

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

25 July, 2021

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 #

From the minister

This week we are stepping away from the cycle of readings about Israel's kings to hear the gospel reading from John 6 – the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. Our services are going to be on zoom and phones again, of course, at 9:00 and 10:40. For the children, there will be an opportunity to join in some early activities from 10:25. Hannah will be preaching this week, the second last week of her ministry with us, as the service on August 1 will be her concluding service with us.

This morning in my own devotions the reading was also from John's gospel, about abiding in the vine – abiding in Jesus. This lockdown is testing our patience again, and I was certainly glad of this morning's walk and reflection. It strikes me that when the disciples questioned how Jesus was going to feed the crowd, they were also struggling with patience and frustration. Jesus held them steady, and a child's small but generous gift was able to meet the need. Where are we in this story?

It's impossible to say yet whether we will be back in church for face-to-face gathering on August 1. Whether some are at the church or not, we will be gathered on zoom. The second service will mark the conclusion of Hannah's ministry with us; the Presbytery Minister Rev Anneke Oppewal will preach at both services. If we are together, we will have a morning tea between the services at 10:00 to farewell Hannah, and also Murray and Kay Burdett. Murray and Kay have been wonderful and faithful in their contribution to the life of the church, and we bless them as they head to Queensland.

Peace and grace,
David

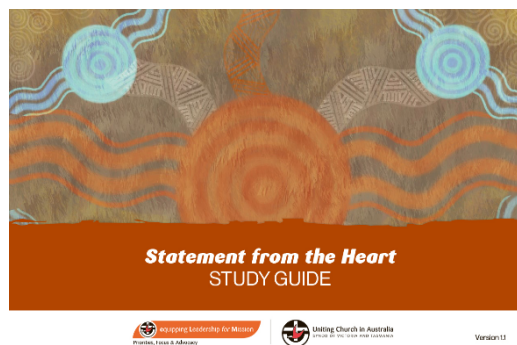
PRAYERS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

This weekend we pray for St Columba's Noble Park, including minister Bruce Monro and chair Greg Wyatt. Pray for the partnership that has begun with the Keysborough Samoan UCA congregation who will be worshipping each Sunday morning in Hallett Hall.

We also celebrate that John Tansey has begun his ministry with SouthPort Uniting Church – his service of induction will be held on Sunday August 1, 2 pm, at Port Melbourne. David Pargeter will be retiring from his ministry with St Kilda Uniting Church this month. His Release of Pastoral Ties service will be held 10.30 am on Sunday, August 1.



HEAL
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STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

Over 6 Tuesday nights, David will be running a small group study on the Uluru Statement from the Heart, using study materials prepared by the Uniting Church Assembly. This will be run over zoom, to enable a different range of people to participate, from 7:30 to 9:00pm. The first evening will be on July 27. Please contact David if you would like to join or know more. davidfoth7@gmail.com

Max Fowler's funeral

There will be a small funeral for Max Fowler on Tuesday 27 July, which will be live-streamed from the Tobin Brothers chapel at 2pm. This will be followed at a later date by a larger memorial celebration at the church, when such a gathering is able to be organised. The link to the livestream of the service on Tuesday is <https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/20916/Max-Fowler/obituary.html#tribute-start>. The link can also be found on the Tobin Brothers website.

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: Tuesday – Fridays 9am – 1pm
Email: frankstonuc@gmail.com
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OFFERINGS:

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