma or Jan if you would like to join the group.

