



High Street Uniting Church

NEWS: 2nd October 2022

We acknowledge the traditional custodianship
of the Boon Wurrung people in this region

16-18 High Street, Frankston VIC 3199

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Welcome Ross and
Carmen!

We are so excited to have you both here at High Street
Uniting Church, and we look forward to getting to know you!



COVID UPDATES

Masks

All Victorians are now encouraged to wear a mask when with other people indoors and when you cannot physically distance, including outdoors. People are also being encouraged to maintain 1.5m distance and avoid shaking hands and hugging. More information can be found

here: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/staying-safe>, or the Covid page on the HSUC

website: https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/?page_id=8701

Self-Testing Kits

If you have a healthcare or pensioner card, and have been affected by the termination of the **Federal Government Free RAT program**, there is a mutual aid project, known as **ratbag**, who may be able to assist.

Concession card holders will be able to access free RATs by completing the form available on the ratbag website. Supporters can also contribute through the site. People who do not have a concession card because they are unable to access a welfare payment will be able to submit a request.

For more information, please visit ratbag.org *If you need help accessing the website, please contact Esther in the office on 9783 3400*

ZOOM/PHONE DETAILS

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)

On a phone without video: call (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID: #

Password: 3199 #

More Information

Important contact details:

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Website: www.frankstonuniting.org.au

Prayer team: Phone 5971 2840 (Marlene)
or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

Office hours: 9:00 am to 1:00pm.
frankstonuc@gmail.com or 9783 3400

Offerings:

Account name: Frankston Uniting Church
BSB: 063 133 Account #: 00800128
Please use **OFFERING** as the description
OR

Mail Cheque to:
31 Lucerne Cres
Frankston VIC 3199

Notices: Please send any items to
frankstonuc@gmail.com by midday on
Thursday.

HST: Please send material to
johnnannable@bigpond.com

Coming Up

October:

Tues 4th: Church Council meeting at
7:30pm

Sun 9th: HST distributed

Tues 18th: Elders meeting at 1:30pm
COG meeting at 7:30pm

Chat and Chew

October's Chat and Chew will be held on Sunday, 9th October
at 4:00 pm in the foyer.

We will be watching the Compass Video "For the Love of
Creation", in which 3 very different Christian people share
their life experience and passion for climate action. Come,
reflect, and join the discussion. No homework required! A
light meal will be provided.

Handel's Messiah @ Frankston Arts Centre

Thursday 15th December @ 7:00pm

MSO and MSO Chorus

Conductor: Benjamin Northey & Soloists

Ian Cayzer wishes to arrange a Group Booking of 10+.

Concession (Pension or Seniors card): \$55

Else \$67. (I already have 6 starters.)

Those interested phone Ian on 0409 860 427.

Vale John Batty

We are saddened to hear of the passing of John Batty earlier
this week. His wife, June, was with him at the Finley Regional
Care Centre in NSW, where he had been living due to
dementia.

We send all our love and prayers to June and the Batty family.



Open Day!

The Village Baxter is holding its annual Fete/Open Day on
Saturday 8th October from 9:00am to 1:00pm!

This year's activities will include art & craft, trash & treasure,
plant sales, a display of artefacts and Classic Cars &
Motorcycles, book & cake stalls, sausage sizzles, Devonshire
tea and more!

Where: Village Baxter - Retirement Living

8 Robinsons Road, Frankston South

Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 2nd October

Ross Pearce's Induction!

Sunday, 9th October

Bible Reader: Dawn Peacock

Stewards: Daryl & Shirley Groves

Morning Tea: Carol C, Michael & Jen J.

The Contemporary Roster and further details for the Traditional Roster can be found on our
website, frankstonuniting.org.au, or on the noticeboard.



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THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

It was at a weekend away with the Burke Road Methodist young people well over 60 years ago. Our minister, Rev. Teddy Vercoe, took aside each of the young men in the group to challenge them: "Have you considered the Ministry?" When he asked me that question, I almost laughed in his face. "I couldn't get up in front of people and preach week after week" was something like the reply I must have given. I wasn't a public speaker. I had no confidence. I was too shy.

How things change!

On Sunday I was very conscious of how long the Traditional Service was. My sermon was longer than normal. I added in a meditation. Then Ross Huggard got up to thank Ann and me for filling the gap from Pentecost till Ross Pearce's Induction. I said no more than "Thank you" for his words and the gifts. Nor did I open the wrapped gifts or the envelopes. Time was on my mind – with the first person for the Contemporary Service already in the narthex!

Ann and I both want to say thank you for the opportunity to lead worship over the 15 weeks. I have come to love preaching and the opportunity to help people hear what God has been saying through the Scriptures. I certainly enjoy the chance. The preparation helps me gain insights. The actual preaching helps me share what I believe God wants his people to hear, understand and be challenged by.

And, by the way, we were delighted by the choice of gifts. You saw the yellow roses. You may not know that in her time at Geelong High School Ann was able to present the school with dozens of rose bushes she had won at the Geelong Rose Show! She loves roses – and our native garden.

Equally she loved the two blocks of dark chocolate!

Not only did we receive those gifts and a carefully written card of appreciation, but a cheque for \$500 made out to the Mission Liaison Group.

We couldn't have been more delighted! Someone must have known what the MLG means to us.

Already we had received renewed friendship – and more than enough for the time we spent with you.

When I retired from 'active ministry' in 2005 and we returned to the house we'd purchased in South Frankston in 1995, it was not appropriate to come back to High Street. We joined The Village Uniting Church in Mount Eliza. Today it's our home congregation. But having seen many former friends here in High Street during this Interim Ministry – and having made new friends – we'll be back when it seems appropriate!

Thank you all for the opportunity to have briefly been your minister.

Now you can look forward to a much longer, younger and more creative ministry!

John (& Ann)