

# **SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH**

## **WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH**



### **NEWS OCTOBER 16, 2022**

### **AFTER PENTECOST 19**

#### **MINISTERS**

**Rev Loni Vaitohi**

Indefinite Sick Leave

**Rev Joan Fisher, Minister in Assoc**

**Rev Glenys Gill, Supply Minister**

**Pastoral Care Convenor, Shirley Marven**

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#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 9.30am Rev Alan Lockwood**

*Readings Jer 31.27-34 Ps 119.97-104 2 Tim 3.14-4.5 Lk 18.1-8*

*Praying Together Yarrowonga*

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 Narelle Freeman**

#### **READINGS**

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

*Oct 30 Hab 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/SheppartonUniting)

**DOOKIE 9.30am Rev Joan Fisher HC**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, Oct 18 Friendship Group** *Outing to Move: Café and Clothing Exhibition* 10.00.am **Crazy Whist** 1.30pm

**Wednesday, Oct 19 UCAF** 1.30

**Thursday, Oct 20 Cuppa and Chat** 10.00am – noon.

### **WELCOME TO REV KERRIE AND DON NEEDHAM**

who have moved to Shepparton and are worshipping at Shepparton on October 16. They are surrounded by our prayers.

### **ANTI-POVERTY WEEK FROM OCTOBER 16**

Join UnitingCare Australia and others in calling on Parliamentarians to commit to halving child poverty by 2030, as part of Anti-Poverty Week. Check out the Anti-Poverty website. It's not right that **1 in 6** Australian children live in poverty.

### **PASTORAL PRAYERS**

*We remember* Emily, Eve, Clive; Nola Smith.

All with Covid or isolating – the vast numbers in Victoria and those locally.

*The Presbytery* prays for Yarrowonga.

*The WCC* prays for the lands and peoples of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

*The Assembly* invites prayers for

\*Those marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bali bombings, for the survivors and the families and friends of the 202 people who lost their lives. We pray for people everywhere working for a more peaceful world.

\*Communities being impacted by extreme weather and flooding.

\*The meeting of the Northern Synod, in Darwin, from Friday 14.

\*People living with a disability. We give thanks for the many gifts, insights and deep spiritual thinking they bring to the church. We pray that all feel valued as members of the body of Christ and are provided with spaces to share their gifts and wisdom.

**Also** the people of **Ukraine** as they defend their land against Russia.

**Pakistan**, following catastrophic flooding. **Sri Lanka**

**\*\*Special prayers for Loni and his family.**

## **INDUCTION OF REV KERRIE NEEDHAM**

On October 30, following the Induction service, afternoon tea will be served. Your contribution to the afternoon tea will be very welcome!

## **ENTERING THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**

***‘Fresh eyes on conflict, communication and community – Jesus’ take on turning the other cheek’*** On Wednesday, October 19, Rev Professor Vicky Balabansky (whom some of our people know through Field Days 2021, among other things) will present her Inaugural Professorial Lecture in her new role as Professor, University of Divinity, in Adelaide. She is also Principal of Uniting College for Leadership and Theology, Adelaide. *Online* at 7.00-9.00pm Adelaide time; 7.30 ESummerTime. Contact Joan for registration details – [joanmcr@netspace.net.au](mailto:joanmcr@netspace.net.au). Sponsored by the University of Divinity, Uniting College Adelaide and Churches Together South Australia.

## **NEWS FROM THE OP SHOP**

The Op Shop Committee is beginning to plan the Op Shop roster for 2023. We are looking for more volunteers who would like to assist at the Op Shop. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have two shifts each day: morning 10.00 – 1.00 and afternoon 1.00 – 4.00. If you are interested in helping could you please contact me on 0447 289 233 or [valgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:valgibbs@hotmail.com)? Thank you. Val Gibbs

## **ASSEMBLY NEWS**

### **Mission, fellowship and hospitality and the Fijian National Conference**

300 Fijian leaders and UCA members from across Australia gathered at the Fijian National Conference September 29 to October 2 at Batchelor, NT.

**National Young Adult Leaders’ Conference January 26-29 2023** Merricks, Mornington Peninsula for emerging leaders aged 18-30 to explore leadership, build skills and reflect on the role of faith in leadership. Places limited to 70. Applications close November 7. Joan has information.

### **Calling all creatives! Contribute to the Uniting Church Advent Calendar!**

The Assembly hopes to share a resource to support people across the UCA, including children and families, to mark the season of Advent *at home*. They are putting out a call for short contributions to an Advent Calendar, such as a prayer, a candle-lighting ritual, a Bible verse, a reflection question, a little activity to do together – or any other contribution. Contributions are to be emailed to the Assembly.