



HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 9 September, 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:

Please pray for David Russell, Ross McKenzie, Audrey La Brooy, Eric McNally, Gwen Taylor, Fay Dungey, Audrey Smith, Naomi Briggs, Howard & Andy Kerr, Fiona Jones, and the family of Mavis Haynes.



Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for South Casey Mission Area (Cranbourne & Hampton Park congregations) and Without Minister, (Supply Rev Ineke Gyles); Rev (Deacon) Mat Harry.

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.

Community Breakfasts

Community breakfasts are coming back! The aim is to start on 1 October, initially from Monday to Thursday, at Chisolm TAFE. Four volunteers will be required each morning, all of whom will need to complete some familiarization and training. The set-up at the TAFE should work well for the purpose. This is wonderful news after a long break. Trudy Poole is coordinating preparations; her phone number can be provided to those interested in helping, either with the committee or as a volunteer.

Wednesday Night Cell Group:

Meets this Wednesday night (12th September) at Kay and Murray's home at 5 Marillac Court at 8pm. New Study: Refreshed by Grace, Study 1.

CHAOS

22 September, 2018

6:30pm

Please bring your favourite rice or pasta dish, or a desert if you prefer.

@ The Freeland's Residence
127 Aquarius Drive, Frankston

SHARED LUNCH

15th September, 2018

12:00pm

@ The Burdett's residence

5 Marillac Ct. Frankston

RSVP - Phone 9789 0186

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Enid Churcher a happy 90th Birthday for Saturday 8th September, we hope it was a wonderful day!!



A Thanksgiving Service celebrating the life of
MAVIS EVA HAYNES (née Burge),
5 January 1924 to 4 September 2018,
late of St. John's Retirement Village, Somerville,
will be held at High Street Uniting Church,
16 – 18 High Street Frankston
on Tuesday 11 September, 2018 at 1:00 pm
followed by Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall.

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

Traditional worship
9 September 2018, 9:00am

Gathering with praise

Introit: **O worship the King, all glorious above**
(TiS 133 vv.1,5)

Call to worship

We sing: **In the cross of Christ I glory** (TiS 349)

Prayer

Passing the peace

We sing: **All the sleepy should have a place to sleep**
(TiS 697) (seated)

Listening for God's word

Bible reading: **Genesis 39: 1-23**

Anthem: **Lord, lighten our darkness**

Responsive Psalm: **From Psalm 37**

Gospel reading: **Matthew 5: 11-12**

We sing: **Jesus Christ is waiting** (TiS 665)

Sermon

Beginning our response

We sing: **When I needed a neighbour** (TiS 629)
While we sing, the offering will be received

Dedication of the offering

Notices and sharing

Offering our prayers

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer

Going out with blessing

We sing: **Have faith in God my heart** (TiS 619)

Blessing

We sing: **Make me a channel of your peace**
(TiS 607, v1, chorus, v3)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9 September 2018 10:40am - Including Baptism

GATHER

In the presence of your people

Come sing praises

Greetings and notices

Call to worship

CELEBRATE

Father welcomes all his children

Baptism of Malia Price

NCYC Blessing

Promises

Passing the peace

Shout to the Lord

HEAR

Psalm 37 (responsive)

Introduction to the reading

Genesis 39: 1-23

Our God is a God of Justice

Reflection

RESPOND

Offering

When I needed a neighbor were you there?

Praying for the world, community, ourselves and others with the song "Understanding through you, Lord" on video.

BLESS

Faith, hope and love

Blessing

A candle for Malia

Peace will be with you

This Week's Diary...

SUNDAY 9	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship
MONDAY 10	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers
TUESDAY 11	8:30am Walkie Talkies - Seaford Life Saving Club
THURSDAY 13	8:30am Walkie Talkies - 35 Sanders Rd Frankston Sth
FRIDAY 14	9:15am HSUC Playgroup, Back Hall
SATURDAY 15	12:00pm Shared Lunch 6:30pm Chaos
SUNDAY 16	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:40am Contemporary Worship 5:00pm Open Café Conversation Group

Ministry Team Movements:

Update from Brenda, she is now back in her unit, though not traveling far, and appreciates all of the cards and messages she's received (and apologises that she couldn't make out the details of all of them on her answering machine). Brenda will still be on leave this month while her foot continues to heal after her surgery. We send her our prayers during this time.

ROSTERS FOR WORSHIP

9 September 2018

Bible Reading: Genesis 39:1-23, Matthew 5:11-12

Traditional

Elder: Erica Hutchinson, Marg Shilton

Steward: Maureen Beems, Roy Geisman

Morning Tea: Vilma Labrooy, Kay Burdett, Pat Johnson, Rona Russell

Data Projector: Tawanda

Bible Reading: Rona Russell

Flowers: Beryl & Marg

Contemporary

Steward: Kate

Welcomer: Jackie

Hospitality: Lindy & Valmai

16 September 2018

Traditional

Elder: Erica Hutchinson, Marg Shilton

Steward: Maureen Beems, Roy Geisman

Morning Tea: Dorothy Bucher, Effie Tilley, Ron & Eileen Carolus

Data Projector: Tawanda

Bible Reading: Edith Seller

Flowers: Beryl Curnow

Contemporary

Steward: Kate

Welcomer: Jackie

Hospitality: Howard & Andi

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In the midst of messy lives

Today's reading jumps several generations forward in the story of Abraham's descendants. Some of what we skip over includes:

Abraham remains childless for some time. At his wife Sarah's prompting, he has a child by Hagar. Sarah laughs at the idea of childbearing at her age, but at God's promise, she too has a child. The strife between the women leads to their separation and the separation of the children Isaac and Ishmael, but God promises care for all.

Isaac marries Rebekah, and they have twins, Jacob and Esau. Both have quite different characters, and Jacob (known as the deceiver) steals Esau's birthright. Jacob is deceived himself and ends up marrying both Leah and Rachel. He wrestles with an angel (or God?) at Peniel, and is renamed "Israel", which means something like "the one who strives with God". The twelve tribes of Israel are descended from the children of Jacob.

Among Jacob's children, Rachel's youngest son Joseph becomes a favourite. His siblings are upset by what they see as his arrogance, and have him sold off to the Ishmaelites and carried away to Egypt, telling their father that he's been killed. However, Joseph survives and finds himself a slave in the household of an officer of Pharaoh. Today's story picks up from there – because he finds himself accused over something that he didn't do.

This huge stretch of the book of Genesis reads like a soap-opera. There are further twists in the plot that follows, but today's story is another extraordinary sample of the rollercoaster of faith and deceit, strife and blessing that mark the entire story of God and humanity.

Does your life ever feel like a soap opera?

Do you know that mixture of faith and deceit, strife and blessing?

Can you recognise, in these stories, that God is right here amongst it?

God's peace,
David