

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

31 December 2020

Friends,

As we transition from the rigours of 2020 to the mystery of what lies ahead in 2021, this Sunday's Bible reading from John 1 is evocative. The Word, which has been with God since the beginning – that's 13.7 billion years ago - the Word which is God, becomes enfleshed as a human being in Jesus. This is Good News for us – for all people: for it proclaims God's acceptance of as well as living with and in every person.

Poet and theologian, Brian Wren has written a poem, "Good is the flesh," based on this faith. Over many years, I have found it a blessing to reflect on it: sensing God's love and acceptance of me just as I am. Here is the poem (and a link to a youtube video of a sung version) for your consideration:

**Poem: Good is the Flesh** (based on Genesis 1:30; John 1:14; John 14:23)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bb4SJ6542e4>

Good is the flesh that the Word has become,  
good is the birthing, the milk in the breast,  
good is the feeding, caressing and rest,  
good is the body for knowing the world,  
good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the body for knowing the world,  
sensing the sunlight, the tug of the ground,  
feeling, perceiving, within and around,  
good is the body, from cradle to grave,  
good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the body, from cradle to grave,  
growing and ageing, arousing, impaired,  
happy in clothing, or lovingly bared,  
good is the pleasure of God in our flesh,  
good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Good is the pleasure of God in our flesh,  
longing in all, as in Jesus, to dwell,  
glad of embracing, and tasting, and smell,  
good is the body, for good and for God,  
good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Written by Brian Wren, 1989

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May you know in your heart and experience in your body the loving embrace of God.

Alan Mathews

**COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS WEEK** - Don't forget to have a small portion of bread, and a drink (wine/juice/similar) with you on Sunday morning.

**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=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBzSURqUT09) and “join meeting” using the Meeting ID details above, or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBzSURqUT09>

**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=T3k4RmVUV0NidGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09) or use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUV0NidGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09> 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](mailto:HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com)

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be closed from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. For all urgent enquiries please email [frankstonuc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frankstonuc@gmail.com).