



17 October, 2021

Dear friends,

Earlier this week I attended a seminar hosted by the Synod Intercultural Forum, at which Rev Dr Garry Deverell spoke about the history of the First Peoples of this nation. Garry Deverell is a Trawlolway man from northern Lutrawita (Tasmania), an Anglican priest, and the Vice-Chancellor's Fellow in Indigenous theologies at the University of Divinity. He spoke about the history of the people of the Kulin Nations around what is now Melbourne. The stories are truly sobering, and go well beyond what I remember being taught at school. He talked about the way that Truth-telling has become an important step in the process of our country's healing and development. His words echoed the calls of the Statement from the Heart, which are addressed to all Australians (not just the politicians) as an invitation and a hope.

The second Sunday of the "Season of Creation" this year takes the theme of Humanity. The Genesis stories talk about all humanity bearing God's image, with responsibility for the Earth. This is a poignant theme for us to reflect on in this country, where the First Peoples have been caring for the land "according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation; according to the common law from 'time immemorial'; and according to science more than 60,000 years". Garry reflected on how the First People's sovereignty is embedded in their spiritual connection to the land, which remains. As the Statement from the Heart puts it, that sovereignty "has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown. How could it be otherwise?" (after sixty millenia). They, and we, still carry responsibility for each other and the land.

I hope that you are managing to keep up connections with others as we inch ever closer to the time we'll be able to open up. Please reach out for what help you need, pray for the sick and the carers, pray with thanks for all who are working for the safe return of all of our community activities, and for all of the community.

God's peace,  
David

## 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 #

**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)  
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.

### **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES TODAY**

During the Contemporary service we will be sharing Holy Communion, so please have a small portion of bread and some juice/wine/equivalent with you. There will be singing and story-telling with the children – there is no need to have anything prepared for them, although some pencils and paper might be handy for drawing pictures of God's favourite place in the world ;-)

### **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

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

### **Sam Joo's induction on Sunday**

The Induction of Rev Sam Joo as Minister of Uniting by the Bay (Carrum/Chelsea) congregation will be on Sunday October 17 at 2 pm. The service will be broadcast through Zoom. You can join in to support Sam and the congregation with the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/2941055061>. You can dial in on your phone by calling 03 7018 2005 Australia and using the meeting ID is 294 105 5061.

### **PRESBYTERY PRAYERS**

This weekend we ask you to pray for Toorak Uniting Church, including supply minister Peter Whitaker, director of music Jennifer Chou, church council chair Jenny Stewardson, congregational chair Barbara McKinnon, and members of the Joint Nominating Committee. See the advertisement of their ministry placement on the Toorak Uniting Church website.

The World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle invites us to pray this week for the people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico. Find prayer resources from these countries on the WCC Prayer Cycle site.

### **CROSSLIGHT:**

The October edition of CROSSLIGHT is now available to be viewed at [crosslight.org.au](http://crosslight.org.au), or via the NEWS tab on the Frankston Uniting Church website.

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

We'd like people to collect a couple of gum leaves to have with them for worship.

### **THIS WEEK:**

Elders on Tuesday at 1:30 using the same link we use for worship;  
COG on Tuesday at 7:30 (ditto)



## **Christmas Cards to fight poverty**

UnitingWorld's Christmas cards raise funds that support UnitingWorld and its partner churches in the Pacific, Asia and Africa working to lift people and communities out of poverty. Orders are now being filled - don't miss out!

TO ORDER GO TO: <https://everythingincommon.com.au/>

## **2021 Christmas Cards**



### **Frontier Services 2021 Christmas Cards are here**

This year, Frontier Services has collaborated with a number of talented photographers to create their 2021 Christmas Cards, capturing the grit and emotion of outback Australia. Support Frontier Services while you exchange gifts with your friends and family. Funds raised provide direct support to our friends in regional and remote Australia! [Order on our website](#) or call 1300 787 247.

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR SUNDAY**

Letting those of you with younger ones know what we will be doing for the early children's time on Sunday morning.

In our focus on Seasons of Creation, this Sunday is Humanity Sunday. So we are going to talk about God creating people, and celebrating our diversity and uniqueness, at the same time as having many things in common.

The children will make paper chain people, out of plain or coloured paper or card, and will need coloured pencils or textas, or if you want, other crafty bits and pieces that they could stick on to the people to decorate them differently.

We've attached a template below for you to use if you need!

## PAPER CHAIN TEMPLATE:

1. Print on legal (8.5" x 14") paper.
2. Fold the piece in paper in half with the printed outlines on the inside.
3. Then complete an accordion-style fold by folding the two quarter panels on each end toward the outside.
4. Cut around the first figure through all 4 layers.

