



High Street Uniting Church

NEWS: 19th November 2023

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Banners and Liturgical Colours—What does it mean?

If you read this article before you get to Church or after you get home, what colour was the Banner at the front of the Church? It was green and it's been green for quite a while. Next week it will be white and the week after it will be purple. What's going on?

Green, white, purple and red are the four liturgical colours. Each colour stands for a particular Season in the Christian Church's Year. The different colours point to the seasons behind them.

Here are the different colours and the seasons to which they point.

PURPLE (or VIOLET): The Church's Year begins with Advent with the four Sundays before Christmas Day. This year it will begin on the 3rd December. Advent is a time of preparation to enable faithful Christians to celebrate the birth of the Saviour Jesus.

PURPLE is also used for Lent. Lent is the season of 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is also a time of preparation. But it is different and more penitential in that Lent is a period of grief anticipating the Crucifixion of Jesus that ends with a great celebration of Easter.

WHITE: White is used for any day or period of celebration that involves Jesus Christ. These include the obvious times of Christmas and Easter. But they also include the Season of Epiphany, Jesus' Baptism, Jesus' Transfiguration, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day and the Feast of Christ the King (26th November this year).

RED: Red is used on the Day of Pentecost when the Book of Acts tells us of flames alighting on the heads of the followers of Jesus 50 days after his crucifixion.

GREEN: Green is associated with growth. There is a small season of Epiphany – to show forth Jesus to the world which follows the 6th January – the day of Epiphany – up until the Sunday before Lent on which we choose to celebrate the Transfiguration. The longer season of growth begins after Trinity Sunday (which is the Sunday after Pentecost) and last about 6 months. It is a period of sustained growth for Christians as the Lectionary readings cover much of scripture.

Ian Cayzer

Safe Church Refresher Training

We will be holding Safe Church Refresher Training at the church on **Sunday, 19th November at 4.00pm**. In accordance with the Uniting Church in Australia Child Safe Policy, this training is necessary for all those who are required to have Working with Children's Checks (which includes church councillors, elders, worship leaders, music leaders, and staff, in addition to anyone who works/volunteers with children or young people). If you are not sure if this is you, please check with Mandy Lake. An alternative to the face-to-face group training is an on-line self-paced option - again please speak to Mandy if you would prefer this. Thanks for your co-operation in this very important work of keeping our children safe.

Elders Meeting Cancelled

There will be **no Elders Meeting on Tuesday 21st November**, the next meeting will be our Christmas gathering at the Coulson's. If you have any issues that need to be discussed, please message Rev Ross on rgpearce.au@gmail.com or phone 0437 561 833.

Volunteers needed for hamper packing!

If you are able to help pack Christmas hampers on the morning of **Wed, 6th December**, please email or call through your contact details to Esther in the Church office.

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 #

Climate Change Banner

'Our Climate is Changing: Let's Act Now' banner will soon be erected on the north facing wall of the Church. We have \$600 in hand, but need up to \$350 more. If you are able to help fund it, please either speak with Alan Mathews or Keith Holmes; or transfer your gift to the Frankston Uniting Church account; BSB: 063 133; Account No.: 00800128 marked 'Climate Change Banner'. Thank you.



Carol Services—Judea Tonight

16th December at 4:00pm



For all those who have agreed to be a part of our Christmas Carol Play on December 16, there will be **the first rehearsal on Wednesday November 22 at 7pm**. We will read through the play, assign roles and plan further rehearsal times. If you are not able to be there, please contact Rev Ross.

Offering Envelopes

There are some spare boxes of 2023/2024 dated offering envelopes available for anyone who would like to use them to place their offering in the bowl on a Sunday. They can be used by anyone, not just those who have made pledges. Please see Keith Holmes, or Esther at the church office during the week, if you would like a box.

Presbytery Prayers

This week we ask you to join us in prayer for Assembly & Synod appointments - Rev Duncan Macleod, Rev Dev Anandarajan, Rev Mat Harry, Rev Dr Mark Lawrence, Mel Perkins, Kelly Skilton, Virginia Lavaki & Sarah Manase (Synod Logistical Coordinator), and Rev Dr Sunny Chen (National Consultant in Assembly), and Chris Barnett (Intergenerational Ministry Consultant).

Joke of the week

"Season's greetings!" said the salt to the pepper.



Bible Study Group

The fortnightly group will be continuing this coming **Tuesday 21st November at 10.30 am at the Church in the Green Room.**

We are using the study booklet "Women of the New Testament" and the final two meetings for the year will be an advent study looking at Elizabeth then Mary.

New members are very welcome at any time. Please contact Keith Holmes (97892575) for further details and for a booklet.

Christmas Tree!



The empty Christmas tree has been placed in the Church, ready to be filled up with gifts for those in need!

WANTED! Moccona Coffee Jars

L.E.G.s is looking for **empty Moccona coffee jars including lids**, for a craft project next year. They can be dropped off at the Church office!



Knox Public Lecture

Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins

Live video-stream via Zoom presented by Dr. Susan Connelly RSJ. Please join and unite with us in this reflection on universal peace.

Tuesday 28 November 7:150 PM for a 7:30pm start.

At St. John's Catholic Church, 20 Coral Street, Frankston East.

There will be light refreshments after the lecture.

Registration is essential at frankston@cam.org.au / 9783 3484 by 23rd November.

For more information, please call Kathy Lord 0417 649 037

To view from home, please register at: trybooking.com/CMYVM



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HSUC Christmas Fete News!

(A "Fête-à-tête" if you will)

Christmas fete Sat 9 December

Planning for the Christmas Fete is in full swing! We would love for our congregation members to start thinking how they will contribute:

- We need donations for the jams and pickles ladies - any fresh fruit or veggies can be shared on the morning tea table on Sunday mornings. We also need clean glass jars, labels removed, for the jams and pickles (no bigger than 250ml).
- Could all bakers and chefs please start planning for the day. Our legendary cake stall will need all your freshly baked goods made on the day or the night before. Could we respectfully ask that no items are donated that have been sitting in your freezer for a while; we are unable to sell them.
- Donations for our book stall: books, vinyl records and CDs.
- Could our members with green fingers please make plant cuttings for the plant stall.
- We will again be making up gourmet hampers to fit in with the theme of the Christmas fair. This means we will need your kind donations of gourmet items; champagne, chocolate, olives, nuts, quince paste, sun-dried tomatoes, pretzels, fancy crackers, restaurant vouchers, etc. Also a few large baskets in good condition. Please drop off at the church office or talk to Karin.

Donations for Trash 'n' Treasure

Donations for Trash 'n' Treasure can be dropped off on Saturday, 2nd December between 9:30am and 12:00pm.

Please note: **we are not allowed to sell clothes, mattresses, electrical goods or entertainment units.** Please donate these to a charity shop.



More Information

Important contact details:

Ross Pearce: 0437 561 833

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mandy.lake@monash.edu

Website: www.frankstonuniting.org.au

Prayer team: Phone 5971 2840 (Marlene)
or email hsuca-prayer@googlegroups.com

Office hours: 9:00 am to 1:00pm, M - F.
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

November

Sun 19th: Safe Church training at 4:00pm

Tues 21st: Elders at 1:30pm

CANCELLED!!!*

Nov 22nd: Christmas play rehearsal at
7:00pm

Sun 26th: Distribution of HST

Tues 28th: C.O.G. At 7:30pm



The Bel Canto Choir



presents

'Christmas Joy'

Conductor Margaret Brown

Sunday 3rd December 2023, 2:30pm

**The Village Uniting Church
93 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza**

All proceeds from this concert donated to

Bounce Back

*Admission: \$25 Adult/\$20 Concession (Seniors, Students)
Primary School Students no charge
Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHBAK>*

Tickets can be bought
from Bronwen
Mathews, online at
trybooking.com or at
the door on the day!

www.thebelcantochoirmteliza.com.au

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Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 19th November

Bible Reader: Dawn Peacock

Prayers of the People: Keith Holmes

Stewards: Mick Johnson, Jill Cayzer

Morning Tea: Jill Cayzer, Robert Latimer

Sunday, 26th November

Bible Reader: Erica Hutchinson

Prayers of the People: Rev. Ross P.

Stewards: Rona Russell, Heather Rawson

Morning Tea: Sue B, Erica H, Michael J.

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