

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

8 August, 2021

ZOOM – FOR ALL SERVICES

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Go to <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260> and use the password 3199.  
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Call (03) 7018 2005

The meeting ID is 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID – just press #

## From the minister

Hi everyone,

I'm sorry to be writing again as we go into another lockdown, hopefully again a short one. I felt rather sad leaving the church last night knowing that we wouldn't be back for the weekend; and then getting home to sort out the arrangements for another week of home-schooling.

On the bright side, it was wonderful to have had good celebrations last Sunday when we could, including the farewell of Hannah and of Murray and Kay. The Contemporary service including sharing in the making of bread, with some loaves being made by families in the church and others by people online at home. The bread was delicious – if anyone has photos to share, please send them into the office for the next High Street Times! The other good thing is that the organ repairs have been able to be completed, so we'll be able to give the organ a good go when we are back in the church. The youth were able to meet last Sunday, which would not be happening face-to-face this weekend.

Many months ago, during our first big lockdown, I wrote about how the book of Acts records the disciples setting aside particular time for daily prayer. As we go through the restrictions of a lockdown again, setting aside such a time remains really valuable: time to lay before God our emotions (positive or negative), to ask for awareness of God's presence and for God's help in what lies ahead. Time to be still and know that the LORD is God, and to know God as our refuge and strength (Psalm 46), and to pray for the communities and neighbours around us.

I hope that you will all be able to join in with worship on zoom or on phones on Sunday.

Peace and grace,  
David

## PRAYERS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

This weekend we pray for Ormond Uniting Church, including minister Andrew Boyle, supply minister Pam White, and chair Mardie Townsend.



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**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](mailto:HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com)

**OFFICE HOURS:** CHURCH OFFICE CURRENTLY CLOSED – PLEASE EMAIL OR LEAVE A VOICEMAIL  
Email: [frankstonuc@gmail.com](mailto:frankstonuc@gmail.com)  
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**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.

**JNC**

In the process of preparing to call a new minister next year, the Church Council is nominating 6 people to be members of the “Joint Nominating Committee” (JNC). The JNC also includes 2 representatives from the broader Presbytery. While there are some other steps to go through in order to prepare a profile that reflects our vision and strategy for mission and ministry, it will be helpful to confirm our JNC members in the meantime. The names of the nominees were circulated recently. Given the current restrictions, the Church Council resolved to delay the ballot until August 22–29. Traditional service members will vote on approving the 3 names associated with the Traditional service, and Contemporary service members similarly with 3 names associated with the Contemporary service. Ballot papers will be available from 22 August, and may be filled out on that day or returned to the office at any time over the following week. If anyone cannot get to the office and wants to vote, they will be able to call Jacqui in the office with their vote. This will be explained further on August 22.

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