

High Street Uniting Church

NEWS: 26th March 2023

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

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Rev. Ross Writes...

The prophetic tasks of the church are to tell the truth in a society that lives in illusion, grieve in a society that practices denial, and express hope in a society that lives in despair. -Walter Brueggemann bring forth justice,

Hopefully, over your time in the Church, you have been disabused of the idea that prophets in the Bible tell the future. Biblical prophets speak the necessary words of God to compassion, and love. Sometimes those words are directed to the world and the opponents of God and

sometimes they are directed at the people to God who have drifted away to become like the world and opponents of the will of God.

While we find passages from the prophets who wrote that speak of God's promises and things to come, the bulk of the prophet's work, as shown in the stories of the prophets in Israel's history, is in telling things the way they are, and pointing to the way they should be. And that is still a role for the church to play in our time and culture.

Walter Brueggemann is an Old Testament scholar and theologian who is one of the most respected interpreters of scripture. He often points out that if Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets, then as followers of Jesus, we have the task of pointing out the differences between the will of God and the ways of the world, particularly when the ways of the world de-humanise people.

News From Assembly

At the heart of the Uniting Church is a commitment to walk together with First Nations people in seeking justice. Inspired by this commitment and our deep covenant relationship with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), we support a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to Parliament as an historic opportunity to recognise and honour First Nations people and to walk together as a nation toward a better future.

Consequently, the Assembly has published a new page on the UC website - https://uniting.church/ voice/ - dedicated to supporting Uniting Church members to stay informed about the Voice and resourcing you to join and lead respectful conversations around the upcoming Referendum. Bookmark this page as we will keep updating with information and resources as they are developed!

ZOOM/PHONE DETAILS

For all services:

On a tablet or laptop computer: Go to <u>https://zoom.us/i/95468493260</u> 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

Password: 3199 # Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 # Participant ID: #

More Information

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<u>Prayer team:</u> Phone 5971 2840 (Marlene) or email <u>hsuca-</u> <u>prayer@googlegroups.com</u>

<u>Office hours:</u> 9:00 am to 1:00pm. <u>frankstonuc@gmail.com</u> or 9783 3400

Offerings:

Account name: Frankston Uniting Church BSB: 063 133 Account #: 00800128 Please use **OFFERING** as the description OR Mail Cheque to: 31 Lucerne Cres Frankston VIC 3199

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

HST: Please send material to johnannable@bigpond.com

Coming Up in April

Sun 2nd: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Palm Sunday combined service at 10:00am

Thurs 6th: Holy Thursday service at 7:00pm

Fri 7th: Good Friday service at 10:00am

Office Closed (public holiday)

Memorial Service for Fay Dungey

A memorial service will be held for Fay Dungey next Thursday, 30th March at 1:30pm at High Street Uniting Church, followed by light refreshments in the main hall.

Please bring a plate to share, and as always, cater for your own dietary requirements.



CHANGE OF TIME!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS?

Join us for a Fund Raising Morning Tea! Palm Sunday, 2nd April; from 11am onwards (after the combind service). Hosted by the Frankston UC Social Justice Group, with the help of others.

Donations will go to support the work of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre an independent not-for-profit organisation which provides aid, justice and empowerment programs.

Save the date, stay on for some fellowship

Palm Sunday Walk - JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

Sunday, 2nd April at 1:30pm

Meet at the State Library, cnr Swantson and La Trobe St

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network.

Enquiries: info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au

Palm Sunday

This year the traditional 'Palm Sunday' service will be a Holy

Week service covering all the events from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the Crucifixion. The service will begin in the carpark, and we require branches to wave as we enter the church.



Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 26th March

Bible Reader: Ross Huggard **Stewards:** Edna Reeves, Robert Latimer **Morning Tea:** Marilyn S, Virgil S, Denise A. Sunday, 2nd April (Combined) Bible Reader: Jill Cayzer Stewards: Alistair Munro, Fiona Jones Morning Tea: Fay L, Sue B, Brenda C.

The Contemporary Roster and further details for the Traditional Roster can be found on our website, <u>frankstonuniting.org.au</u>, or on the noticeboard.