

Weekly News



High Street Uniting Church

We acknowledge the traditional custodianship of the
Bunurong people in this region

Week of 17th March 2024: Lent (5) - Wide open arms

Coming up

March:

Tues 19th: Elders at
1:30pm

Thurs 21st: Baxter
Village Communion at
2:30pm

Fri 22nd: Material for
HST due

Sun 24th: Palm Sunday
combined service at
10:00am

Thurs 28th: Holy
Thursday service at
7:30pm

Fri 29th: Good Friday
combined service at
10:00am

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Rev. Ross Writes...

Easter is coming! The Lectionary this week – the fifth week of Lent – has Jesus talking about the coming hour and being lifted on the cross. Next week is Palm/ Passion Sunday; Easter is coming! If you go by the sale of hot cross buns, it's been coming for months! And that speaks to the ongoing, annual conflicts between church and society around the celebration of the major festivals. Stable versus Santa, tomb versus eggs. For some it's a source of anger and a sign of disrespect. "You can't hand out eggs at church, even if they are a symbol of new life!" For others it's a source of humour. "Why are rabbits laying eggs?!" "Why are we celebrating spring when it's autumn?" In a culture so disconnected from Christian thinking, is there a middle ground where we can present the message of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection that recovers the symbols of new life in a more meaningful way?

The stories of Easter are dramatic and emotional, and many feel that theatre and street theatre form ways to get the message across. But public displays like Stations of the Cross or Easter processions with appropriately dressed and bloodied characters can be more harmful than helpful to telling the story. What works for people who already know the story and hold the faith, can be a subject of derision for those who have no connection to the story.

In the tradition of Jesus, the storyteller, who used the image of a seed being buried to produce a new plant to explain his death and the life that flows from it, maybe bush fire, and the new growth that follows, make a more appropriate set of symbols for death and resurrection. A way to connect with people's lived experiences and bring out a message of faith and hope. May we always be ready to find new words and new ways to convey what we believe into our culture and time.

Walkie Talkies this week

Tues 19th: Norman Ave for Gulls
Way walks

Thurs 21st: St Thomas' North
Road Langwarrin

**8:30am start in Jan, Feb &
Mar.**

For more information, contact
Ley on 0408 355 622



Save the date!

On Sunday, 28th April, HSUC will be hosting a concert by Hayden Wiseman, Christian violinist. The concert will begin at 2:00pm.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, please visit Hayden's website at: haydenwiseman.com/event/heartstrings-tour-frankston-concert/

Tickets will also be available for purchase on the day!

UPCOMING CHANGES TO OFFICE HOURS

Apologies for any confusion in relation to the changes for Esther, our Office Administrator's working hours from the week starting 18th March. Esther will continue in the office from Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am-1.00pm as usual.

The main change is that the office will be closed on Monday, and Esther will instead work those hours on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from home. This means more hours later in the week when she is the busiest, and more efficiency in those hours working from home.

Bible Studies: Lenten Studies 2024

The fortnightly group will be meeting on **Tuesday, 19th March at 10.30am** at the church in the **Green Room**. We are using the Lenten study booklet "Discipleship for all Seasons" written by a Uniting Church minister Rev. Christopher Walker.

New members are very welcome to join for the six session Lenten Study. Please contact Keith Holmes (97892575) or Emma Lindenburg for a booklet.

With Love to the World

Annual subscriptions (\$20) are now due for this daily Bible reading guide. To renew your subscription or become a new subscriber, payment can be made at the office to Esther or on Sundays to Keith Holmes or Emma Lindenburg. Alternatively, a direct deposit can be made to the Church bank account labelled "subscription".

Wanted to rent

Roberta would appreciate the use of a large space, such as a garage, as her fine art workshop.

Has anyone got a large garage, or workspace they might consider renting? Please contact Roberta on 0415 732 405.

Presbytery Prayers



This week we ask you to join us in prayer for the Brighton Trinity Congregation, including Rev. Kevin Kim, currently visiting his father in Korea who is ill, and Chair, Ms Helen Wells.

Newsbeat

The latest edition of Newsbeat is out! It includes Sarah Manase's day visit exploring Hampton Park UC, Rev Cameron McAdam walking through Machu Picchu, and more Lent Resources for Easter, and much more. You can find it online at ucappep.org/newsbeat/ or in the foyer, for those who prefer a hard copy. Please let Esther in the office know if more need to be printed.

Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 17th March 2024

Bible reader: Heather R.

Prayers of the People: Erica H.

Stewards: Jill C, Marilyn S.

Morning tea: Enid C, Stanley & Viola

Sunday, 24th March 2024 (Combined)

Bible reader: Ley M.

Prayers of the People: Valmai S.

Stewards: Heather R. & Ley M.

Morning tea: Denise A, Brenda C, Santhira T.

Further details can be found on our website or on the noticeboard in the Church

More Information

Prayer team: Phone 5971 2840

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Offerings:

Account name: Frankston Uniting Church

BSB: 063 133

Account #: 00800128

Please use **OFFERING** as the description

OR

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

HST: Please send material to johnannable@bigpond.com

Zoom/Phone Details

On a tablet or laptop computer

Go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>

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 #