

SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



NEWS OCTOBER 23, 2022

AFTER PENTECOST 20

MINISTERS

Rev Loni Vaitohi

Indefinite Sick Leave

Rev Joan Fisher, Minister in Assoc

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 9.30am Narelle Freeman

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

Praying Together Upper Murray – Corryong, Walwa

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 Rev Joan Fisher

READINGS

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

Nov 6 Hag 1.15b- 2.9 Ps 145.1-5, 17-21 or 98 2Thess 2.1-5, 13-17 Lk 20.27-38

Nov 13 Is 65.17- 25 Is 12 2Thess 3. 6-13 Lk 21.5-19

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, Oct 25 Friendship Group Quiz 10.00.am Crazy Whist
1.30pm

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

REV KERRIE AND DON NEEDHAM: INDUCTION NOVEMBER 13

Rev Kerrie Needham's Induction has been postponed until 13th November as Kerrie and Don (and their furniture) have not yet been able to travel to Shepparton because of the floods and road conditions. The Church Council, in conversation with Kerrie, felt that the situation with current and potential road closures and further rainfall is too uncertain for the induction to proceed on the 30th October.

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 Upper Murray – Corryong, Walwa *The WCC* prays for the lands and peoples of the Caribbean: Antigua, Barbados, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad, Tobago..

The Assembly invites prayers for

*Communities across Victoria, Tasmania, NSW and Queensland who have been impacted by flooding. We pray for the safety of those in danger, care for those facing loss and strength for those responding on the ground.

*An intercultural Church that makes space for diverse perspectives in reading the Bible. As we engage with scripture, may we be open to learning new truths from unexpected directions as we seek to follow the God of life and work for a just and reconciled world.

*Survivors of child sexual abuse and their families. We pray for justice, for strength and healing as the Church marks the fourth anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

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.**

****Special prayers for Kerrie and Don**

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? Thank you. Val Gibbs

ASSEMBLY NEWS

Anniversary of National Apology This weekend, October 22, marks the fourth anniversary of the National Apology for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The Uniting Church affirms our commitment to be a safe place for all people.

Intercultural Bethany Broadstock shares four take-away insights inspired by a presentation from Rev Assoc Prof Monica Melanchthon to the Synod Intercultural Forum on the imperative to hear ‘voices from the margins’. Bethany writes, *‘As much as anything else, we are called to cross the boundaries of our perspectives – to recognise that both yours and mine are shaped by a depth of faith and insight from which we can both learn. That does not mean we will always agree, but that disagreeing loses its power to separate.’*

In making space for those who discern God’s word through their experience of race, class, caste, gender, migrant status, disability, sexuality or marginalisation, we may find things we’ve never seen before in places where we’ve never had the heart, courage or awareness to look.’

‘Now is the time for courage and leadership’ Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis and Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress Interim National Chair Rev Mark Kickett were among 100 religious leaders from Australia and the Pacific who last week called on Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to put an end to ne coal and gas projects. The letter was released as multi-faith services were held in churches and worship spaces across the nation as part of the global #Faiths4Climatejustice campaign.

Pre-budget submission

UnitingCare Australia is urging the Federal Government to address the rising cost of living for lower-income earners and ensure older Australians are supported by a sustainable, high-quality aged care sector in the October Budget. This is an opportunity to rebalance the economy by strengthening social infrastructure and investing in people.

Ageing to our full potential

UnitingCare has provided feedback on the first consultation paper for a new regulatory model for Aged Care, calling for a modern, fit-for-purpose regulatory model for aged care. The submission calls for four pillars of regulation: clear responsibilities, community endorsed standards, purposeful legislation and financial sustainability.

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.