

Weekly News



High Street Uniting Church

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

Week of 9th June: Pentecost (3) - The unexpected God / The family of God

Coming up

June:

Mon 10th: Gardening club at 1:00pm

King's Birthday public holiday

Tues 11th: Church Council meeting at 7:30pm ****Please note change of date****

Thurs 20th: Baxter Village Communion

Fri 21st: Material for HST due

Sun 30th: 5th Sunday Fellowship

All services in July are combined at 10:00am

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Rev. Ross Writes...



The story in Mark, Matthew, and Luke, of Jesus' family, concerned about all the bad rumours about Jesus and how they reflect on them, and then coming to meet with Jesus, has always been a bit controversial. For those who hold the virginity of Mary, the mention of brothers and sisters is problematic.

The explanations over the years are that they are Joseph's children from a prior marriage, or that the text or translation is wrong, and it should say cousins. Other people who read this story are quite shocked by Jesus' seemingly rude dismissal of his family. Others read the story and wonder why Jesus hands Mary over to John at the foot of the cross if there are brothers and sisters to look after her. All that confusion and controversy distracts us from what the story is all about; not just a history lesson about Jesus' family, but a lesson in family. Here is a both a wonderfully inclusive definition of family and a wonderfully inclusive and warm description of the community of faith – we are family to each other and family to Christ! Not just disciples and members, but brothers and sisters. While there may be a gentler rebuke of his family in his words - in effect saying, "If you stopped being ashamed of me and followed me, you'd be in here leading this family" – it is certainly not a rejection of Mary and the brothers and sisters. And if we follow the story that Mary was at the cross and James – Jesus' brother - became the leader of the Jerusalem church, then definitely they were not rejected.

For many in strained family situations, or in times of family breakup, the church community can become their new, welcoming family. For those who are trying to be faithful to Jesus and their family doesn't agree or understand, the church community can become their new family. And the big message to all of us is to be a family; to care for each other, to treat other with respect, to welcome and encourage and include. Beyond the warm fuzzies, can we take up the hard task of relating to each other as sisters and brothers.

Walkie Talkies this week

Tues 11th: Seaford Wetlands, East end of McKenzie St

Thurs 13th: Hastings Pier

9:30am start

For more information, contact
Ley on 0408 355 622



Presbytery Prayers

This week we ask you to join us in prayer for Glen Waverley congregation, including Rev. Ian Ferguson, Rev. Chris Waddell, Ms Dianne Paterson, and Chair Alison Clarkson; and High St Frankston congregation, including Rev. Ross Pearce, Ms Mandy Lake, and Chair Ross Huggard.



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 fundraising 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.

Church council meeting: Change of date

The Church council meeting for June will be held on **Tuesday, 11th June at 7:30pm, in the Blue room.**

Uniting Church Assembly 2024

In July the 17th Assembly will be meeting in Sydney and discussing and discerning about the ACT2 project. This is an important moment in the life of the Uniting Church as we review structures and regulations designed for a much larger church 50 years age. A final report has been issued and is available on the Assembly website, uniting.church/17thassembly/. There is more information in the current issue of Crosslight, which can be found in the foyer or online at crosslight.org.au/.

HYMNS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
Join in singing some of the best in this free event!

Introduced by Rev Dr D'Arcy Wood with pianist Bruce Macrae and guest choir.

SUNDAY 30 JUNE, AT 2.30PM

Stonnington Uniting Church
59 Burke Road, Malvern East

Or for a Zoom link, email:
ken.barelli@bigpond.com

For enquiries call Ken on
0418 317 942

VICTAS UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Name Badges

The next lot of name badges will be ordered at the end of June. If you would like (or need) a new name badge, please let Keith Holmes, Emma Lindenburg, or Esther know. The cost is \$8.00 for a standard badge; magnetic fastenings etc are extra.

Example ----->



Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 9th June 2024

Bible reader: Dawn P.

Prayers of the People: Ross P.

Stewards: Heather R, Marilyn S.

Morning tea: Vilma L, Robert L.

Sunday, 16th June 2024

Bible reader: Bronwen M.

Prayers of the People: Rona R.

Stewards: Cheryle W, Neville P.

Morning tea: Karin J, Mick & Jen J.

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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HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

Offerings:

Account name: Frankston Uniting Church

BSB: 063 133

Account #: 00800128

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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 #

‘Who do you say that I am?’: Understanding Jesus Christ



Who was Jesus Christ and what did he do to make the earliest Christians believe he was God made human?

Exploring this question requires more than studying history, the bible and theology. It is a question we come to with our own experience of faith.

Over eight weeks we will put Jesus of Nazareth in his historical context to understand how his Jewish tradition shaped who he was on earth. We will look closely at his mission of healing (including exorcisms) and how his own suffering and sacrifice on the cross help us understand the place of suffering in our own lives. We will explore how central resurrection is in understanding who Jesus was and how subsequent generations came to see Jesus as both fully human and fully divine. Traditionally Jesus’ divinity has been explained through the doctrine of the trinity, but we will spend time uncovering the often neglected but exciting area of Wisdom Christology. We will conclude by actively reflecting on who each of us understands Jesus to be, especially in our relationship to him and each other.

I hope you can join us in what promises to be a stimulating and enriching exploration of the central figure of our faith. Each week you will have an opportunity to engage with written materials sent to your inbox and discuss these and other interesting topics during the interactive sessions.

Dates: 8 Thursdays, July 18th to September 5th (with a one week break after week 4),

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Cost: \$80 or by donation

Venue: Zoom

Facilitator: Brad Denniston

Enrolments or Enquiries:

Visit ormondunitingchurch.org/ormond-learning-hub or; Call Cate on 0411 958 127 or;

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