

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH



19 September, 2021

ZOOM – FOR ALL SERVICES

On a tablet or laptop computer:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260> and use the password 3199.
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Dear friends,

Having school-aged children I tend to be very conscious of the rhythms of the school term, and this term has been a pretty hard slog – particularly for the kids. The lockdown has been long, though we're starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel as the vaccination numbers keep climbing. As I walked this morning I set aside my usual prayer podcast, to focus on listening for God in the context of the bird-calls and the plentiful signs of spring.

For some, the next two weeks will be "business as usual". For others, it will be more complicated than usual with kids not having any school activities. For some like me, it will be a time for family together without the usual school and work pressures – a kind of Sabbath rest.

This week we continue our reading of James's letter about practical Christianity. Our reading today is about wisdom which is recognised "in the way you live, not the way you talk" (using the MESSAGE translation). The author of this letter could be the same James who helped to broker agreements between early Christians (mostly Jewish) who believed that the Jewish laws and customs should be followed by Gentile Christians, and others (led by the Jewish teacher, Paul) who did not think that Gentile Christians should be burdened that way (see Acts 15: 12-21; 21:17-26). James' wisdom is on display in those efforts towards reconciliation and peace.

Next week will be the last week of the series, in which practical Christianity is rounded out with prayer, faith, and care for one another in community.

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

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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.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES TODAY

This week David will be sharing a book and then inviting the children to draw a picture of people being friendly, OR to search through any of their books to find pictures of people being friendly. During the early word, a version of the Good Samaritan story painted by some people at South Port Uniting Church with some guests from northern South Australia will be shared.

TUESDAY 'COFFEE' MORNINGS'

Thanks to all who joined me on Zoom last Tuesday.. I will be on Zoom, 10.30-11.30 each Tuesday morning, until we can return to 'Deganis'. It's not quite the same, but pop in for perhaps for 10 mins or so, just so that we can touch base and I can check that you're OK and vice versa!! See you then? Brenda

Please use the usual worship zoom link to connect to this meeting.

DAVID ON LEAVE

David will be taking leave during the school holidays, 20 September to 4 October. If any urgent pastoral needs arise during this time, please contact Rev Brenda Cooper, on 0405 194 327.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday 26 September: Rev Ian Cayzer preaching the last of the series on James.

Sunday 3 October: Don't forget daylight savings begins! Rev Duncan Macleod preaching - Duncan is the Presbytery Minister Team Leader and is arranging the next steps for our mission study and preparations for ministry and mission for after David concludes (which is not until after Easter next year).

PRAYERS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

This weekend we ask you to pray for the people leading South Port Uniting Church, including the worshipping communities of South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, with minister John Tansey and chairperson Jeff Castles. Pray also for the work of Somang Church, who meet in South Melbourne, with minister Jun Ho Back, and the community services work of Uniting in the South Port region.

NAMES ON ZOOM

If you are connecting to worship using a device that allows you to see the gallery of everyone (that is, unless you are phoning in), there is a name assigned to your image on the screen. If you see that it is not your name (it might say something like "iPad" instead), you can change it to your name by clicking on the Participants list. Your name (which might be "iPad" will be at the top of the list, and if you click on it (or the "more options" button on the right of it) it will give you the option to "Rename". By doing so, you can have your own name on the screen associated with your picture. While this is not essential, if you are prepared and able to do that it's nice to be able to see you by name.