

MAY 2018

HIGH STREET TIMES

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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!



HSUC MINISTRY TEAM



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PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATOR



HANNAH DUNGAN
YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR



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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*

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, Naomi Briggs and the family of Loma Slater.

Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for Haileybury College and Haileybury Faith Community and Rev Kim Groot; Mr Derek Scott Principal.



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

God's gifts in community...

Last Sunday, which was the first Sunday of the school term, we came together to celebrate a special service of commissioning. We commissioned Hannah Dungan as our new Youth Coordinator; Brenda Cooper as Pastoral Care Coordinator, and two new church council members, Jackie Annable and Juli Lincoln. As a part of that service, I preached on the way that we all have different, God-given ways of contributing to the ministry and mission of the whole "body" of Christ, as described by the apostle Paul in Romans 12:3-13.

In Romans 12 Paul lists 7 different kinds of contributions that people bring. It's not an exhaustive or definitive list, but it is certainly instructive and contains some areas with which each of us resonate, and other areas that any one of us might have less affinity. Paul made some comments on ways in which God blesses us to use those gifts, such as giving *with generosity* and being compassionate *with cheerfulness*. For each area of ministry/gifting, there are particular ways in which God's blessing empowers those gifts. I'm listing those areas again here, with the invitation to both recognise and pray for the particular ways in which God blesses and empowers the area which resonates for you.

PROPHECY –

may God gift you with FAITH.

Prophecy is about 'speaking the truth for our time', and can be about confronting injustice and need, as well as proclaiming God's grace and love. As Paul writes, it is a

gift for use "in proportion to faith". When confronting hard situations, faith is indeed the gift that empowers the stamina and courage required.

SERVICE –

may God gift you with GRACE.

Translated as "ministry" rather than "service" in the NRSV, this can include serving each other, serving the gathered community, and serving for the sake of the broader community as well. It is **grace**, in the form of a generosity of heart, that makes what is given in service a gift from God.

TEACHING –

may God gift you with WISDOM. While the focus in Romans 12 may have been on Christian teaching in particular, all who are involved in teaching have responsibility for both education and pastoral care. Wisdom is a gift of God to be welcomed in that role.

ENCOURAGING –

may God ENCOURAGE YOU.

Throughout the New Testament there are numerous references to encouraging one another – it's found in all of Paul's letters at least. Offering **encouragement** to people (without being 'bossy', as The Message translation rightly points out!) is a ministry that must not be undervalued, and so if you are an encourager, be encouraged!

GIVING –

may God gift you with GENEROSITY.

Generosity is an attitude of the heart, that comes from faith and confidence in God. Financial giving is an important contribution; givers are blessed when God enables that generous spirit in their hearts.

ENABLING –

may God gift you with DILIGENCE.

The word “enabling” is just a bit broader than the NRSV’s “leading” (“leader”). Some have the gifting and calling of doing what is required in governance and administration to enable the ministry of all of God’s people. **Diligence** is the gift for which we pray, to empower those contribute to the enabling of ministry.

COMPASSION –

may God gift you with CHEERFULNESS.

Cheerfulness is a blessing and gift from God which is important in two ways for those who are called to compassion. On the one hand, it prevents compassion from being grudging. More importantly (as has been pointed out to me since I preached on this!), those with the call to compassion can experience fatigue. **Cheerfulness** is a vital gift, empowering the compassionate to continue to work in hard situations to bring God’s transforming care.

May God gift you in the areas in which you’re led to contribute! Please also pray for others in their areas of gifting and ministry.

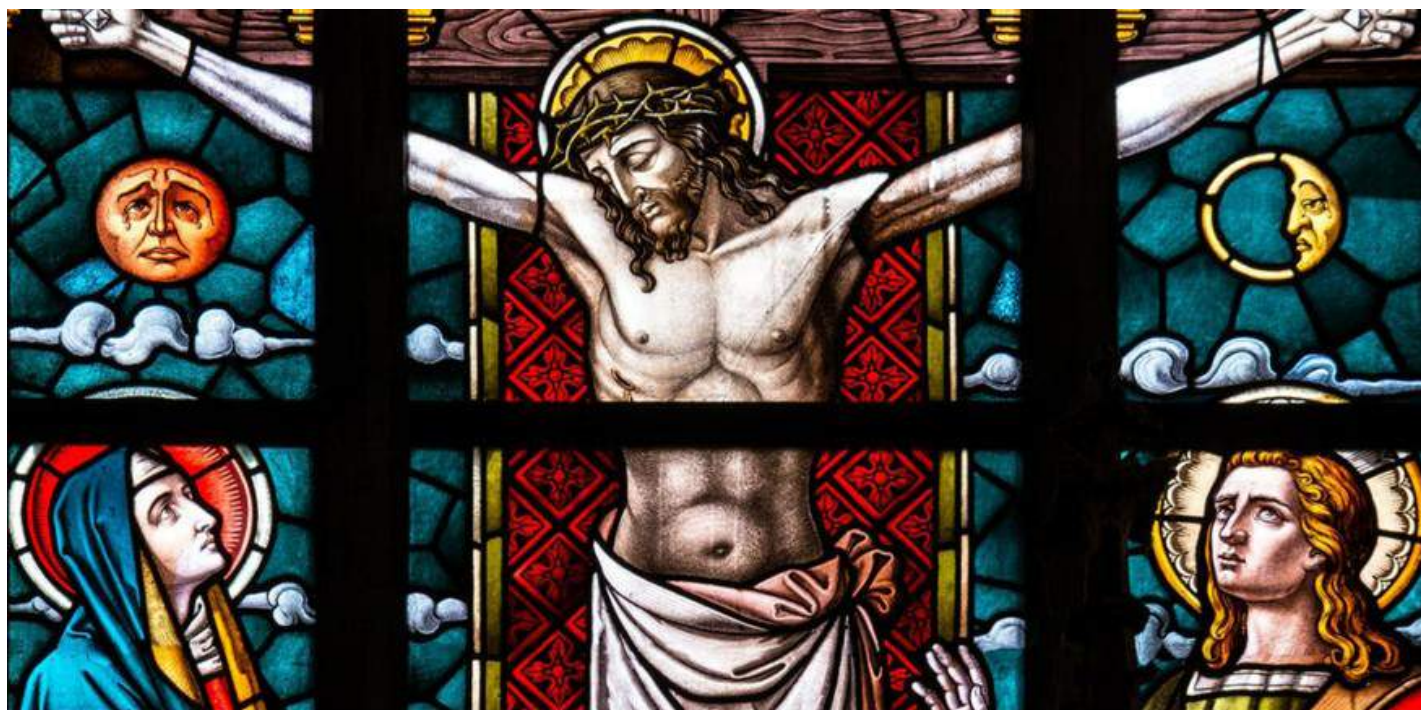
This month we will be celebrating the gifting of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, with a special **combined service on Sunday 20 May at 10:00am**. The Chinese congregation and choir will be worshipping with us, and Terence Ng will be preaching (with English translation!).

A few days after that I will be having some arthroscopic surgery on my right shoulder, which I injured last year playing tennis. My parents are coming over to look after me; I will be taking 4-6 weeks of sick leave to recover. During that time, Brenda will be providing half-time supply ministry.

In the meantime, I’m looking forward to next week’s fete and the community that gathers around it!

God’s
peace,
David





INDELIBLE WRITING

By Bill Pugh

A teacher at our school had the task of interviewing students suspected of doing wrong things. He had a special way of getting at the truth. Sometimes, if he felt the student was giving false information, he would say, "just a moment, while I write that down." Invariably the student would say "No sir, please don't write that down." And the truth would gradually come out.

At Golgotha, Pilate wrote a notice and put it on the cross – "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The chief priests said to Pilate, "Do not write 'the King of the Jews', but rather, 'this man said, I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered and said,

"What I have written, I have written." He refused to change it. For him it was indelible.

Recorded in the scriptures, translated into many languages, that notice stands in judgment upon all who had put an innocent man to death. Three days later the empty tomb and the presence of the Lord witnessed to the world that Jesus was indeed Lord and King, not only of the Jews, but of all.

At Easter we see written large everywhere the indelible truth, the Good News of Easter. With all the Church, we can rejoice, praise Him, and sing, THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELULIA!

Reflection:

*Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love'. TIS 347:2*

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April 2018



From our Youth Coordinator - **HANNAH DUNGAN**



"It began with a bubbly blessing..."

On April 22, 2018 I was commissioned as your Youth Coordinator

- a member of the ministry team with the responsibility for enabling school-aged children and youth in their participation in the life of the church, with opportunities for growth in friendship and faith, in accordance with HSUC's vision of embracing all people with Christ's compassion.

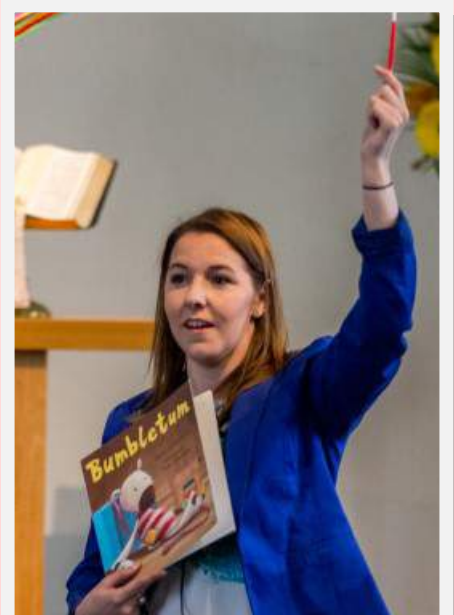
It has been an interesting beginning to ministry at HSUC because, over the last month, the children/youth program has been on break for the school holidays, and David has been on leave. The gift of the Easter break has been that I have had the time and space to catch up with some key leaders, and attend both the 9am and 10.40am services in their entirety which provided a rich time of 'meeting and greeting' you all.

Lots of planning is also happening for what's to come, including term 2's children/youth program, the May Fete activities, and the famous SOMERS camp!

Now far, I just want to say **thank you** for your warm welcome and bubbly blessings! I look forward to getting to know you better.

Peace.

Hannah D



Experience Incredible India



JOIN us for another amazing journey that combines sight-seeing with support for a Woman and Child Mobile Health Clinics program in North India (JBK.)

This 13-day tour takes in majestic New Delhi, golden Amritsar, bejewelled Agra and spiritual Dharamsala. Visiting some breathtaking heritage and natural wonder sites - including the Taj Mahal and Golden Temple - we'll also re-connect with the project organisers and the families we help. You'll also experience responsible travel excursions and meet with Indian people to enable the small travel group (8-12) to explore and reflect on the diversity of Indian culture. Staying in comfortable, authentic, ethical hotels, and travelling in comfort, all needs and abilities are catered for without losing a true immersion in Indian life.

Cost: \$3,980 which includes flights, accommodation, transport, sight-seeing entry fees and most meals. A fundraised donation of \$500+ to the JBK project is also encouraged. Contact us for the full itinerary and pricing (additional travel plans, before or after, can be accommodated) via phone or e-mail below. Please share this information with interested parties.

Dates - Thursday, September 06 - Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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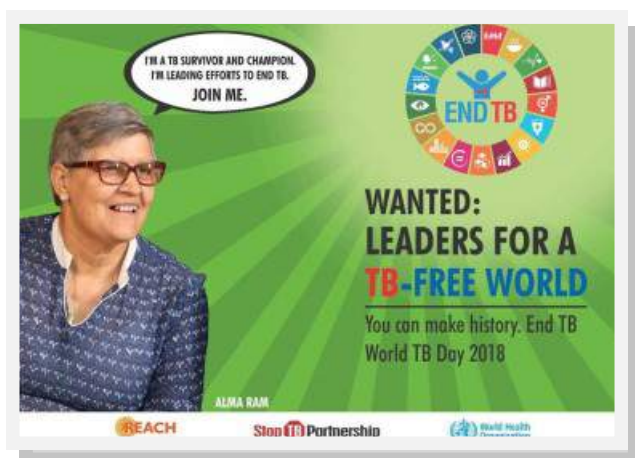
Creative Journeys
North India



North India JBK project and Dr Alma Ram Update

Alma met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi! She said: "He was talking to us - TB survivors (Alma survived TB). People will now get 500 rupees per month for nutrition when recuperating.

Reporters came from a Parisian news network and filmed Alma and the JBK widows and single women. click on <https://vimeo.com/259299993> (password: single - Alma's section comes in at around the 3 minute mark. It's very good!)



Project progress:

- Now the JBK is working in the fifth village - for the gender equality work and conducting accurate census and birthrate/mortality survey.
- On International Women's Day - widows and singles protested to local MLA (Member Legislative Assembly) for widows pensions - as a result increased to 750 rupees per month. (Up from 250; established in 2013)
- Knitting progress - income coming in from the sale of knitted bed socks and Wish Washers etc. Sale of one pair or cloth provides food for a widow for one day. Alma gave me 40 dishcloths and 130 slippers to sell in Australia. Let me know if you can help with purchases or sales.
- Village of Tarn Taran - birthrates are now equal! However, mortality under age 5 - 33% girls, 10% boys.

- Friendly family planning seminars - going to women one month, then men next month.
- Nano micro-credit program - widows and single women have been saving 10 rupees a month. Can take it out if need it, but encouraging them to save.
- Sewing machines being used by widows and singles - Two women the JBK has helped have set up a shop each with convenience items. One can't read or write. Visits to their shops are being added to India Tour 2018 itinerary (see attached poster/flier. Full tour itinerary available on request.)

Blessings to all





High Street Uniting Church

is delighted to invite you to a special musical event!

On the afternoon of Saturday 2 June, we will be uplifted to the glorious strains of the historic 106 year old Aeolian organ, which once graced the Manyung mansion, being played after its recent restoration.

The program will include some exquisite organ gems from the classical and romantic repertoire, as well as some well-known hymns for those who care to exercise their own vocal chords. We are excited to have secured the services of a world-class young organist, Lachlan Redd, who grew up and was educated on the Mornington Peninsula.

A light afternoon tea will follow the recital. Payment will be taken at the door on the day (cash only please).

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

June 2nd, 2018 | 2PM
16 - 18 High Street, Frankston
Tickets at \$10
Concession \$5



Lachlan Redd, who grew up and was educated in Mt Eliza, graduated from the Manhattan School of Music in New York, with a Masters degree in piano performance.

He was a scholarship holder and recipient of the Queen's Trust for Young Australians.

He completed his Bachelor of Music Degree with First Class Honours and was awarded the University medal from the Australian National University. In 1995 Lachlan won First Prize in the Fourth International Youth Music Festival "Virtuosi of the year 2000" in St Petersburg. He was a finalist in the inaugural ABC TV Quest Competition (1995) and the following year won the national Keyboard Finals of the ABC Young Performer of the Year Awards. He has appeared as a recitalist and concerto artist for the ABC on simulcasts on ABC TV and Classic FM and as a soloist with the Melbourne, Adelaide, Tasmanian and Queensland Philharmonic and Symphony orchestras. In 2004 Lachlan was appointed Assistant Organist at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne and was appointed Sub-Organist in that church in 2014.



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COMMUNITY AT WORK

Brian Lee

Every year, our church organises Christmas hampers for families of people in prison. Many of them come from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. Nearly all have young children. Our church has run the Christmas hampers for more than 20 years. It is a great way for families in our congregations to shop together and make a difference. The kids in particular have fun choosing their favourite snacks for the hampers. It's also a valuable lesson for them to remember there are children in the community who are not as lucky as they are. We always have a Christmas hamper service in early December

where all the hampers are gathered together in the back of the church. After the service, the younger members of the congregation help carry the hampers over to the truck. Some of the hampers are quite heavy, so the elderly members watch on and provide words of encouragement. The hospitality team brings out tea and coffee for the volunteers, as well as icypoles and hot cross buns for the kids. There is a real community spirit, which is made all the more rewarding by the knowledge that we have contributed, in a small way, to making Christmas a little brighter for those doing it tough during the festive season.

Reflection:

Let us not be quick to judge those who are in prison for whatever reason. Instead, let us open our hearts with love and generosity to all of God's children.

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April 2018

Treasury Report

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA - HIGH STREET CONGREGATION

Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 3 Months to 31st March 2018

INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		35500		32086
Rental Income - High St & Manse		13750		14021
Donations		750		0
Donations: Children's Outreach		250		120
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		1250		768
Goods and Services Tax				1901
Fete				
Interest - Cash Management Account		500		572
GST Reimbursement MBA		750		0
Atkinson Foundation Income		1000		1613
Guest Foundation Income		1500		1980
Bomar Grant		16000		15999
Transfer from Wesley Lease		6675		5279
TOTAL INCOME		77925		74339
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		42500		44295
Administration Costs		11250		9972
Planned Giving Expenses				
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	100		140	
Cleaning/Maintenance	6675		5280	
Rates: Council/Water	1325		1220	
Gas/Electricity	2150	10250	1245	7885
Insurance				
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		250		22
Organ/Choir/Copyright		500		350
Goods and Services Tax				1359
Miscellaneous		2500		2434
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		67250		66317
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	7800		7803	
FHS Chaplaincy	1000		0	
Tom Sutherland	125		0	
Community Support	375	9300	1000	8803
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		76550		75120

MAY DIARY

SUNDAY 29 APRIL	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship Operation Larder: Block of Cheese Club
Monday 30	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers - Church
Tuesday 1 MAY	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Safeway Cranbourne 7:30pm Church Council Meeting – Chapel
Wednesday 2	10:00am Bible Study (church) 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 3	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Shops in Franciscan Avenue
Friday 4	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall ALL DAY - FETE SETUP
Saturday 5	8:30am –1:00pm May Fete
SUNDAY 6	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship COMMUNION SUNDAY
Monday 7	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church 7:30pm LEGS Guest Speakers: Chris & Alison – Russia
Tuesday 8	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – St Thomas' North Rd Langwarrin
Wednesday 9	10:00am Bible Study 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 10	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Frankston Pier 2:00pm Amitie – Green Room
Friday 11	9:15am HSUC Playgroup- Back Hall
SUNDAY 13	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship COMMUNITY FOCUS: Eating Disorders 5:00pm OPEN Café
Monday 14	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 15	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – The Lemon Tree, Ashleigh Ave Karingal 12:00pm Retired Ministers Lunch 1:00pm Elders Meeting – Blue Room
Wednesday 15	10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 10:00am Bible Study 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church

May Diary Cont....

Thursday 17	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Baxter Safeway 1:45pm Mission Guild – Blue Room 7:30PM COG- Hannah's Office
Friday 18	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
Saturday 19	12:30 Shared Lunch – Venue TBA 6:30 CHAOS – @ Mathews Residence
SUNDAY 20	10:00am COMBINED SERVICE – PENTECOST SUNDAY
Monday 21	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 22	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Dame Elisabeth Arboretum Edwards St Langwarrin
Wednesday 23	10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 24	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Lifesaving Club Frankston
Friday 25	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
Saturday 26	8:30am – Saturday Walkie Talkies –Lelley's in Hasting
SUNDAY 27	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship Operation Larder: Block Of Cheese Club
Monday 28	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers – Church
Tuesday 29	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Lloyd Park Langwarrin
Wednesday 30	10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Voices of Frankston – Hall 12:00PM Community BBQ – Front Verandah 3:30PM Church Choir – Church
Thursday 31	8:30 am Walkie Talkies – Hastings Pier
Friday 1 JUNE	9:15am HSUC Playgroup – Back Hall
SUNDAY 3 JUNE	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY: North India

MAY ROSTERS

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<u>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</u>						
<u>MONTH</u>		<u>DUTY ELDERS</u>		<u>COMMUNION SET UP</u>		<u>COMMUNION HELPERS</u>
May		John Coulson Dawn Peacock		Rona Russell Elaine Kenyon		Jill Cayzer Stanley Zhungu
DATES	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	
STEWARDS	Jennie Johnson Mick Johnson	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	
MORNING TEA	Edna Runciman Ali Vagenas Elaine Kenyon Marlene Thresher	Dorothy Bucher Effie Tilley Brian Golby Molly Maughan	Jill Cayzer Jess Williams Barbara Trewartha Marion Day	Marilyn Sheerin Stanley Zhungu Viola Zhungu Rona Russell	Graeme Horsburgh Jenny Horsburgh Margaret Snyder Virgil Snyder	
DATA PROJECTOR	Karin	Karin	Diana	Diana	Murray	
BIBLE READER	Marg Shilton	Jill Cayzer	Rod Caruthers	Howard Kerr	Marlene Thresher	
FLOWERS	Beryl & Marg	Fay Loader	Fay Loader	Beryl Curnow	Beryl Curnow	
<u>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</u>						
DATES	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	
Steward	Kate	Howard	Howard	Ley	Ley	
Welcomer	Jackie	Andi	Andi	Patti	Patti	
Hospitality	Arthur & Ruth	Arthur & Ruth	Lindy & Joy	Marilyn & Santhira	Marilyn & Santhira	