

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

19 December 2021



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The nativity scene above shows crowds of people and animals coming to pay homage to Jesus at his birth. As anyone who's had a birth in their family over the last few years knows, recently it would have been a lot harder for such crowds to descend.

That said, the government's vaccination requirements for covid safety have changed a bit more. For this Sunday, we are retaining the status quo – requiring everyone who comes to worship face-to-face to be fully vaccinated. At the time of writing this notice sheet, the Church Council is giving consideration to the balance of safety and hospitality for Christmas. I hope to give a clear indication on Sunday.

For all who enjoy carol singing, we're going to be singing in the church car-park on Christmas Eve, from 7:00pm, with a sausage sizzle and children's activities beforehand – and for those who enjoy the late service, there's an 11:30pm service too. (Note that these activities will not be available on zoom).

On Christmas morning, the 9am service will be in the church and on zoom/phones.

The following day (Sunday) will be a service at 10:00 on zoom and phones only.

Throughout the rest of January, services will be at 10:00am, face-to-face and on zoom/phones.

I will be away from 27 December to 10 January. Orders of service for the first two Sundays in January will still be sent out by email, though only in the one email, after Christmas. For urgent pastoral needs while I'm away, please contact Brenda on 0405 194 327.

Blessings for this time as Christmas approaches,
David

Christmas
SERVICES

Christmas Eve Fri 24th Dec
5:30 pm Children's Christmas Time
6:00 pm Sausage sizzle
7:00 pm Carols at the church - hopefully outside
Carols with candles
11:30pm Welcome Christmas Day by candlelight.

Christmas Day Sat 25th Dec
9:00am Christmas Worship

Boxing Day Sun 26th Dec
10:00am Zoom worship only
All services (except for Christmas Eve)
will be available for participation through
Zoom and phones using the following links:
Phone: (03) 7018 2005
Meeting ID 954 6849 3260 pw 3199
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260> pw 3199

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face-to-face & on Zoom

High Street Uniting Church Frankston 

LINKS AND INFORMATION

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)

On a phone without video: call (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 # Participant ID: # Password: 3199 #

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

PRAYER TEAM: Phone 5971 2840 (Marlene) or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

CHURCH OFFICE: Messages can be left on email: frankstonuc@gmail.com or Phone 9783 3400.

OFFERINGS can be made directly to the FRANKSTON UNITING CHURCH account, BSB 063 133 Account 00800128 with the description OFFERING; or by mailing a cheque to the Treasurer, Keith Holmes, at 31 Lucerne Cresc., Frankston, phone 9789 2575 or 0417 892 575.

Please send any items for the newssheet to frankstonuc@gmail.com by midday on Thursday.