

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

6 June, 2021



Dear friends,

While we work our way through another lockdown, the Psalm set for this Sunday has a number of words of confidence and hope that are worth holding on to. As I read it, there are several phrases that leap out to me. Which phrases leap out for you? The whole of Psalm 138 is printed here. I invite you to read it through, maybe a couple of times, and notice which words “ring” with you or call for your attention as you read them. Is there one phrase from this Psalm for you to hold on to, through the next few lock-down days?

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me,

you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand,

and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Grace and peace,

David

Somers Camp Registrations

Somers Camp, at this point, is still on, but not at Lord Somers Campsite. The annual camp for children and teenagers from grade 3 to Year 9 is being run this year at Granville Lodge, in Westernport Bay. The camp is run as a Presbytery event. The planning group has a keen group of trained volunteers. We just need to have registrations happening this month. The team is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely in the lead-up to camp. Should we have to cancel Somers due to government restrictions we will NOT be charging anyone who registers.

To register as camper (grade 3 – Year 9) click the following link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a5a4a380751840eda4afbdab84efb236>

To register as a slushie (year 10), click the following link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/24da6fa3789249efaf41341d4665fbbb>

LEADING WORSHIP: Rev David Fotheringham

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)

To join on a phone without video

Call (03) 7018 2005

The meeting ID is 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID – just press #

WEBSITE: Reflections accessible in text format at <https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>

PRAYER TEAM: The Prayer Team can be contacted on 5971 2840 (Marlene) or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

OFFICE HOURS: During lockdown you can reach the church office by email or leaving a voicemail. For all urgent pastoral care matters please call Rev David directly.
Email: frankstonuc@gmail.com
PH: 97833400.

OFFERINGS:

If you are not connected to regular direct debit, one-off or regular offerings can be made to the church by transfer to FRANKSTON UNITING CHURCH BSB 063 133 Account 00800128 Description OFFERING. Alternatively, mail a cheque to the Treasurer, Keith Holmes 31 Lucerne Crescent, Frankston.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE INCLUDES COMMUNION

All of our services are accessible by phone or zoom again this week. The Traditional service will include the celebration of Holy Communion. Please have with you a portion of bread, and some wine, juice, or near equivalent if you would like to participate in that sharing.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT KARINGAL

The service to mark the conclusion of the combined Uniting Church – Lutheran Church cooperation at Karingal will be held today (6 June) via Zoom at 2pm. If you would like the zoom link, please contact Bob Seiffert on 0418 579 913.

PRAYERS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Pray for Murrumbeena Uniting Church, including ministry team Jay Robinson, Kelly Skilton and Zak Hany, and chair Alison Campbell Rate.

FUNERAL DETAILS for Rev Ron Croxford

Ron Croxford passed away peacefully last Sunday after a short illness. After a private cremation, a larger memorial gathering will be arranged when it is possible, with livestreaming available; details will be made known in due course.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will be held on Tuesday night at 7:30pm via zoom.