



HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 17th February 2018

Traditional Worship - 9AM

Contemporary Worship - 10:40am

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY *THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT*

EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE *WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION*

CONNECTING YOUNGER GENERATIONS *IN GOD'S LOVE*



MINISTRY TEAM

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CHURCH OFFICE: **Tuesday—Friday, 9am-1pm, ph. 9783 3400**

FOR OUR PRAYERS:



Please pray for David Russell, Audrey La Brooy, Eric McNally, Gwen Taylor, Naomi Briggs, Fiona Jones, Marg Shilton, James Mathews, and Marg Scarlett.

Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for Chadstone congregation, (St. Mark's); Melbourne Fijian Uniting Church; Bayview Homes and all congregations without a minister.

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.

WELCOMING CHURCH WORKSHOP

A workshop on "being a welcoming church" is being held at the Berrick Church of Christ on Sunday 24 Feb, 1:30 – 4:30pm. There are more details on the notice-board. It would be great if a few people from the church, particularly stewards or welcomers, were able to attend and bring back some ideas. Please let David know if you are interested in going. Bookings can be made online at <https://www.trybooking.com/ZYWS>, or phone the church on 9702 1011.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council meeting, will be held this Tuesday 19th February at 7:30pm in the Blue Room, can all reports be submitted to the office no later than 9am Tuesday morning. Thank you



The **FEBRUARY** edition of **CROSSLIGHT** is ready for collection from the foyer. Please note Cross Light is now issued bi-monthly.

For those who expressed interest in a book mentioned by David, during a recent sermon, and would like to access it: '**Dark Emu**' by Bruce Pascoe, and is available at Angus and Robertsons in Frankston, and Farrells in Main Street, Mornington.

EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISER CONCERT

Supporting Individuals.

Families & Fair Trade

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2019

2PM – AFTERNOON TEA INCLUDED

16-18 HIGH ST, FRANKSTON

**Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Concession
& Children over 14**

**Tickets for purchase at High Street Uniting
Church Office or at the door on the day of
the Concert.**

Fair Trade goods will be on sale on the day.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MARCH 2019



SLOVENIA

'Come - Everything is Ready'



FRIDAY MARCH 1ST, 2019

10:30AM - MORNING TEA 11:00AM - SERVICE

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

16-18 HIGH ST, FRANKSTON

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US

All articles for the MARCH edition of the HST needs to be submitted to the church office by 9am this coming Tuesday.

MISSION GUILD

The Mission Guild AGM will be the held in the Blue Room on Thursday the 15TH November 2018 at 1:30pm.

Traditional worship 9:00am 17 February, 2019

Welcome

Introit:

All things praise you

(TiS 148 v.4, to the tune DIX 314)

Call to worship

We sing: **Come O God of all the earth** (TiS 181)

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Passing the peace

Anthem: I believe in miracles

Bible reading: Matthew 13: 24-35

Song: **Your hand, O God, has guided** (TiS 456)

Sermon

We make our offerings

Notices and sharing

We sing: **Praise and thanksgiving** (TiS 627)

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer

We sing: **O for a thousand tongues to sing** (TiS 210)

Blessing

We sing a blessing: **Now unto him**

**Contemporary Worship 10:40am
17 February, 2019**

GATHER

. *This Kingdom*
. *Desert Rain*
. *Gather us in*

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG:.. *A voice is heard*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

HEAR

CHILDREN

BIBLE READING: *Matthew 13: 24-35*

REFLECTION

SONG & OFFERING: *All things bright and Beautiful V1 & 2*

NOTICES & PASSING THE PEACE

SHARE

COMMUNION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

SONG: *Christ be our light*

BLESSING

SONG: *Turn our sadness upside down*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The congregational AGM will be held on Sunday 17th March, between the services. **Members who attend the Contemporary service are encouraged to please come at 10:00 on 17 March, to participate.** We will be receiving reports on the activities around the church, approving a budget, and electing members of Church Council and Elders.

If you have a report to submit for the AGM, please send it to the office by **Tuesday 26th February**, for inclusion in the package of reports (preferably by email to frankstonuc@gmail.com)

The following members of the Church Council are at the end of their current term (and are eligible for re-nomination):

- Ross Huggard
- Keith Holmes
- Alan Jenkins
- Robert Downing

There are a number of vacancies for new Elders, with at least two concluding their service. Nomination forms for both Elders and Church Councillors are available in the foyer. Please fill them in and return to the office by Tuesday 12 March. **Please don't assume that someone else will nominate people.** If you think that someone should be nominated, or re-nominated, for one of these roles, please ask around or put in a form yourself – it doesn't matter if there are more than one (though the person nominated will be able to tell you if they've signed a form already).

This Week's Diary...

MON - 18TH	LARDER - 8.30AM BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8.00PM
TUES - 19TH	WALKIE TALKIES - Baxter Shopping Centre - 8.30AM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Blue Room - 7.30PM
WED - 20TH	VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 9.30AM COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12.00PM CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3.30PM
THUR - 21ST	WALKIE TALKIES - Lloyd Park Langwarrin - 8.30AM MISSION GUILD - Blue Room - 1.30PM
FRI - 22ND	PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9.15AM
SAT - 23RD	EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISER CONCERT - Church - 2.00PM
SUN - 24TH	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9.00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10.40AM POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3.30PM

<u>ROSTERS FOR WORSHIP</u>
Feb 17th, 2019
Bible Reading: Matthew 13:24-43, Psalm 84:1-7
<u>TRADITIONAL SERVICE 9AM</u>
Elders: John Coulson, Bev Fowler Steward: Maureen Beens, Roy Giesemann Morning Tea: Dorothy Bucher, Erica Hutchinson, Marilyn Sheerin, Karin Jooste Data Projector: David Bible Reading: Keith Holmes Flowers: Beryl Curnow
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:40AM
Steward: Howard Welcomer: Andi Hospitality: Arthur & Ruth
Feb 24th, 2019
Bible Reading: Matthew 14:13-33, Psalm 95:1-5
<u>TRADITIONAL SERVICE 9AM</u>
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The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

Today we skip forward a great deal in Matthew's gospel. My guess is that the narrative lectionary suggests that we do this so that during Lent we can get to some of Jesus' "final" teachings in Matthew's gospel, and the events leading up to his crucifixion.

Here's what we miss by skipping forward so much:

In Matthew 8, Jesus heals people over an increasingly wide range, both socially and geographically. In Matthew 9, he confronts directly 'religious' questions about forgiving sin, with increasing confrontations with the Pharisees as he continues his healing ministry. In Matthew 10, he starts sending his disciples out to proclaim the nearness of the kingdom, and bring healing. In chapter 11, he responds to John the Baptist's question about how his ministry of healing, liberation and the proclamation of good news fulfils the prophecies about the awaited Messiah.

In chapter 12, Jesus demonstrates that in the Kingdom of Heaven, doing 'good' takes precedence – it is better to heal on the Sabbath than to leave someone unhealed. Jesus argues that such is the work of the Holy Spirit. Then, with his own mother and brothers looking for him, he looks at those around him and says that his mother and his siblings are "whoever does the will of my Father in heaven".

Today's chapter's images of the Kingdom emerge from that – how do we, Jesus' disciples, find ourselves in the Kingdom of Heaven, and how does the Kingdom impact with the world? He describes the Kingdom with parables including the sower and the seed, the pearl of great price, and the other descriptions that we hear in today's readings.

"Let anyone with ears listen!"

God's peace,
David