



High Street Uniting Church

NEWS: 23rd January 2022

We acknowledge the traditional custodianship of the Boon Wurrung people in this region

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More Information

Website: Reflections accessible in text format at www.frankstonuniting.org.au

Prayer team: Phone 5971 2840 (Marlene) or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

Office hours: The office is now open each weekday between 9:30 am and 12:30pm.

Messages can be left at frankstonuc@gmail.com or 9783 3400

Offerings: can be made directly to:

Account name: Frankston Uniting Church

BSB: 063 133

Account #: 00800128

Please use **OFFERING** as the description

OR:

By mailing a cheque to the treasurer:

Keith Holmes

31 Lucerne Cres

Frankston VIC 3199

Please send any items to frankstonuc@gmail.com by midday on Thursday

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25 January – Church Council
7:30pm via zoom

Sunday 30 January – Worship at 10:00, including thanking Brenda for her ministry in the Pastoral Care role, and welcoming Mandy to that role.

Tonga Tsunami Disaster

Uniting world are partnering with Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (FWCT). For direct banking, please arrange to deposit your donation into the following UnitingWorld Account:

Bank: Westpac – King St, Sydney NSW

Account Name: UnitingWorld Donations

Account Number: 182657

BSB: 032-014

Description: Tonga Tsunami

On completion of your deposit, please forward an email to: info@unitingworld.org.au with the following details: the amount you deposited, to where you wish the funds be directed ("Emergency Appeal"), to whom the receipt is to be made out to and the relevant contact details for the receipt (address and phone number).

Further details can be found at donate.unitingworld.org.au/tonga

Presbytery Prayer

As part of our Presbytery prayer calendar, please pray for our Defence force chaplains including Rev Steve Terrell in Army Reserve and all our retired ministers.

LINKS

ZOOM - FOR ALL SERVICES

On a tablet or laptop computer: Go to <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260> and use the password 3199.

(or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and use the meeting number below)

On a phone without video: call (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID: #

Password: 3199 #

Minister's notes

Dear friends,

This week we join with congregations across the Uniting Church (and other denominations) in recognising a Day of Mourning, on the Sunday before Australia Day, to reflect on and lament the effects of invasion and colonisation on Australia's First Peoples. Along with this news sheet, we are providing a copy of the Statement from the Heart which you are encouraged to read. Our service (at 10am) has been put together by a few members of the Study Group which by zoom last year. We have been resourced by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Christian Congress (with whom the Uniting Church is in covenant), and by Common Grace.

I encourage you to join in worship through zoom and phones if you can. Given the pressure on the hospital system, minimising the spread of COVID through large gatherings is important. For some people, it will be important for overall wellbeing to still come to the church, and that's OK – there will be a small group present for face-to-face worship, and the zoom service will be 'broadcast' from there. If you do come to the church, please also be aware that there are traffic restrictions to work around on High Street, though these are mostly around the corner where the on-ramp to the Nepean Highway is.

God was present in this land long before colonisation. As the preamble to the Uniting Church Constitution states: "[T]he Spirit was already in the land revealing God to the people through law, custom and ceremony. The same love and grace that was finally and fully revealed in Jesus Christ sustained the First Peoples and gave them particular insights into God's ways." This Sunday we listen, mourn, pray and worship together.

Peace and grace,

David

Alex Sangster's Induction Service

The Induction of Rev Alexandra Sangster as Minister of St Kilda congregation will be on Friday February 4 at 7.30 pm. The service will be at 163 Chapel Set St Kilda and also will be broadcast through Zoom. The link will be sent out closer to the date.

Lenten Bible Studies

This year, the season of Lent begins on Wednesday 2 March (Ash Wednesday). There are several Bible Study groups who are considering working through a six-session series, "the Call to Discipleship", by Rev Dr Chris Walker (formerly a National Consultant for the Uniting Church). The Wednesday night study group will meet fortnightly for this from 9 February, and the Thursday night group is considering doing similarly. If there is enough interest it may be possible to run a daytime group as well (for which a leader would be required). Please let David know if you are interested in a daytime study group through Lent.

Donations of Linen and Towels

Rona Russell is currently collecting linen and towels for seasonal fruit-pickers.

Items can be given to Rona directly or dropped off at the church office, weekdays between 9:30 and 12:30.

Call for Nominations: Synod

Presbytery is calling for nominations for the VIC/TAS Synod meeting being held at Box Hill Town Hall, 30 June – 3 July, 2022. Download the nomination form from the Presbytery website (<https://ucapnep.org/category/presbytery/>) and send it to Presbytery Secretary Anne Kim by 28 February.

Change the Heart

is an interchurch prayer service in its 10th year. You are invited by one of Australia's most senior Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Aunty Jean Phillips, to gather together to pray in unison on the evening before January 26. TV event Tuesday evening 25 January at 7.30pm AEDT. <https://www.commongrace.org.au/hearthecall>
Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association at Hastings will be hosting a local event. More details soon.