



# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 18 November, 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, Audrey La Brooy, Eric McNally, Gwen Taylor, Audrey Smith, Naomi Briggs, Fiona Jones and James Mathews.

Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for Westernport Parish - Hastings, Balnarring, Crib Point congregations and Rev Fiona Morrison.

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

## Animal blessing – Next week!

Sunday 25 November – bring your pets, companion animals, assistance animals, or other animals in your care for blessing! We will have a blessing of the animals in the hall (or the courtyard) for the Contemporary Service (10:40am). If you don't have a pet and would like to bring a stuffed toy, for which we can also give thanks, do so by all means; or bring a photo of your animal if they can't come on the day.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!**

**SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
AT 10:40AM**

**BRING YOUR PETS, YOUR  
ASSISTANCE ANIMALS OR  
PHOTOS (IF YOU CAN'T  
BRING YOUR PET)**

(Thanksgiving offered  
for soft toys too)

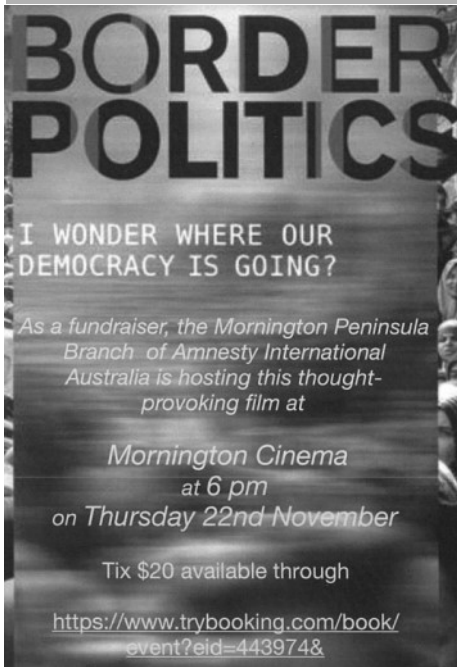
## Advent Devotions

*Emmanuel: God is with us.* Ann Siddall has written a series of short daily reflections for the four weeks of Advent. Each week there are reflections for each of five days, plus some questions for the weekend to “gather the threads” of the week’s experience. While it is not compulsory, devotions are also structured so that a small group can meet around their experiences twice during the Advent season.

Please write your name on the list in the foyer (or phone Jacqui in the office) if you would like to get a copy of the devotional booklet (\$10). We plan to have them available for collection on 25 November, with the encouragement to spend 5 or 10 minutes each morning on the devotions for the four weeks before Christmas.

For those who would like to join in small group reflections, we will gather on Wednesday 5 December and Wednesday 19 December, at 10:00 in the church.

- David Fotheringham



**BORDER POLITICS**

I WONDER WHERE OUR DEMOCRACY IS GOING?

*As a fundraiser, the Mornington Peninsula Branch of Amnesty International Australia is hosting this thought-provoking film at*

*Mornington Cinema  
at 6 pm  
on Thursday 22nd November*

Tix \$20 available through

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=443974&>

Happy 80th Birthday to

ROD CARUTHERS

*We all hope you have a great day!*

### **BEL CANTO CHOIR**

presents “Christmas Readings and Carols”

Sunday 2nd December @ 2:30pm

The Village Uniting Church

93 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza

Admission: \$25 Adult/\$20 Concession (Seniors, Students)

Primary School Students no charge

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/328289> or  
phone: 9787 5383

[www.thebelcantochoirmteliza.wordpress.com](http://www.thebelcantochoirmteliza.wordpress.com)

### Frankston Interfaith Network - Tours to places of Worship “**rites of passage**”

Come along for a guided tour of Springvale cemetery where we’ll learn more about the beliefs, rites and practices of different religious (and non-religious) groups. A fascinating and uplifting day.

**Date:** Thursday 22 November 2018 **Time:** 9:45am - 2:30pm

**Meet:** Frankston Visitors Information Centre

**Cost:** \$10 Ticketing ph. 1300 322 842 or [www.visitfrankston.com](http://www.visitfrankston.com)

# Traditional worship

## 18 November 2018, 9:00am

### Pre-service singing

**Dear Father, Lord of Humankind** (TiS 598, vv. 1,4)  
**How great thou art** (TiS 155, vv.1,4)  
**Go now in peace** (TiS 782)

### Gathering with praise

Introit: **Gather us in** (TiS 474 v.1)  
Call to worship  
We sing: **Holy, holy, holy** (TiS 132)  
Prayer  
Passing the peace

### Listening for God's word

Bible reading: **Isaiah 36: 1-3, 13-20; 37: 1-7 then Isaiah 2: 1-4**

Response to the reading:

O house of God, come,

**let us walk in the light of the LORD** (*Isaiah 2:5*)

We sing: **O God of every nation** (TiS 621; tune 339)

Bible reading: **Matthew 5: 14-15**

Response to the reading:

O house of God, come,

**let us walk in the light of the LORD** (*Isaiah 2:5*)

Sermon

### Responding in sharing and prayer

We sing: **Community of Christ** (TiS 473)  
While we sing, the offering will be received

Dedication prayer

Anthem: **You raise me up**

Prayers for the world

Notices and sharing

### Going out with blessing

We sing: **Holy Spirit go before us** (TiS 420)

Blessing

We sing: **Go now in peace** (TiS 782)

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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### GATHER

Song Shout to the Lord  
Song Seek Ye First  
Call to worship  
Passing the Peace  
Song Christ be our Light

### LISTEN

Story *Secret Twitcher*  
Song Shine Jesus Shine  
All Age Prayer  
  
Bible Readings Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7, then 2:1-4  
Matthew 5:14-15  
Reflection

### RESPOND

Offering Song Examine my heart  
Prayer of Dedication  
Change the Rumour  
Prayers for Others & Ourselves

### SHARE

Song What's it all depend upon  
Holy Communion  
Song A New Commandment

### BLESS

Blessing  
Song Thuma Mina

# This Week's Diary...

<b>SUNDAY 18</b>	<b>9:00am Traditional Worship</b> <b>10:40am Contemporary Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY 19</b>	8:30am Larder 4:00pm Showbiz Singers
<b>TUESDAY 20</b>	8:30am Walkie Talkies, Seaford Life Saving Club
<b>WEDNESDAY 21</b>	10:30am Voices of Frankston, Church & Hall 12:00pm Community BBQ, Front Verandah 3:30am Church Choir Practice, Church
<b>THURSDAY 22</b>	8:30am Walkie Talkies , 35 Sanders Rd Frankston South
<b>FRIDAY 23</b>	9:15am HSUC Playgroup, Back Hall
<b>SATURDAY 24</b>	Festival of Lights, Frankston
<b>SUNDAY 25</b>	<b>9:00am Traditional Worship</b> <b>10:40am Contemporary Worship</b> <b>3:30pm Power Youth Group, Art Attack</b> <b>5:00pm Open Café Conversation Group</b> <b>Larder Appeal: Block of Cheese</b>

## LEGS "Garden Party"

**Date:** 2nd December **Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Where:** 59 Scott's Lane Frankston South (Arthur and Ruth Poole's place)

**Cost:** \$10 admission includes tea, coffee and scones with jam and cream, musical entertainment and the opportunity to wander around the grounds.

Proceeds will go to Frontier Services

### **Wednesday Night Cell Group:**

Meets this Wednesday night (21<sup>st</sup> November) at Kay and Murray's home at 5 Marillac Court at 8pm. Advent study: Unwrapping Joy: Study 1

### U3A Frankston Choir

#### End of Year Concert

Thursday Dec 6th

10am-12noon, including morning tea.

@ HSUC - no bookings needed.  
Donations taken at the door.

# ROSTERS FOR WORSHIP

**November 18, 2018**

**Bible Reading:** Isaiah 36: 1-3,13-20; 37:1-7;2:1-4 (Mt 5:14)

## Traditional

**Elders:** Rona Russell, Dawn Peacock

**Steward:** Daryl Groves, Shirley Groves

**Morning Tea:** Bev Fowler, Marilyn Sherrin, Ron & Eileen Carolus

**Data Projector:** Tawanda

**Bible Reading:** Alan Mathews

**Flowers:** Marion Coulson

## Contemporary

**Steward:** Joy

**Welcomer:** Santhira

**Hospitality:** Howard & Andi

**November 25, 2018**

**Bible Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11 (Mt 21:12-13)

## Traditional

**Elders:** Rona Russell, Dawn Peacock

**Steward:** Daryl Groves, Shirley Groves

**Morning Tea:** Dorothy Bucher, Vilma Labrooy, Michael & Jen Johnson

**Data Projector:** Tawanda

**Bible Reading:** Bev Fowler

**Flowers:** Fay Loader

## Contemporary

**Steward:** Marilyn

**Welcomer:** Lindy

**Hospitality:** Barb & Santhira

## Fake news and Faith

The readings set for today by the Narrative Lectionary are very unusual. Even though a large part of the Hebrew Scriptures cover the ups and downs of the kings in Israel and Judah (into which the kingdom split after the death of King Solomon), we don't tend to have passages from the politics of that period to preach on!

Isaiah 36 and 37 are actually copied over from 2 Kings 18:13 – 19:37, albeit omitting the part about Judah's King Hezekiah making a very large payment to the threatening King Sennacherib of Assyria. In the eighth century before Christ, Assyria was in the ascendancy, and at this time had just overthrown the northern kingdom, Israel. The prophet Isaiah, who was responsible for the first 39 chapters of the book of Isaiah, was active around Jerusalem (in Judah). (The later chapters, consistent with Isaiah's school of faith and thought, are from the exile and thereafter around 150 years later).

In today's passage "the Rabshakeh" (some kind of general) from Assyria sends out a tweet to the population of Jerusalem saying "Assyria knocks over everyone. No other god has beaten us. GIVE UP NOW". He then tweets, "Don't trust HEZEKIAH when he says 'God will protect us!'" It's a world of propaganda. Isaiah urges Hezekiah not to bite - not to try to rebel against Assyria though an allegiance with the declining power, Egypt, but to trust that God does indeed have all things under control even if they do end up dominated by the Assyrians. He also says that Sennacherib's days are numbered, and that Sennacherib would go home on the basis of other unreliable news and end up being killed there. (He indeed is killed in Ninevah, the 'great city' of Assyria to which the prophet Jonah was so reluctant to go).

Isaiah proclaims faith and hope which is not naïve (acknowledging "we may be dominated by Assyria") but which is nevertheless confident ("the day will come when the peace we know in God will be shared") – hence the lectionary gives us Isaiah 2:1-4 to read today as well.

God's peace, David



### BLOCK OF CHEESE CLUB

Reminder....Next Sunday November 25th, 2018. Please don't forget to bring a block of cheese to support Operation Larder's Block of cheese club.