HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

22 October, 2021



QUOTE

"It's about using everything we have to communicate why this is so important to everyone around us. That's how our social norms change and ultimately how the world changes.

When you think about it like that, action definately leads to hope - and hope is not the guarantee of a better future, it's the small chance of having one."

Professor Katherine Hayhoe, Climate Scientist.

Submitted by Juli Lincoln, Worship Leader this Sunday

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/

<u>PRAYER TEAM</u>: The Prayer Team can be contacted on 5971 2840 (Marlene) or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

<u>OFFICE HOURS:</u> 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.

TUESDAY 'COFFEE' MORNINGS'

Tuesday Coffee Mornings will now meet at Degani's in Mt Eliza from 10:30pm - 12pm in the alfresco area.

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS

Prayer this weekend for Wesley College & the Caribbean

This weekend we ask you to pray for Wesley College, including Chaplains Bradon French and Kaylea Fearn, and Principal Mr Nick Evans, staff and students, as they deliver and participate in blended learning and community formation, on campuses at St Kilda, Elsternwick and Glen Waverley, as well as at home.

The World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle invites us to pray this week for the people of the Caribbean, including Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. Find prayer resources from these countries on the <u>WCC Prayer Cycle site</u>.

SUMMARY OF UPDATES ON RESTRICTIONS

It's very pleasing to be able to report on restrictions gradually easing. We can now have pastoral visits to private homes, with up to 10 people per day allowed to visit someone's home. Unfortunately restrictions for hospitals and aged-care will continue to be stricter. Up to 15 people can now gather outdoors, so walking groups would be able to start again. For worship, it is now possible for up to 20 fully vaccinated people to gather indoors, but as this is too limiting for us we will continue to meet only on zoom and phones for now. We are looking forward to a return to face-to-face worship in early November. Plans are being made for the Wednesday BBQ to re-open with careful attention to restrictions around vaccination.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

When we return to face-to-face worship we will focus on ensuring safety for the most vulnerable and will be operating on the basis that, for the near future, only those who are fully vaccinated and those who are unable to be vaccinated (having a medical exemption), will be able to attend face-to-face worship. We will continue to encourage participation in worship over zoom and phones for those who are unable or concerned about attending worship face-to-face. If you need help to organise a vaccination certificate, you can call the Australian Immunisation Register and ask for a copy of your certificate to be sent to you (phone 1800 653 809). It can take up to 14 days to arrive. More information about getting proof of vaccination or connecting your certificate to your phone can be found at https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-digital-certificate