

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH



12 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,

This week our series from the book of James, which is all about practical Christianity, focuses on the way we use our words. In recent years we've had lots of examples of "fake news" and disingenuous claims which have influenced lots of people. The Capitol riots in America were a clear example of loose words being interpreted as calls to violent action. The tongue is a dangerous force, says James. It is tragic when the same tongue which praises God is used to curse any who are made in the image of God. James's hope for us is that we will grow in integrity, with our faith, works and words all in active harmony.

God's peace, David

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: CHURCH OFFICE CURRENTLY CLOSED – PLEASE EMAIL OR LEAVE A VOICEMAIL
Email: frankstonuc@gmail.com
PH: 97833400.

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.

Wednesday night cell group:

We were due to restart on Wednesday after our winter break but we will need to wait for easing of restrictions before recommencing.

GOOD NEWS – COFFEE MORNINGS TO START AGAIN ON ZOOM

Tuesday Mornings 10.30 – 11.30

Same links as for 9.00am services

Meeting number: 95468493260 Password 3199

Unfortunately, it will be BYO coffee!!! But come on line and enjoy a catchup almost face to face! Brenda

CONTEMPORARY 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. A separate document with instructions for children's materials and some items for printing is being circulated with this newsheet.

NEWSBEAT SURVEY

With Helen Beeby's resignation as Newsbeat Editor, the Presbytery communications team is reflecting on our ongoing strategy for keeping people in touch with news and resources from the Presbytery, congregations, schools and agencies. Your participation in a short survey about NEWSBEAT and Presbytery communications would be most welcome, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S77BZLP>

If you would like to receive weekly emailed news updates from the Presbytery, you can subscribe on the Presbytery website: <https://ucapnep.org/sign-up-for-our-weekly-email/>

FIRST NATIONS SEMINAR

The Synod Intercultural Forum is running "[Meet the First Peoples of Gondwana](#)", an online seminar with Rev Dr Garry Deverell on [Tuesday October 12](#), 9 am to 12.30 pm. Who are the First Nations/First Peoples of this country, and what is our traditional spirituality or way of life? What happened between First Peoples and (mainly European) colonists in the period 1788-1960? How were the churches involved? What is the result of this history when it comes to First Nations' health, well-being and socioeconomic status? What do modern-day Indigenous people want? Who are the Second Peoples and how can they be good allies in the Indigenous struggle for something resembling justice? Register online.

INTERCULTURAL SEMINAR

eLM Intercultural Leadership Development Coordinator Dev Anandarajan is running [Navigating the landscape – Building Intercultural Communities](#), an all-day online workshop on [Wednesday November 3](#), resourcing ministry leaders in engaging and understanding the diverse spiritual needs of members shaped by culture. It will offer opportunities to reflect on your ministry practice and its cultural relevance in your present ministry context. The day will include presentations on cultural awareness and skills, Biblical reflections, sharing of ministry experiences, panel discussion and group discussion. Register online.

PRAYERS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

This weekend we ask you to pray for the people leading Port Phillip East Presbytery, including Presbytery Chair Tom Spurling, Presbytery Secretary Anne Kim, Presbytery Treasurer Jeff Gardner, Presbytery Ministers Duncan Macleod, Craig Mitchell and Anneke Oppewal.

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. Register online at <https://ucapnep.eventbrite.com.au>.

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. Register online at www.trybooking.com/BTLCL.

CONTEMPORARY OVERSIGHT GROUP (COG)

There is a COG meeting next Thursday night at 7:30pm.