

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH



5 September, 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 #

Dear friends,

I'm very sorry that there were problems for the Traditional service last week. Congratulations to those who persisted and were finally able to join the service at about 9:30, but I'm sorry for those who did not get through. We'll try to have some more fail-safes in place on any future occasions that I might be away.

I was away (on zoom) last weekend at the national Assembly Standing Committee meeting. It was my first time at that meeting, and I certainly enjoyed getting to meet a great group of other committed Christians in that context. I say "Christians" and not just "Uniting Church members" because in some of our reflection together our attention was drawn to the first paragraph of the Basis of Union, where the churches that came together into the Uniting Church committed their members "to acknowledge one another in love and joy as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ", and not just as fellow members of this particular denomination. Perhaps there are echoes of the "no partiality" that comes up in today's reading from the letter of James: we greet each other as followers of Jesus, not showing favouritism on the basis of wealth or poverty or denomination of origin.

I hope to share some of the other things that I really appreciated about the national work of the Uniting Church and its agencies in various ways over the next few weeks.

This week is "Safe Church Week". Along with this email is a colouring page for children, with an invitation to send in completed pictures by September 30 to be a part of a national collection. There is an invitation for older children to create other pieces of art on the theme of "I feel safe when...". Detail of where images of colouring in or other art creations can be sent are here: <https://safechurch.uca.org.au/join-us-for-child-safe-sunday-and-other-activities/>, or send them to the church office and we can forward them on. I'll be drawing the attention of the children to the colouring page during the Contemporary service, so parents could you please print them out?

Traditional worship this week will include Holy Communion, so please have with you a small portion of bread and a small serve of wine, juice, or nearest equivalent if you would like to participate in this sacrament.

**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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## **PAWGUST**

Congratulations to Jenni and Gretel, who walked 120km in Pawgust and raised \$1397 for Guide Dogs Australia. Donations are still welcome (look up the Pawgust website). Guide Dogs Australia has raised \$1,653,602 to date!

## **JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE (JNC)**

The following local members of the Joint Nominating Committee have been confirmed (in alphabetical order) – Ross Huggard, Jen Johnson, Karin Jooste, Rowena Quintanilla, Tim Lake, and Meg Ryan. The two Presbytery representatives will be working with them as the process towards preparing a profile and (in due course) calling a new minister progresses. Please pray for clarity, insight and discernment around our mission and ministry, and for each of the JNC members in the role that they will play.

## **SONGWRITE**

Registrations are now open for Songwrite, November 5-7, at Murrumbeena Uniting Church (contingent on COVID conditions!). Songwrite is a Uniting Church gathering for crafting new songs for contemporary worship. It is open to aspiring songwriters, beginners, and those who have already been making music for worship. Whether you write words or music or both, Songwrite is a space for working on new songs. Guest Songwriter Malcolm Gordon, from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, will be joining us through the weekend through an online platform. Register online at <https://ucappep.eventbrite.com.au>

## **PRAYERS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY**

This weekend we pray for Southern Mornington Uniting Church, at home, online, at their worship centre and Murray Anderson Place House in Rosebud and community-facing ministry in Dromana, with minister Ian Stewart, chair Jill Fearon, and Community Relationships Manager Sam Menzies.

## **ZOOM UPDATE**

If you are connecting to zoom from a computer or other device, from time to time it is important to make sure that you have the most up-to-date version. On a computer (PC or Mac) you can do this by clicking on your profile icon in the top right corner – it will look like your initials, or your photo if you've changed it). Clicking on the profile icon opens a menu. Choose "Check for updates". On an iPad or iPhone, go to your App Store and tap on the profile icon in the top right of the screen. Scroll down to find Zoom under the Available updates or Upcoming updates, then tap on Update beside the Zoom icon.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE UNITING CHURCH**

Port Phillip East Presbytery is running Introduction to the Uniting Church, a series of three online seminars designed for groups and individuals who are new to the Uniting Church. On Thursday September 9, 23, 30, the Presbytery Minister team will be helping participants explore the Uniting Church in Australia, with attention to beginnings of the UCA, shared beliefs, values, and approaches to leadership and decision making. So far we have 6 people registered, from Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship in St Kilda, Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Korean Church of Melbourne, and St Andrew's Gardiner. Register online at [www.trybooking.com/BTLCL](http://www.trybooking.com/BTLCL).

## **OFFERINGS:**

As we are now in an extended lockdown, our offerings have become even more important in maintaining our mission. Thank you to those who were on the now discontinued Direct Offering program with UCA funds who have created a regular direct credit/transfer with our Commonwealth Bank account below.

For any queries about this, please contact Keith Holmes on 9789 2575 or 04 1789 2575.

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.