# High Street Uniting Church

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

Week of 5th May: Easter (6) - Could I hinder God?

## Coming up

Weekly

News

<u>May:</u>

Fri 10th: Fete set-up

Sat 11th: May Fete!

Mon 12th: Gardening club

Tues 13th: C.O.G at 7:30pm

Thurs 16th: Baxter Communion at 2:30pm

**Fri 18th:** Material for June HST due

**Sun 19th:** Combined Pentecost service at 10:00am - wear red!

Tues 21st: Elders meeting at 1:30pm

# <u>Contact us</u>

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#### Church office

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#### Rev. Ross Writes...

Do you believe in God's activity in the world, particularly in parallel events or do you treat such things as mere coincidence? The story of Peter and Cornelius in the Book of Acts is not just God giving Peter a vision to expand his understanding. At the same time as that vision, messengers from Cornelius were arriving at his door to invite him to come and speak to them. An invitation that came from a vision that Cornelius had received the day before. Coincidence? Or the unfolding of God's will? As Peter speaks to the gathering, expounding

the story of Jesus, the people are gripped by the moving of the Spirit. Coincidence? Or the unfolding of God's will? We may credit Luther with the beginnings of the Reformation, but what about the parallel writings of Zwingli and Calvin? Coincidence? Or the unfolding of God's will? Yes, there are occurrences in our lives, and in the church, and in the world, that are merely coincident, but it is also worth the time and thought to examine if things happening at the same time or in a similar way are not just coincidence, but a call from God to take note. And, having taken note, to decide if you are being called to join in God's will. A visitor with a need while you are reading scripture or having devotions. Thinking about someone and wondering how they are and then they ring you. Talking to a friend and finding they were thinking of an issue the same as you. You can choose to see coincidence, or you can lift your gaze to see something more.

## Presbytery Prayers

This week we ask you to join us in prayer for Creative Ministries Network, including Rev John Bottomley, and Chair Linda Hoskins.



#### Walkie Talkies this week

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>:** Sandhurst Blvd off McCormicks Rd

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: Pearcedale Football Ground

#### 9:30am start

For more information, contact Ley on 0408 355 622

### **Seeking Accommodation**

Many of us will be aware of the difficulties of finding accommodation in the private rental market currently, particularly for people on lower incomes. We are aware of a gentleman seeking long term accommodation without success at the moment, and are reaching out to our church community. If you are aware of any other options or ideas which might assist, please let either Rev Ross or myself know. I am also aware of a young woman with a 1 yr old baby who has left a family violence situation, who would benefit from some temporary accommodation. Again, please let us know if you might know of something.

Many thanks, Mandy Lake.

## **Operation Larder**

Following 40 years of wonderful service to those in need, Larder finds itself in need. Current funds are not enough to ensure continued operations and there is no guarantee of external funding being available. As such we have decided to devote June as 'Larder Month' with a fund-raising campaign. We understand that this may be difficult for people, given the current economic conditions, but we feel that it is important to enable the continuing work of Larder in feeding the community.



## <u>Jam puns</u>

Q. What type of jam is never edible?

A. A traffic jam

Q. What do you call blueberries playing a guitar?

A. A jam session



## **Traditional Rosters**

Sunday, 5th May 2024 Bible reader: Elaine K. Prayers of the People: Marlene T. Stewards: Aubrey M, Robert L. Morning tea: Brenda C, Fay L.

Sunday, 12th May 2024 Bible reader: Alan M. Prayers of the People: Keith H. Stewards: Marilyn S, Jill C. Morning tea: Enid C, Denise A, Ali V.

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

# More Information

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

#### 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

**Notices:** Please send any items to <u>frankstonuc@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>https://zoom.us/join</u> and use the meeting number below)

# On a phone without video:

Call: (03) 7018 2005 Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 # Participant ID: # Password: 3199 #