#### **High Street Uniting Church**



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## **Rev. Ross Writes...**

"Peace on earth and good will to all"



Isaiah's great vision of the glory of God's Mountain, bringing all nations together and turning their instruments of war into tools for food production, aligns perfectly with our great Christmas wish of peace and goodwill. The well-known statue at the UN, donated by the Soviet Union in the 1950's, captures this great hope that fuels our Christmas joy. A statue based in the Isaiah's vision — beating the

swords into ploughshares. However, the statue seems to be saying that this peace can be the product of our human endeavours – the muscled, powerful man will bring peace. Isaiah had a very different image in his vision. It is the glory of God, shining out from the mountain, that draws all nations and people, and in the glow of that glory is the realisation of our equality before God that puts an end to wars and disputes.

The yearning for peace, and a hope for a better world, is palpable at Christmas but millennia of powerful people trying to enforce peace shows that it's beyond us. Only in the shared reality of God's glory and grace, that helps us all see our shared humanity, can we begin to see peace. As the song says:

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there be peace on earth A peace that was meant to be With God as our Father Siblings all are we Let me walk with my sibling In perfect harmony.

As we enter into the Advent season leading us to the joy of Christmas, may this be a time when our words and actions help people catch a glimpse of the glory of God and the value of all people.

## Thank you

Gill, Alan, and Peter Jenkins would like to send a heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, condolences and support we have received in the last two weeks. During this hard time it has given us strength to know that our church family is always there for us.





# **Fete News**

The current total for last Saturday's fete is \$4,574.90.



# **ZOOM/PHONE DETAILS**

For all services:

On a tablet or laptop computer: Go to <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95468493260">https://zoom.us/j/95468493260</a> and use the password 3199.

(or go to <a href="https://zoom.us/join">https://zoom.us/join</a> 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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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 johnannable@bigpond.com

#### **Coming Up**

#### December

Tues 6th: Church Council @ 7:30pm Tues 6th—Fri 9th: CSF Hamper Packing

Thurs 15th: Baxter Communion

Sun 18th: Blue Christmas Tues 28th: Elders at 1:30pm

### **Actors required**

This year instead of readings to tell the story of Christmas, we will have the stories acted out. And so, we require 7 or 8 people willing to take part and act out those stories. Each person will have 3 or 4 parts to play. If you are interested in being a part of this, please talk to Rev. Ross.



## **Assembly Prayers**

Join us in prayer for

- Those impacted by the earthquake in Indonesia. We pray for those grieving, first responders and those assisting in the recovery, including our church partners, GKI West Java.
- Peace and the restoration of justice in Myanmar, following the attack on a theological seminary and churches in Kachin and Kayah States and ongoing violence and deterioration of human rights.
- The Pacific Church Leaders meeting in Sydney and the Micah youth leaders' summit in Canberra this week - for faithful fellowship and thoughtful dialogue on how we can work together for the flourishing of all people and the whole of creation.
- East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines as part of the WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle.

## Joke of the Week

Q. What do you call an alligator in a

vest?

A. An investigator.



## **Traditional Rosters**

Sunday, 27th November

Bible Reader: Ross Huggard

Stewards: Edna Reeves, Robert Latimer

Morning Tea: Marilyn S, Stanley & Viola Z.

Sunday, 4th December Bible Reader: Jill Cayzer

Stewards: Alister Munro, Fiona Jones

Morning Tea: Graeme and Jenny H, Alister M.

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