

# SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

## WITH DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH



### NEWS NOVEMBER 6, 2022

### AFTER PENTECOST 22

#### MINISTERS

Rev Loni Vaitohi

Indefinite Sick Leave

Rev Joan Fisher, Minister in Assoc

Rev Glenys Gill, Supply Minister

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#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 9.30am Rev Denise Naish HC

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

*Praying Together* Benalla, Devenish, Goorambat, Swanpool

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 No morning service

Induction of Rev Kerrie Needham. 2.00pm

#### READINGS

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

Nov 20. Christ the King or Reign of Christ Jer 23.1-6. Lk 1.68-79. Col  
1.11-20 Lk 23.33-43

*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 Glenys Gill**

### **GREETING FROM REV KERRIE NEEDHAM 2/11/2022**

Hello,

Six days after the arrival of our furniture, we're settling in. The airbed has been put away; pots, pans and plates have been found in boxes; the first load of washing has been done, and the first venture to a new shopping centre has been successful.

We had our first 'live' visit to church on Sunday. (We visited via internet services while we still lived at the previous placement.) The service was very special, having readings and hymns chosen by congregation members and carefully woven together into a meaningful service by Rev Joan.

It was wonderful to see Rev Loni there, and we said a quick hello, realising many people would want to greet him that day. We met the wonderful musicians and told them there were some hymns we hadn't known before. We particularly enjoyed the blessing /sending hymn to the tune of Eidelweiss.

Our welcome to the congregation started with a wonderful hamper of food to start building our pantry on moving day. We thank the congregation (you) for this gift. Milk, bread, butter and many other staples were greatly appreciated and helped us focus on finding important boxes those first few days. Our welcome to church! I can't describe how much it impacted. We were excited to be there, people were excited to have us there. We both came away with happy hearts, looking forward to our future here.

After church we ventured into Fryers Street for our first meal in the café district. We chose to go to the former Baptist church – Friar's (something). A great start, and we have plans of checking out every restaurant along the street...over time.

I am just about to get ready to go to church this morning to be there if someone comes in to have a quiet space to pray or would like to have someone to talk with.... So I say goodbye for now.

God bless,  
Kerrie

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, Nov 8 Friendship Group** 10.00.am **Crazy Whist** 1.30pm

**Thursday, Nov10 Cuppa and Chat** 10.00am – noon.

## A WEDDING – AND AN INVITATION!

Hannah and Kyle will be married at Shepparton Uniting Church on Saturday, November 12 at 12 o'clock by Rev Glenys Gill.

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to attend the service.

**Can you help?** To assist Hannah when she is dressing (in the old church) she would like to use a cheval or full-length mirror. If you could lend her one for Saturday 12, could you please tell Lorraine?

## PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

All with Covid, or isolating – the increasing numbers in Victoria and locally.

*The Presbytery* prays for Benalla, Devenish, Goorambat and Swanpool.

*The WCC* prays for the lands and peoples of Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), KAnaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

*The Assembly* invites prayers

\*Noongar boy, Cassius Turvey, who died after a brutal bashing in Perth. He is the nephew of Rev Mark Kickett, Interim National Chair of Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress. We pray for justice, healing and love.

\*Our Intergenerational Church, called by God to share life and faith across the generations.

\*Those working to discern through policies and budgets how our money can serve the most vulnerable among us, and the flourishing of all people and creation.

\*Australian communities impacted by extreme weather and flooding. We pray for safety from danger, comfort and community in loss and recovery and those responding and caring on the ground.

**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 Needham**

**\*\*Rochester and Mooroopna churches**, including the Uniting Church congregations, who are not able to worship in their church buildings because of the recent flooding. **Mooroopna UC** has received invitations to worship with, or use the buildings of, other churches in Mooroopna, including St Mary's (Catholic) and St Alban's (Anglican); the congregation has also been invited to join us for worship.

Those isolated by flood water and those whose homes have been flooded. and all who are assisting them.

### **WARM THANKS FOR OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE**

A number of people responded to the invitation for offers of help to those impacted by the floods. Warmest thanks to all who offered to help!

**OP SHOP NEWS** At its meeting on Tuesday afternoon, the op Shop Committee decided to issue Vouchers to the value of \$30 to flood victims. They will be distributed at the Emergency Relief Centre at the MacIntosh Centre and by Uniting.

### **ASSEMBLY NEWS**

**National Floods Appeal** The President, Rev Sharon Hollis, has launched a National Floods Appeal to support communities across Australia impacted by flooding or extreme weather.