

MARCH 2018

HIGH STREET TIMES

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Easter

Maundy Thursday—7:30pm

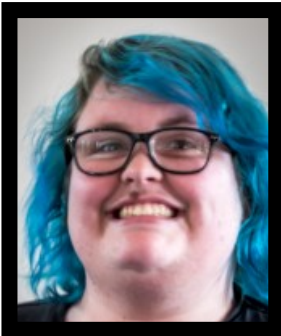
Good Friday—10:00am

Easter Sunday —6:30am & 10:00am



REV BRENDA COOPER

PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATOR



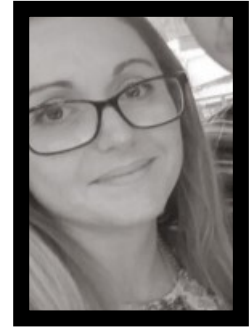
MEG RYAN

ACTING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKER

HSUC MINISTRY TEAM



REV DAVID FOTHERINGHAM
MINISTER



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The High Street Uniting Church, Frankston community acknowledges the Bunurong people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the church buildings stand. We remember their ancestors with respect and commit ourselves to work for reconciliation and justice for indigenous people.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY *THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT*
EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE *WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION*
CONNECTING YOUNGER GENERATIONS *IN GOD'S LOVE*

FROM THE MINISTER... .

REV DAVID FOTHERINGHAM

THE HOUR COMES

We are now well into the period of Lent, the 40 days of reflection leading up to Easter. This year we have been following the gospel of John, in which there is a major turning point when Jesus brings Lazarus back to life, revealing himself as being "the resurrection and the life" (chapter 11). In that story, the religious council was concerned for the politics of it – "If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." And so the high priest says, "It is better for you to have one man die for the people...", unaware of the prophetic truth of what he was saying. The plot against Jesus gathers momentum, and as both Jewish and Gentile people turn towards Jesus he recognises that the time has come for his true glory to be revealed, in his self-giving on the cross.

Over the next few weeks we plunge deeper into the trials leading to Jesus' death. Unfortunately, the series of readings suggested by the Narrative Lectionary skip over a lot of Jesus' "farewell discourse" with his disciples. I encourage you to read it, from John 13 to 17. It begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet; followed by discussions about him preparing a place for us and sending the Holy Spirit to help and teach us; instructions to 'abide' in him and to love one another; and a lengthy prayer for his disciples through all the ages in John 17. I may adjust the lectionary readings to take some more of this in over the next few weeks, so that on Good Friday we can have the full impact of the trail passages in John's gospel.

I have just come from a week of retreat, in which we not only spent time immersed in a series of Bible readings, but as part of that also spent time exploring how to encourage groups of people in short term 'experiments' in living Jesus' way. Over time I expect that some of those learnings and ideas will influence some of our ways forward in discipleship together. Jesus taught that his was a way of peace, community, freedom and security. If we are experiencing his way differently, it is worth asking: what sort of activities in pausing, sharing, respecting, or noticing would be worth being intentional about for a period of 4 to 6 weeks, in order to see what difference it could make? After all, our life in Jesus is not just about "head knowledge" of Jesus, it is about learning about living, from him; and we learn that best when we have some others trying it with us, too. Mark Scandrette provided valuable leadership for our retreat about this: he is the author of books like "Practicing the Way of Jesus: Life Together in the Kingdom of Love".

Speaking of our life together, special thanks for all of those who have taken part in "Safe Church" training, and for those who helped to set up the new outdoor children's play equipment. If you are one whom a child might see as a leader in the church, please make sure that you do the training – times have been advertised elsewhere, or check in the office.

Blessings for the journey of Lent,

David



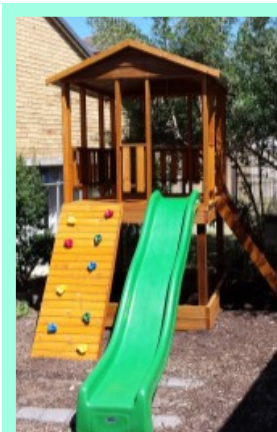
LATEST FROM WALKIE TALKIES

On the 10th of February Walkie Talkies enjoyed a walk at Arthurs Seat. We travelled up on "The Eagle" had morning tea at the café, then went for a very pleasant walk around the sea winds gardens before returning to our cars. An enjoyable way to spend a Saturday morning viewing our beautiful peninsula.



NEW PLAYGROUND!!!!

We are very excited that our new Playground has now been installed! We would like to thank everyone who helped volunteer their time to prepare the area for the installation. The playgroup and all children within the HSUC community will now have a beautiful playground to use for years to come!

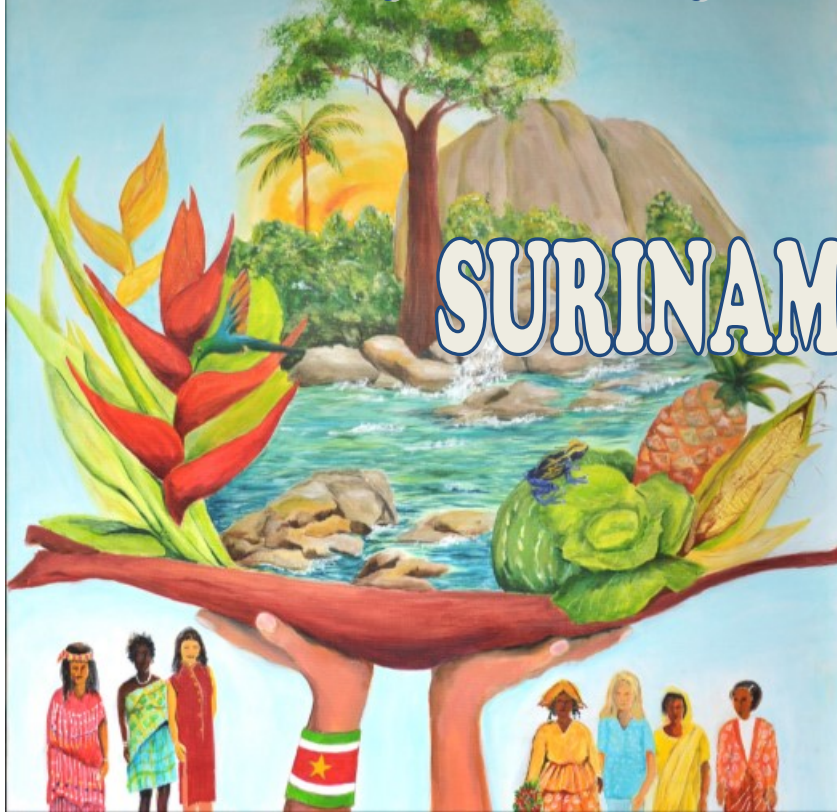


High Street Uniting Church Frankston



**Friday mornings 9:15 - 11:15
during school term**

World Day of Prayer - March 2018



***ALL GOD'S
CREATION IS
VERY GOOD!***

DATE: 2ND MARCH

TIME: 10:30AM

**PLACE:
HIGH STREET
UNITING CHURCH**



FOR OUR PRAYERS....

Prayer requests can be emailed to HSUCprayer@googlegroups.com, or phone Marlene on 9781 5351. Requests will be circulated to a small group on the prayer chain, and treated confidentially.

Please pray for David Russell, Ross McKenzie, Audrey La Brooy, Eric McNally, Gwen Taylor, Max Fowler, Fay Dungey, Audrey Smith, Julie Holmes, Maureen Beens and Naomi Briggs; and for the extended family of Dorothy Hine. Please pray for John Davison and his family on the passing of Diana recently.

Please pray for the applicants and the interview panel for the Youth Coordinator position, as that role is being finalised. Please continue to pray for all of our youth and children and those who share ministry and care with them.

PERSONALS.....

FUNERAL NOTICE

On Friday 23 February a graveside funeral was held for Dorothy Hine, sister and sister-in-law of Max Fowler and regular member of the congregation, having moved back to Frankston after her second husband had died. The funeral took place in Bacchus Marsh, where Ted was buried.



13th February, 2017

Rev. David Fotheringham
High Street Uniting Church
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Dear David

On behalf of everyone involved with the Frankston Community Appeal, thank you for your contribution towards the Frankston Community Appeal.

In 2017, a total of 580 hampers were distributed as part of the appeal, providing assistance to more than 1742 people - including 978 children and 764 adults - experiencing financial hardship in Frankston.

As part of the appeal, Community Support Frankston worked with over a dozen local welfare services to make sure that people most in need of assistance received it - be it food hamper, toys and/or personal supports.

Please take pleasure in knowing that your contribution made a direct impact in helping to give people in our local community a better Christmas.

For more information on the Appeal and Community Support Frankston please visit www.frankston.net

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Phillips", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Monash Peninsula Chaplaincy



It's the beginning of the university year, and as you read this, students are beginning their first week of classes for Semester 1, with a range of emotions from excitement to trepidation!

There have been loads of fresh new faces around during Orientation week. It's been a busy mix of official welcomes, course information sessions, and social events with free food, giving students the opportunity to mingle and become familiar with their new surroundings.

As a Chaplain I've had the opportunity to introduce myself and what I do at several of the information sessions, along with the range of other support services available for students. Many eyes have lit up as I have mentioned the pancake breakfasts, so I'm sure we will be having plenty of new customers!



I've also had opportunities to have conversations with a range of students as I've tried to be a welcoming smiling face on campus, along with some other staff and student ambassadors, including:

- * chatting to a new male Education student who has moved down from a very small town in the country and is feeling like a fish out of water,
- * talking to a mature age student who is returning to study Paramedics who will juggle study with caring for her young family,
- * speaking with a couple of international students here from China settling in to a new country and culture as they commence their Business and Physiotherapy degrees.

It would be great if you could keep all the new students for this year in your thoughts and prayers, as they manage their way through this process of transition to university life and study. If all goes well, these students will be our future nurses, midwives, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, teachers and business managers and making a huge contribution to our community. It's great to be part of a team which supports these amazing young people.

Mandy Lake



Church Council News

This periodic column is intended to acquaint the wider church community with the key deliberations and decisions made by Church Council on your behalf. Be assured that as a group we are very mindful of our responsibility to manage and oversee our finite resources and buildings to facilitate our stated mission within the Frankston community and beyond.

At our most recent meeting on 5 December, some key aspects included:

- The newly-formed Playgroup is now fully operational which is most exciting. We authorised the funding and installation of new and suitably safe and attractive outside playground equipment. Several quotations will be sought, in the hope that this matter can be finalised early in 2018. FOOTNOTE: After several quotations were duly obtained, the new equipment was installed in early February.
- We resolved to advertise two separate part-time positions, those of Youth Coordinator ("to lead, coordinate and build the High Street UC school-aged youth program to become sustainable into the future") and Pastoral Care Coordinator. By separating these previously joint roles, we are much more confident that we can fill both positions. FOOTNOTE: Several applications were received for the Pastoral Care Coordinator position, and after a conversation with a Church Council panel, it was resolved to appoint Rev Brenda Cooper to this role, as was formally announced at the joint service on 3 February.
- We resolved to organise a new congregational photo to be taken at our final joint service over the summer period on 3 February. FOOTNOTE: This indeed occurred!
- It was recognised that the November Food Fair had, once again, been highly successful. However, it was also acknowledged that more willing volunteers are needed; we will seek these early in 2018.
- We are very grateful that the LEGs group continues to seek new church maintenance and improvement projects for which to raise funds; the latest being the replacement of the dilapidated window furnishings in both the blue and green meeting rooms.
- The Pipe Organ Restoration fund for our ailing 104 year old and very significant Aeolian pipe organ has raised around \$7,000 towards the repair cost of around \$9,400, as part of our stewardship of our special and cherished musical resource. Thanks to the unstinting efforts of Dawn and Graham Peacock, missing pipes have now been relocated and reinstalled in the organ. We look forward to a planned celebratory organ concert in 2018.

Ross Huggard , Chairperson

From our new PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATOR..

I am delighted to have been appointed to the position of Pastoral Care Coordinator, 1 day per week, for the High Street Road Frankston Uniting Church Congregation, and look forward to serving the church in that capacity.

I have enjoyed working with David as part time supply minister over the past 2 years, while getting to know many in the Congregation. There was a pastoral care element to that position which involved visiting people with particular needs, taking services from time to time, including Tuesday Communion, as well as conducting a number of funerals.

As the Pastoral Care Coordinator, I hope to continue in much the same way, with perhaps a bit of 'tweaking'. I will continue to visit those with particular needs, and liaise with David and the pastoral carers as to who they may be, but I wish also to be a 'carer for the carers', and spend time getting to know them a little better.

My one day per week will be Thursday, with some flexibility according to need, and may spread to one other afternoon.

I sense that my work will probably be more focused on the traditional Congregation, but wish also to be seen as approachable by the Contemporary group, whose needs are somewhat different.

I will enjoy doing Tuesday Communion when it's suitable to David, and be available to conduct funerals when appropriate.

My other activities within the church, such as joining the choir, attending Lenten Studies, etc, will be as a member of the congregation and not because of my role.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my 4 weeks break, in particular worshipping with my previous congregations at Mt Eliza and Boronia Road, both of which are alive and well. I will return to Frankston to begin in the new role in March. I'm looking forward to the task ahead.

Brenda



MARCH DIARY

Friday 2	10:00am World Day of Prayer
SUNDAY 4	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY Focus: Voices of Frankston
Monday 5	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Wednesday 7	10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 10:00am Lenten Study (church) 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 8	2:00PM Amitie Craft Group – Green Room
Friday 9	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
SUNDAY 11	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship 5:00pm Open Café
Monday 12	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 13	1:00pm Elders Meeting – Blue Room
Wednesday 14	10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 10:00am Lenten Study (church) 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 15	Mission Guild – Blue Room
Friday 16	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
SUNDAY 18	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am – HSUC Annual General Meeting 10:40am Contemporary Worship

March diary Cont.....

Monday 19	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 20	12:45pm Retired Ministers Lunch
Wednesday 21	10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 10:00am Lenten Study (church) 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Friday 23	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
Saturday 24	8:30am – Saturday Walkie Talkies – Schnappers on the pier in Mornington
SUNDAY 25	PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship 12:00PM Church Council, COG, Elders Combined Lunch 5:00pm Open Café
Monday 26	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Wednesday 28	10:00am Lenten Study (church) 10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 29	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 30	GOOD FRIDAY 10:00am Combined Good Friday Service
SUNDAY 1 APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Easter Dawn Service 10:00am Combined Easter Sunday Worship COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY Focus: Operation Larder

MARCH ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

MARCH ELDERS	Rona Russell Dawn Peacock			
Communion Elders	Dorothy Bucher, Erica Hutchinson, Bev Fowler, John Coulson			
DATES	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
STEWARDS	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Maureen Beens Roy Geisman	Maureen Beens Roy Geisman
MORNING TEA	Margaret & Virgil Snyder Enda Runciman Nancy Martin	Jill Cayzer Marion Day Molly Maughan Barbara Trewartha	Ali Vagenas Stanley Zhungu Viola Zhungu Gill Jenkins	Rona Russell Marilyn Sheerin Mac Cleland Ann Cleland
DATA PROJECTOR	Karin	Karin	Diana	Diana
BIBLE READER	Erica Hutchinson	Ian Cayzer	Mary Cooper	Elaine Kenyon
FLOWERS	Gill Jenkins	Gill Jenkins	Barbara Trewartha	Edna Runciman

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

DATES	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Steward	Kate	Ley	Ley	Marilyn
Welcomer	Jackie	Patti	Patti	Joy
Hospitality	Gill & Joy	Gill & Joy	Marilyn & Santhira	Barb & Santhira

