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HIGH STREET TIMES

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MODERATOR'S VISIT. The Moderator of the UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Rev. Sharon Hollis, visited High Street Uniting recently and very much enjoyed the Voices of Frankston choir – she was clearly extremely impressed with how, under the leadership of Kerry and Daniel from the School of Hard Knocks, the diverse group of people soon produced such a fantastic sound, on their first day back after the summer break. She also appreciated having conversations with people around the BBQ for the disadvantaged, and seeing the various other activities taking place.

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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

Easter, and beyond...

As High Street Times is being distributed, we will be entering Holy Week. Over the last few weeks we have been following Jesus' last words and prayers for his disciples, as told in John's gospel. In this Holy Week, we enter the climax of John's telling of the gospel story when the hour comes for Jesus to be lifted up from the earth (on the cross), to draw all people to himself. In this, the true glory of God is seen in his self-giving accomplishment of love (see eg. John 12: 23-33).

On Good Friday, if you aren't able to attend worship I encourage you to read chapters 18 and 19 of John. Listen for the weaving of the trial of Peter (who denies) and the trial of Jesus (who remains constant) as they are woven together. Listen for Pilate, who though he wonders about truth, actually proclaims it: "Here is your king!". His proclamation, however intended, is like that of the High Priest who had truly said, "It is better for you to have one man die for the people..." (12:50-53).

On Easter Sunday, turn to chapter 20, as Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb. There's a new movie out about Mary Magdalene, which I understand from reviews by New Testament scholars is actually very good. The movie avoids the popular story of Mary having been a prostitute, which is not actually evidenced in the text. She is devoted to Jesus, though, and has this most important role as the first witness to his resurrection. I look forward to seeing the movie; but more than that, I look forward to celebrating the appearance of the risen Jesus to her.

I'd like to congratulate and thank those who have been newly elected to the Church Council, Jackie Annable and Juli Lincoln; and offer my thanks to Mac Cleland and Anne Coyle, who have finished their service on Church Council; and Barbara Trewartha who has concluded her service with the Elders. The full lists of Elders, Church Councillors and COG members are printed within this edition of HST. I would also particularly like to thank Meg Ryan, who has served for a much longer time than originally anticipated in the role of Acting Children and Families Worker, faithfully providing for the enrichment and engagement of the children and youth in the Contemporary Congregation – with which I'm glad she will continue to be involved, particularly with the Spotlight group.

I'm delighted that we are adding Hannah Dungan to the team, as Youth Coordinator; Hannah is introduced in this HST edition too. On 22 April we will hold a special combined commissioning service, at which we will pray for and commission the newer members of the Ministry Team, the Church Council and others, seeking the Holy Spirit's leading and inspiration for us all in all of the ways we serve and bear witness to Christ. After focusing on Jesus' last words of teaching and prayers in the lead-up to Easter (John 13-17), there could hardly be a more appropriate response.

God's peace,

David

Easter

Maundy Thursday—7:30pm

Good Friday—10:00am

Easter Sunday —6:30am & 10:00am



Activities on Frankston Foreshore Good Friday from 11am

Observations about the past year: Ross Huggard, *Chairperson*
Annual General Meeting: Sunday 18 March, 2018

Once more, it is my great privilege to highlight some of the significant aspects of our life as a diverse, active and forward-looking congregation over the last 12 months, both as your Congregational Chairperson and Chair of Church Council. As always, forgive any glaring omissions I may inadvertently make in this brief recapping of the year that was 2017.

As we gaze at the tell-tale purple falls behind me, knowing Lent is again here, and Christ's sacrifice is so present in our minds, we remind ourselves that our Christian witness has never been more important in our increasingly secular, selfish, hedonistic and egotistically-focused world. We can proudly stand with the Uniting Church in its outspoken criticisms of those government policies which make refugees outcasts and cut overseas aid. There would even seem to be threats to the rights of our Christian ministers to speak freely and with compassion and social conscience from their pulpits as we head into 2018, just as our own Rev David Fotheringham so readily does. Clearly, there has never been a more important time for us to stand with other Christians to proudly proclaim that which Christ through his words and actions extols us to do.

As a Church Council, as mentioned in David's report, we endorsed a symbolic tripartite vision statement, following the expert guidance of Rev Dr Jenny Byrnes.

It is important that we publicly acknowledge the selfless dedicated service to our congregation by those elected by you to exercise decision-

making and spiritual leadership, just as we will today elect new Church Councillors and Elders. Without their selfless commitment we would simply not be able to function as an effective Christian community. We must also acknowledge those no longer with us who have given so freely of their gifts. It is very fitting that I acknowledge the late Betty Bowley, whose willing assistance has always ensured our AGM ran smoothly. Allow me to acknowledge on your behalf the huge debt we all owe to our indefatigable Treasurer, Keith Holmes. I also wish to especially acknowledge the special service exercised by three individuals, Mac Cleland, Barbara Trewartha and Anne Coyle, who have all resolved not to re-nominate on this occasion.

Mac has been a stalwart member of our Church Council since its inception as an interim Church Council in 1999, and subsequently became its first Chairperson. Mac's keen legal mind has so often helped to guide our decision making, always infused with his ever-present sense of Christian witness and care for the Minister of the day. Whilst we must reluctantly accept his decision, I have indicated to him that we will continue to call upon his wise counsel in the future. Barbara Trewartha has been a longtime Elder, who together with her ever-positive and vibrant late husband, Hugh Trewartha, has been a smiling, warm and caring support for so many. Hopefully, not only will we still see her smiling personage here, but also continue to enjoy her wonderful Christmas cakes.

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Anne Coyle has also been a much valued member of Church Council, always seeking to ensure that our decisions are as carefully- considered and supportive as possible.

Some key facets of the 2017 year have included, exercising our Christian witness in the community:

- Record and unprecedented demand for the support provided by Operation Larder, with wonderful organisational and financial leadership provided by members of our congregation. In its 35th year of operation calls for help more than doubled over those in 2016, and yet our stalwart team refused to be daunted.
- Provision of a special weekly sausage sizzle for the needy in Frankston
- Support, financial oversight and leadership for the Voices of Frankston choir under very precarious funding arrangements
- Our ongoing outreach and support to the students at Monash Peninsula through the ministry of Chaplaincy and pancake breakfasts
- Elders, Showbiz and carol singers, those who record worship, hospital and aged care facility visitors and those who transport elderly shut-in folk to special Wednesday communion services and reach out to those who are frail in body or mind, and require spiritual nurturing and the love of Christ
- LEGS, UC Mission Guild other groups which support those further afield who require our support and financial assistance. We should also acknowledge the leadership of several key individuals in ensuring that we consider our responsiveness to the plight of others, especially to Dawn Peacock in her ongoing championing of the amazing Christian outreach of Tom Sutherland in India, the Rice family in Thailand and the continuing commitment by the congregation to his wonderful Christian mission, to Helen Beeby's leadership for support for Indian women, to John and Marion Coulson and Tim and Mandy Lake for their work in East Timor, to Karin Jooste for her commitment to Lent Event, to Edna Runciman for again overseeing Christmas Bowl collections...my apologies to many other people I should also have mentioned!
- Our two wonderfully successful 2017 fetes, so ably coordinated by Kay Burdett and her ever-reliable committee
- All those who so consistently and reliably ensure that our worship space functions so effectively and seamlessly, especially Alan Jenkins, who constantly monitors and upgrades all our computer, sound and IT equipment, for our willing team of sound desk and computer operators comprising Robert Downing, James Briggs, Karin Jooste, Murray Burdett, Diana, David and Tawanda Zhungu and others.
- Our choir which nurtures and enhances our 9am worship through music, so ably led by Bronwen Matthews, with her trademark effusive smile and talented organists, Nylma Carruthers, Elaine Keynon and Robert Pickup and others including Mary Cooper, as pianist. We need to recognise their dedication, along with that of so many loyal long-time choir members, and some new ones too!
- Our talented bands and music groups which energise the contemporary service so powerfully with a means of choral worship, with its stalwart

members Kerry and Russell Pederick, Mike Guest, Tim Lake, John Annable, Valmai Scully and others, must also be gratefully acknowledged. Over January once more, in our combined worship we could all lift up voices in unison to such energetic strains.

- We should also acknowledge and recognise the commitment and efforts of the COG team who so reliably plan, facilitate and help to deliver the contemporary services each week
- Church Council and the Management Committee which ensure that the operations of this vibrant and diverse church community are efficient and supportive and its physical buildings and resources are well-maintained and appropriate. Murray Burdett, as Chair of the Management Committee has continued to enact the detailed plan he has so skilfully developed for the oversight of our physical church resources which will undoubtedly stand us in good stead for the future.
- David you have enriched our worship in new and exciting ways and I am sure will continue to challenge us, provoke us and enrich our living faith, in your ever effusive, cheerful and energising manner and expose us to new songs and expressions of faith on our shared journey. I must also sincerely thank you for your wise counsel and leadership on Church Council and your capacity to diffuse challenging situations with your characteristic Christian optimism and trademark laugh.
- Acknowledgement must be made to Rev. Brenda Cooper who has been a supply minister, and has continued to so do, in such a warm, caring and inclusive manner
- Indeed, we are also much blessed to have in our midst a special group of retired ministers who continue to support worship.
- I also wish to acknowledge the

wonderful support given to our Ministry team and the congregation by our dedicated and talented office secretary, Jacqui Harris.

This past year has seen so many significant events including:

- Church Council has continued to oversee and facilitate the implementation of the recently-developed UC Safe Church Practices.
- Endorsing the agreed Vision of the High Street Uniting Church congregation being: Strengthening Community through the Holy Spirit; Embracing All People with Christ's compassion; Connecting Younger Generations in God's love.
- The establishment of a playgroup on a Friday morning
- Restoration of our 104 year old organ, funded through a special appeal fund

I look forward to continuing to accompany you on our shared, sometimes challenging, but always love-infused, Christian journey of witness.



Get to know our new "Youth Coordinator" - **HANNAH DUNGAN!**

Hannah is an enthusiastic, engaging, creative self-starter, who has a passion for social justice, inclusion and risk-taking in the name of Jesus.

She describes herself as a Messy Christian, who is committed to living out the way of love as Jesus taught: by loving God, loving neighbour, and loving self.

She has a Bachelor of Theology and has recently completed her post graduate Diploma in Pastoral Care.

Hannah has served as a Pastor in the Uniting Church with a children, youth and families focus for over 10 years, and is currently working with the St Marks Uniting Church in Mornington as their Children and Families Pastor.

Hannah has spent time in a Monastery in India, an orphanage in Cambodia, an indigenous community in South Australia, and has recently returned from a few years of rubbing shoulders with our politicians in Canberra while working as the Congregational Development Minister at Kippax Uniting Church, Holt.

Hannah's guilty pleasures include reality TV, chocolate, and the Bombers! In her spare time, you'll find her Op-shopping, shaking her booty at 'Zumba' class, and singing along to the radio - window down!

THANK YOU BUNNINGS FRANKSTON!!!!

The HSUC Wednesday Community BBQ has been so blessed to have a brand new BBQ donated to them from Bunnings Warehouse Frankston worth \$300!!! Thank you Lyn and thank you Bunnings!!!!



FOR OUR PRAYERS....

Please pray for David Russell, Ross McKenzie, Audrey La Brooy, Eric McNally, Gwen Taylor, Max Fowler, Fay Dungey, Audrey Smith, Julie Holmes, Maureen Beens, Colin Lawson and Naomi Briggs.

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.



High Street Uniting Church Frankston



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

Victorian Council of Churches

EMERGENCIES MINISTRY



Psychological First Aid/Personal Support

VCC EM training is a comprehensive training package designed to equip members of faith communities to support affected residents through their participation in VCC EM deployments.

The training course is a 2 stage process involving:

Self paced learning and completion of the workbook. This material *must* be completed prior to attending the training day.

Face to face training day. This day utilises multi learning opportunities including teaching, discussion, personal reflection and role playing / scenarios to enable the trainee to assimilate the information and understand the context, roles, responsibilities and processes involved.

WHERE: High Uniting Church Frankston.
16 -18 High Street, Frankston, Vic, 3199.

WHEN: Saturday 21st April 2018
(8.45am – 5.00pm)

COST: \$80 waged or \$40 Concession/Refresher training
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Completion of the workbook and attendance at the training are essential prerequisites for application for registration with VCC Emergencies Ministry. Successful registration will require the completion of safety checks and referee reports and will occur after the training has been completed.

FURTHER INFORMATION: PLEASE CALL THE VCC EM STATE OFFICE ON (03) 9650 4511 OR
EMAIL EMERGENCIES@VCC.ORG.AU

This training is essential for all in the faith community intending to respond to emergencies and disasters in Victoria. The Victorian State and Local Governments are continually tightening the requirements for people entering disaster areas. The VCC EM is authorised by Government to coordinate an integrated faith communities' response when disaster occurs.

Compassion In Times of Crisis



Proceeds help support the church's
community outreach activities.

May Fete

Saturday 5 May

8:30am to 1pm

High Street Uniting Church

16-18 High Street, Frankston

JOIN US for Devonshire tea, Cake stall,
White Elephant stall, books, plants,
Mothers' Day gifts, children's activities,
live entertainment and much more!



Our Church Leadership

Following the election at the March AGM, the following people now make up the various councils of the congregation. Those just elected for a new/continuing term are in **bold**.

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Jackie Annable

John Coulson
Robert Downing
Mike Guest
Keith Holmes (Treasurer)
Ross Huggard (Chairperson)
Karin Jooste
Alan Jenkins

Juli Lincoln

Dawn Peacock

Kerry Pederick (Secretary)

Marg Scarlett

*Coopted: Murray Burdett and
Mandy Lake
Ex-officio: David Fotheringham*

ELDERS:

Naomi Briggs
Dorothy Bucher
Jill Cayzer
Mac Cleland
John Coulson (Secretary)
Beverley Fowler
Keith Holmes
Erica Hutchinson

Elaine Kenyon

Dawn Peacock

Rona Russell

Marg Shilton

Marlene Thresher (Minutes
Secretary)

Stanely Zhungu

*Ex-officio: David Fotheringham,
Brenda Cooper*

CONTEMPORARY OVERSIGHT

GROUP:

(Election at the Contemporary
service)

Jackie Annable

Barb Conner

Michael Downing

Mike Guest (Chairperson)

Kerry Pederick (Secretary)

Marg Scarlett

Patti Scully

*Ex-officio: David Fotheringham,
Hannah Dungan*

Everyone in the congregation serves and shares in different ways; these particular roles are roles of oversight and care for the worship, life and pastoral care of the congregation. Please keep these leaders in your prayers, as they keep you in theirs.

Special thanks to Mac Cleland and Anne Coyle, who have concluded their work with Church Council, and to Barbara Trewartha who has concluded her work with the Elders. Further thanks for them are recorded elsewhere in Ross Huggard's report.

CHORAL CONCERT

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APRIL DIARY

SUNDAY 1 APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Easter Dawn Service 10:00am Combined Easter Sunday Worship COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY Focus: Operation Larder
Monday 2	EASTER MONDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Ballam Park, Cranbourne Road 11:30am Tuesday Communion
Wednesday 4	10:00am Lenten Study (church) 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 5	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Target Somerville
SUNDAY 8	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship 5:00pm Open Café
Monday 9	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church 7:30pm LEGS – Guest Speaker Alex Marshall, Bereavement Assistance Funerals.
Tuesday 10	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Softball Ground, Robinson Rd
Wednesday 11	10:00am Bible Study 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 12	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Eden Gardens Nepean Hwy, Mt Eliza 2:00pm Amitie – Green Room
SUNDAY 15	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship
Monday 16	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 17	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Pentland Gardens Williams St 12:00pm Retired Ministers Lunch
Wednesday 18	10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 10:00am Bible Study 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church

April diary Cont....

Thursday 19	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Tyabb, parking behind the post office 2:00pm Mission Guild – Blue Room
Friday 20	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
Saturday 21	6:30 Shared Lunch – Venue TBA
SUNDAY 22	10:00am – COMBINED SERVICE COMMISSIONING OF HANNAH DUNGAN 5:00pm Open Café
Monday 23	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 24	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Mile Bridge
Wednesday 25	10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 26	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Norman Ave Shops Frankston South 2:00pm Ladies Friendly Circle - Blue Room
Friday 27	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
Saturday 28	8:30am – Saturday Walkie Talkies – Mt Martha Fine Foods on the The Esplanade in Mt Martha.
SUNDAY 29	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship

APRIL ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					
Elaine Kenyon & Jill Cayzer					
Barbara Trewartha, Rona Russell, Dawn Peacock, Keith Holmes					
APRIL ELDERS	April 1 EASTER SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP 10AM	April 8	April 15	April 22 COMBINED WORSHIP 10AM	April 29
Communion Elders	Marilyn Sheerin Cheryl Wilson	Marilyn Sheerin Cheryl Wilson	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jennie Johnson Mick Johnson
STEWARDS	Graeme Horsburgh Jenny Horsburgh Sue Baker Robert Latimer	Erica Hutchinson Ron Carolus Eileen Carolus Barbara McKenzie	Bev Fowler Carol Calderbank Heather Rawson Lola Coupe	Kay Burdett Enid Churcher Pat Johnson Vilma Labrooy	Fay Loader Karin Jooste Elaine Kenyon Marlene Thresher
MORNING TEA	Murray	David	David	Diana	Diana
DATA PROJECTOR	Rona Russell Beryl & Marg	Edith Seller Beryl & Marg	Heather Rawson Edna Reeves	Lola Coupe Chris Johnson	Julie Lincoln Beryl & Marg
BIBLE READER					
FLOWERS					
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP					
DATES	April 1 COMBINED	April 8	April 15	April 22 COMBINED	April 29
Steward	Marilyn Joy	Beryl Marg	Beryl Marg	Santhira Lindy	Kate Jackie
Welcomer	Howard & Andi	Howard & Andi	Marilyn & Gill	Marilyn & Valmai	Gill & Barb