

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

19 June 2020

Dear Friends,

With two funerals at the church in this last week we are practicing and learning what it is like to hold a gathering in the current environment. It is certainly still far from easy, with the limited numbers possible in the church, having to be careful about singing, and not yet being in a position to have refreshments together. (Even if we were confident about handing food and crockery, the numbers possible in the hall or foyer are still very limited). The COVID Safety Oversight Group continues to meet, and the Church Council meets next week, so we will continue to reflect on the best ways we can continue in worship together.

This week in worship we will be sharing together in Psalm 86 – which is in a separate sheet that is being sent out by email with this news. It is the prayer of an individual, a prayer for help. In the midst of it there are also affirmations of God's character and deliverance. It is possible that, like Jonah, the Psalmist is almost irritated that God is merciful and gracious, because otherwise God may react more decisively against the Psalmist's enemies. We may all notice different things in the Psalm, and resonate with different parts of it. It would be helpful to have it with you in our worship this week, so that we can read it responsively together.

God's peace,
David

CONTEMPORARY ZOOM SURVEY

During the Contemporary Service last Sunday there was an opportunity to complete a short survey. Contemporary worship is enhanced by the participation of many different people, and this survey is an invitation to consider whether you would be prepared to sometimes read a Bible reading, lead the Acknowledgement of Country, prepare the worship (with help and with resources provided), or contribute in other ways. You can still respond to the survey by clicking on the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W62KN7J>

SUNDAY WORSHIP LINKS

TRADITIONAL (9:00am)

Phone **(03) 7018 2005**; Meeting ID **616 254 006**; Participant ID (none); Password **3199**.

If you want to join on a computer or ipad, go to zoom.us and "join meeting" using the Meeting ID details above, or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBzSURqUT09>

CONTEMPORARY (children from 10:25, main worship from 10:40)

Zoom Meeting ID **556 610 676**; Password **3199**. Join meeting from zoom.us or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUV0NldGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09>

or phone **(03) 7018 2005**.

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

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, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to the church office, 16-18 High Street, Frankston 3199.

COVID SAFETY OVERSIGHT GROUP

The CSOG have been meeting regularly to discuss and implement strategies around implementing safety guidelines for Covid-19 at the church. One of the issues we are seeking some answers to relates to insurance and who (in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19) is liable to cover the expense of the required deep clean. Once we get some clarity on insurance we aim to re-open our facilities to eligible groups by the first week of July.

Some of the preparations for a re-open include; new signage, specified entry and exit points, hand sanitising stations, reception shield and marked flooring.

We are asking that all Hall Hire groups have at least one person from their group to complete the COVID-19 Infection control training. This would also apply to our church groups for when they return. The training is 30 mins and free. It is available online at the Department of health website for anyone who is interested: <https://covid-19training.gov.au>

THIS WEEK

Monday 23 June, 7:30pm – Church Council

Wednesday 24 June, 5:00pm – HSUC Covid Safety Oversight Group

Thursday 18 June, 7:30pm – Contemporary Oversight Group