



HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 5 August, 2018

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



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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

David Russell, Ross McKenzie, Audrey La Brooy,
Eric McNally, Gwen Taylor, Max Fowler, Fay
Dungey, Audrey Smith, Julie Holmes, Naomi
Briggs, Howard & Andy Kerr, Fiona Jones;
Rosemary, Marlene and Fred on the death of Rosemary's sister
Joan; the family of Ted Porter.



Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for Ormond congregation and Rev Andrew Boyle.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting on Tuesday night, 7 August, at 7:30 in the Chapel. Any reports please submit to the office by 9am Tuesday 7th August.

Ted Porter, a long time faithful member of the congregation alongside his late wife Joyce, has died. We give thanks for his life and witness and pray for his family at this time. A service will be held at Baxter Village, details to be announced.

PRESBYTERY NEWSBEAT. Copies of the latest edition of Newsbeat will be available in the foyer, or follow the link under NEWS on our website, www.frankstonuniting.org.au

Joan, the sister of Rosemary De Silva, passed away this week; a funeral for her will be held at the Uniting Church in Chelsea on Monday.

Dignity not Destitution: Changes to Support Services for People Seeking Asylum. Up to 12,000 people are going to have basic financial supports removed over the next year. The Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce is encouraging people to respond to this issue. Brochures with information about how we can respond is available in the foyer.

Dear friends,

I will be missing from among you for the next few weeks. I am having a bone fusion in right foot surgery next Wednesday in pursuit of less painful walking. Like David I will be unable to drive for 6 weeks!!!! So I will be thinking of you, I will be using the phone to stay in contact, and will look forward to returning with a spring in my step, asap. God Bless,
Your Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Brenda

WANTED - EGG CARTONS

Frankston Community Support are in urgent need of egg cartons. If you have any you could donate please leave at the church office or drop them off directly at the support unit at 35 Beach Street, Frankston. Thank you in advance.

Traditional worship

5 August 2018, 9:00am

Gathering With Praise

Introit: **Seek ye first the kingdom of God (TiS 745 vv.1-2)**

Call to worship

We sing: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation (TiS 111, vv. 1,2,3,5)**

Prayers of adoration and confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

We sing: **Doxology**

Listening for God's Word

Bible reading: **Ruth 2:14 – 3:18; Matthew 7: 7-11**

Sermon

Beginning our Response

We sing: **Just as I am (TiS 584)**

Please remain seated until the last verse.

Notices and Sharing

Prayers of the people

Being Nourished for the Journey

Invitation to Holy Communion

Passing the peace

We sing: **Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us (TiS 526)**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing Holy Communion

Prayer after communion

Being Sent Out with Blessing

We sing: **Shout for joy, the Lord has let us feast (TiS 545)**

Blessing

We sing: **Worship, honour, glory, blessing (TiS 772)**

Contemporary worship

5 August 2018, 10:40am

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

We sing: **Wellsprings** (Don Stewart)
This is the day (anon)

Call to worship (responsive)

We sing: **All are welcome** (Haugen)

Prayer

Welcome and notices

ENTERING THE STORY

A prayer by Russell Hawkins

Listening for the story: **Ruth 2:14 – 3:18**

Sermon

An offering is received while we sing:

Lord, I come to you (Bullock)

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

As we pray, the song "**Sweet Surrender**" by Luke Parker will be played

BREAKING BREAD – HOLY COMMUNION

Passing the peace

Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

Prayer

We sing: **Cornerstone**

BLESSING

Blessing

We sing: **When you walk from here**

This Week's Diary...

SUNDAY 5	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY: Voices of Frankston 5:00pm Open Café Conversation Group
MONDAY 6	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers 7:30pm LEGS, Blue Room
TUESDAY 7	8:30am Walkie Talkies - St Thomas' Langwarrin 11:30am Tuesday Communion, Church 7:30pm - Church Council, Chapel
WEDNESDAY 8	10:00am Bible Study, Chapel 10:30am Voices of Frankston, Church & Hall 12:00pm Community BBQ, Front Verandah 3:30am Church Choir Practice, Church
THURSDAY 9	8:30am Walkie Talkies - Mile Bridge Frankston
FRIDAY 10	9:15am HSUC Playgroup, Back Hall
SUNDAY 12	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship

‘With Love to the World’ Bible study guides

Please note the latest edition is ready for collection in the foyer. Extra Copies available for \$5.00.



ROSTERS FOR WORSHIP

5 August 2018

Traditional

Elder: Ben Fowler, Stanley Zhungu
Steward: Rona Russell, Heather Rawson
Morning Tea: Margaret & Virgil Snyder, Brian Golby, Sue Baker
Data Projector: Diana
Bible Reading: Dawn Peacock
Flowers: Edna Reeves

Contemporary

Steward: Howard
Welcomer: Andi
Hospitality: Barb & Santhira

12 August 2018

Traditional

Elder: Bev Fowler, Stanley Zhungu
Steward: Rona Russell, Heather Rawson
Morning Tea: Mac & Ann Cleland, Barbara Trewartha, Jess Williams
Data Projector: Murray
Bible Reading: Erica Hutchinson
Flowers: Chris Johnson

Contemporary

Steward: Santhira
Welcomer: Patti
Hospitality: Howard & Andy

Baptism

Next Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Quinn Moorhouse, daughter of Melanie and Mark, at the 10.40 service.



THE BACK PAGE

Providence and initiative

Today we continue our reading of the story of Ruth into the third chapter. The story so far is that Ruth, “a foreigner” from the country of Moab, travelled with her mother-in-law to her late husband’s country, Israel. As a childless widow, with no secure means of support, she did not know what would await her.

It is said that “a coincidence is a miracle in which God prefers to remain anonymous”. Ruth went into a field to glean the remains of the barley after the reapers had been through, and it turned out that the field belonged to a relative of her last husband, Boaz. Boaz was a faithful man, who recognised Ruth’s faithfulness in coming with her mother-in-law into the land. He ensured that his workers would not harass Ruth, making sure that she was able to glean effectively.

Another well-known saying is “God helps those who help themselves.” That is not a Biblical saying, though, suggesting as it does that people should act first and then God will help. Rather, in stories like this we find that God has first been at work, “anonymously” we might say, and it is a matter of God’s faithful people seeing and grasping that. There are opportunities provided for faithful responses and initiatives.

There are still plenty of uncertainties, and no promises yet of how this will all turn out. Nevertheless, in the lives of these faithful people, hope emerges by the grace of God.

Where do we see God making opportunities, or providing those “coincidences” in which new possibilities emerge? What faithful responses are invited from us?

God’s peace,

David