

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

18 December 2020

Dear friends,

We're getting so close to Christmas now! The carolling has begun, as we celebrate that when the world is dark, God brings light.

Yesterday I sent a pastoral letter to members and friends of High Street Uniting Church, describing the plans that we are making for the coming months. We've done so much "by remote" over the last year that many of us are rather tired out, even as we start to venture more into activities together. I hope that we are all able to make the most of the greater opportunities that we have to meet as small groups in homes and around the church, and make the most of the Christmas activities that are planned for sharing together and in the church.

Over this next week, through shared Christmas celebrations, times of quiet reflection and conversations with loved ones, may you be conscious of blessings you might otherwise have taken for granted, and give thanks for the God who comes among us.

Peace and grace,

David

COFFEE with Brenda

Thanks to all who have joined me for coffee in recent times.. Our last coffee morning will be this Tuesday at 11.00am at Degarnis in Mt Eliza. We will now break for Christmas and New Year celebrations and re visit the idea of coffee mornings as from February 2021. Shalom, Brenda

CHRISTMAS EVENTS UPDATE – bookings now open

There are FOUR Christmas Carols events being planned. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!!!!

Christmas Carols at the Church!!: Sunday 20 December, 7:00pm, High Street Uniting Church 1618 High Street Frankston– please bring your own chair. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BNEKF> or phone the church office.

Family Christmas: Christmas Eve, 5:30pm, High Street Uniting Church, 16-18 High Street Frankston. Please bring food and drink for a picnic to follow. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BNELC>

Christmas Eve Carols: Meeting to sing carols in front of the Arts Centre, opposite the Council's Christmas Tree, at 8:30pm, and then walking to sing elsewhere. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BNFSU>

Christmas Day Worship: 9am COMBINED Service, High Street Uniting Church 16-18 High St, Frankston. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BNOLU> or you can attend via Zoom: Phone: (02)70182005 Meeting ID: 616 254 006 Password: 3199 or go to the website zoom.us and choose "join Meeting" with the details above.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (9:00am) Phone **(03) 7018 2005**; Meeting ID **616 254 006**; Participant ID (none); Password **3199**. If you want to join on a computer or iPad, go to [zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBySURqUT09) and “join meeting” using the Meeting ID details above, or use the link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBySURqUT09>

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (children from 10:25, main worship from 10:40)

Zoom Meeting ID **556 610 676**; Password **3199**. Join meeting from [zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUVONidGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09) or use the link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUVONidGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09> or phone **(03) 7018 2005**.

WEBSITE: Reflections accessible in text format at <https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>

PRAYER TEAM: The Prayer Team can be contacted on 9781 5351 (Marlene) or email
HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

OFFICE HOURS: Jacqui will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, phone 9783 3400 or email frankstonuc@gmail.com

OFFERINGS: 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

Frankston Brekky Club to Resume

Now that coronavirus restrictions are being eased, the Brekky Club will resume early in 2021 on Monday to Friday mornings. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve the food from 6.30 to 8.30am. **Would you be available for one day each month?** If you want to volunteer or need more information, speak with Alan [on 0488130747] or Bronwen Mathews [on 0427130747].

Brekky Club is also looking to appoint two people to paid positions to oversee the operations; and are looking for applicants to interview for:

1. **Brekky Club Program Manager/Supervisor:** 2.5hrs per day Monday- Friday 13 hours per week to oversee the volunteers and ensure the cafe is run in a Covid safe environment;
2. **Client Liaison Support Worker:** 2hrs per day Monday - Friday 10 hours per week; to oversee the front of house and liaise with clients and ensure a Covid safe environment

Both positions are seeking people who have an interest in and passion for community work and supporting the disadvantaged. Speak with Alan Mathews if you want more information; or contact Trudy Poole [on 0414 305 564 or trudypoole@hotmail.com for a job description.

Team movements:

David will be away from 28 December to 25 January. During that time, if there is a pastoral need please contact **Rev Brenda Cooper on 0405 194 327**. Brenda will be assisted by some of the other retired ministers from around the congregation as required.

Jacqui will be away from the office from 23 December to 12 January; Emma will be covering for her to produce and distribute the orders of service. Emma can be contacted in the same way that Jacqui can be reached normally – by leaving a message at 9783 3400 or by email to frankstonuc@gmail.com.