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HIGH STREET TIMES



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



High Street Uniting Church, 16-18 High St Frankston
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FOR OUR PRAYERS

For our prayers...

Each month, High Street Times will publish a list of the names of some of the people who are associated with our congregation, but who are not able to attend on Sunday mornings. Some of those listed here come to Tuesday Communion. We do not want to forget any of them; this is one way of keeping them in our prayers. If you or someone you care for would like to be added to this list (or removed from it), please contact Jacqui in the church office.

We pray for: Rosemary de Silva, Leon & Shiela Knoop, Barbara O'Malley, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Glad Thuraisingha, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Trudi Bosscher, Fay Dungey, Jean Frater, Marie de Silva, David Russell, Marg Shilton, Gwen Taylor.

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.



High Street Uniting Church, Frankston
WELCOMES ALL TO

PlayGroup!
FRIDAY MORNINGS
9:15am-11:15am
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

A WELCOMING SPACE FOR BABIES TO PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO SHARE IN PLAY, CRAFT, MUSIC, STORIES & SNACK.

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FROM THE MINISTER.....



Through January and February we have been looking at the first part of Matthew's gospel, beginning with his birth, his family's escape as refugees to Egypt, their return, and Jesus' baptism and the affirmation by God that he is beloved, as God's Son. Then followed his time of preparation through fasting and prayer, during which he resisted the temptations to base his identity on what he did and controlled, how others responded to him, or what security he could have (specifically: making bread from stones, getting angels to catch him, or 'having the world').

The Sermon on the Mount then gave us a series of teachings on which to found our lives – the conclusion of the sermon being that by hearing those words and acting on them we would be like the one who “built their house on the rock”. The Sermon included teaching on how God blesses a very broad range of people who don't necessarily have it all together and who long for justice and peace. Out of the knowledge of that blessing that we are God's beloved, we do more than just follow a bunch of laws: our relationship with others come from our God-founded hearts. Jesus' teaching on prayer and living with discernment but not judgement follows.

In March and April we move towards Lent and Easter, when we are confronted by the reality of sin and the rejection of Jesus. During Lent, I plan to offer time for people to experience silent prayer, in the company of others. I am planning for a silent prayer time at 10:00am on Friday mornings in the chapel, from Friday 8 March until Easter. Along with a Bible reading, this will involve 20 minutes of silence. This can be quite confronting, and it will be OK to come and go during that time, but as much as you are able it is an opportunity to simply come and focus on being before God, in all of God's love, in the company of others.

I'm glad to be getting some feedback already about service times, following the discussion paper that was circulated in last month's High Street Times. We plan to bring two options to the AGM on 17 March at 10:00am. The Uniting Church uses a consensus decision making process, rather than “voting” as such, which means that we try to listen to each other, hear various people's concerns, and then try together to discern the best way forward. When a particular proposal is put, if a majority are positive about it but a few people are opposed, those people have the opportunity to make sure that their views have been heard, which may lead to a revision and a re-testing of the proposal. If we aren't able to come to consensus, those with the minority view can be asked if they feel heard, and whether they are prepared to agree that the majority view prevail without recording the decision as consensus. If that agreement cannot be made, then if a decision is required we can move to a formal majority process as a “last resort”. My hope is that we will listen well to each other and come to consensus about what will be best for the accessibility of the church for all who want to participate in worship.

God's peace,

David

END OF AN ERA for SHOWBIZ



Elaine very generously opened her home to allow us to share a farewell afternoon tea. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. As Showbiz singers we were privileged to be able to sing at the local nursing homes. Together we shared fellowship, Christian love, friendship, and a lot of fun. Showbiz was started by Neil Shilton many years ago and then for 10 years was taken over by Elaine.

We owe a huge thank you to Elaine for her leadership, her hard work and her encouragement. It might be the end of an era, but our friendships will go on, along with our continued prayers for Marg.





Sharing about Pancake day and Lent with kids:

Lent is the 40 days before Easter. In case you try and count the days, take note that the 40 days doesn't include Sundays. It is a great time to talk with your children about the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, getting ready for his ministry. Traditionally, it is regarded as a time of denial (hence why there's a the tradition of 'giving something up' for Lent) and repentance. It can help children to understand more about the purpose of Lent if you also talk in terms of it being a time of 'getting ready'. We are getting ready to celebrate the great festival of Easter, just as Advent is a time of 'getting ready' to celebrate Christmas. The story of Jesus in the wilderness can be found in Matthew chapter 4, verses 1 to 11.

Shrove Tuesday

The day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday, commonly known as "Pancake Day". *Shrove* means pronounced forgiven for sins. Many years ago, people would go to church to be *shriven*, on the day before Lent starts, to

confess their sins and receive forgiveness. Because Lent would be a time of fasting or meagre eating, pancakes were a means of using up all fine flour, eggs and milk in the house, in preparation.

Here's some *Food for thought*:

When something *important* is about to happen, you need time to get ready.

The events of Good Friday and Easter are so *important*, that the Church has decided it needs six weeks to get ready!

People get ready in different ways.

The church often uses purple as the colour for getting ready.

Some people decide to spend more time listening to God in prayer.

Some people decide to give up something they normally like doing - like eating sweets or watching TV - so they can remember that God's gift of Easter is the most important thing ever.

Some people use the time to think more carefully about the stories of Jesus as he travelled towards Jerusalem and all that is going to happen at Easter time.

Some people use this time to do something extra for others who are in need, such as going without a meal and giving the money saved to a special cause instead.

The events of Good Friday and Easter are the core foundations of part of what people of Christian faith believe and are so mysterious that people set aside time every year to try and understand more about it and be ready for it.

Hannah Dungan - Youth Coordinator

Lenten Silence

An experiment...

Are we able to give up words and noise
for twenty minutes a week,
to join together
in silence
before God?

Might God draw us closer
without our words?

Fridays during Lent
10:00 in the chapel

Come when you can,
go as you need



8 March – Matthew 4: 1-11
15 March – Matthew 5: 1-12
22 March – Matthew 21: 28-44
29 March – Matthew 24: 3-14, 45-46
5 April – Matthew 25: 31-46
12 April – Matthew 26: 1-13

Pastoral Care

A final word as I cease the role of Pastoral worker.

Firstly, let me say how sorry I am to be unable to complete my 2 year contract as Pastoral worker at HSUC. I didn't make this decision lightly, and I hate it being for health reasons.

I have enjoyed the role, and it worked pretty well I think, because of good levels of communications and sharing most of the time.

One of the challenges is trying to work out who to visit and when..

Referrals/suggestions from David, information from Marlene and other Elders and carers, and chatting after the service on Sundays, all made this pretty easy, I always had more than there was time to fit in. I gave priority all who had stints in hospital, along with follow-up where appropriate. I tried to visit/meet with all the carers during the year, individually and collectively in the hope of supporting them.

Keeping in touch with those who had moved away from their homes and into Aged Care facilities was important, but a more difficult part of the role, because I was seeing a mere shadow of what that person had been to the church community. People who had lost loved ones was another priority of course and there sadly, there were too many of these.

I have enjoyed so much of the visiting and getting to know people, and remind you again, I'm still going to be around as a member of the community, as a retired minister, a friend, and helper at Tuesday Communion. I enjoy meeting people for coffee, and will still do that, the only difference, you ask me when you'd like a catch up!.

I'm pleased that Arthur will be taking on the role, he's rather well experienced! Big thankyou to David for being an excellent colleague and minister,

God Bless, Brenda



Introducing Rev Arthur Poole

I am delighted to be part of the ministry team at High Street Uniting, and will seek to continue the much appreciated pastoral visiting of my colleague Brenda. I have shared in ministry before with Brenda at Ringwood, have enjoyed a pastoral relationship with David in the Grampians Presbytery, and have known my good friend and chaplain Mandy, for over 30 years. Jacqui and Hannah, are relatively new friends and I know I shall enjoy working with them.

I will be working the equivalent of one day weekly, and although I worship on Sundays with the Contemporary congregation, I am always around at 'cuppa' time to catch up with those from the first service.

Please feel free to speak/phone/e-mail me about any pastoral needs, where you consider a visit would be appropriate.

We are all gifted for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ, and we all are there to support one another in our pilgrim journeys.

Shalom

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YOUTH LED SERVICE

The contemporary service will be led by the children and young people on **SUNDAY MARCH 31**. They will be making a movie that'll show on the day that is sure to make you smile! Put the date in your diaries and come and enjoy the gifts and considerable skills on our younger people.



Term 1 Dates

"Bowl Me Over"

Strike Bowling Frankston
March 10TH - 3:30pm

"Drama,
Drama,
Drama"

Play & Puppets
March 24th - 3:30pm

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



MONASH
University

AN UPDATE FROM THE MONASH
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

Here we are at the beginning of a new **university year, and it doesn't seem any** time at all since a busy and enjoyable Semester 2 in 2018! Just a few words to let

you know what I've been up to, and some of what I will be doing soon!

I attended the national Tertiary Chaplains Ministry Association conference in Sydney, in November, which was an excellent opportunity to gather together with others doing similar work in different universities around Australia. We listened to some great speakers, held multi-faith worship/reflections, shared stories, learned from each other, and supported each other, and I came away feeling both affirmed about what I am already doing, and excited about some new possibilities.

Following some annual leave over Christmas, I returned to work mid-January, with many of the staff gearing up for the new year.

The most important event coming up is Orientation Week for new students beginning Monday 25th **February, where students attend an official "welcome"** event, attend information sessions for their courses, and enjoy free activities and **food organised by the student union. It's a fun but important week before** Semester 1 and the real work starts on 4th March! This year I am involved again in several of the information sessions, to let students know about the availability of the chaplaincy service, along with other services such as counselling, disability support, English language support, and so on.

I have also been invited to be more involved with international students this year – a growing group at Peninsula Campus – almost a quarter of the students currently are from overseas, primarily China, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. The university is very committed to providing support to these students who have additional challenges of language, culture, isolation from family, etc. over and above settling into university life. I will be taking part in information sessions about supports available for these students, and also joining them on a fun day outing to Healesville Sanctuary promoting getting to know each other as well as seeing some beautiful Australian scenery and animals.

Pancake breakfasts will be starting up again from Thursday 7th March, and we anticipate that it will be just as popular, and continue to provide an opportunity for students and staff to have a delicious breakfast and meet up and connect with each other, in what is often a busy and stressful week.

Please keep all the new and returning students in your thoughts and prayers as they transition back into study, and the staff as well as they organise and teach and mentor.

Mandy Lake.

Experience Incredible India



WOULD you like to go on an amazing journey that combines sight-seeing with support for a Community Health program in North India?

This 13-day tour takes in majestic New Delhi, golden Amritsar, breathtaking Dharamsala and spiritual Rishikesh on The Ganges. Visiting some world-renowned heritage and natural wonder sites we'll also re-connect with the project organisers and people helped by the JBKS. You'll also experience responsible travel excursions and meet with Indian people so the small travel group can share and reflect on the diversity of Indian culture.

Staying in comfortable, well-kept, authentic and ethical hotels, and travelling in complete comfort, all needs and abilities are catered for without losing a true immersion in Indian life. Cost includes flights, accommodation, transport, sight-seeing entry fees and most meals (\$3,900). Contact us for the full itinerary and pricing (additional travel plans, before or after, can also be accommodated) via phone or e-mail below. Please share this information with interested parties.

Dates - Thursday, September 12 - Thursday, September 25, 2019

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Last for words

By Bill Pugh

On a visit to someone terminally ill what can I say? Anxieties surface. No matter how strong our faith at times we are vulnerable. Sometimes we panic. Every scene is different according to those present.

One day I visited an old lady terminally ill at Apollo Bay Hospital. She lived at the foot of surrounding hills. "Please read me Psalm 121," she said. "Every day I lift up my eyes to those hills, also please make it part of my funeral service". Other possible helpful readings may be in Psalm 23, John 14 and 2 Corinthians 15, or a hymn or poem.

Sometimes the gentle holding of a hand, or a touch of blessing on the forehead may be appropriate.

Principal Hector Maclean, of Ormond Theological Hall, told us this story. As a young minister he once visited a very sick old lady. He did not know what to say. So he left embarrassed. Next time he apologised to her for not saying anything. She replied, "If you had said anything I would have screamed!" Sometimes just being there is enough. Waiting for a word, or just being a peaceful presence.

Reflection:

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet! (Read 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58.) THIS IS OUR FAITH!

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March Diary Dates

- FRIDAY 1 - PLAYGROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 10:30AM
- SUNDAY 3 - COMMUNION SUNDAY - FOCUS: Pancake Sunday
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
OPEN CAFE - 5:30PM
- MONDAY 4 - LARDER - 8:30AM
LEGS - Blue Room - 7:30PM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM
- TUESDAY 5 - WALKIE TALKIES - Conservation Rsv, Frankston- 8:30AM
RETIRED MINISTERS LUNCH - 12:30PM
COG MEETING - 7:30PM
- WEDNESDAY 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS
VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:0AM
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM
- THURSDAY 7 - WALKIE TALKIES - Seaford Lifesaving Club- 8:30AM
- FRIDAY 8 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM
LENTEN SILENCE - Chapel - 10:00AM
- SUNDAY 10 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM

- MONDAY 11 - LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM
- TUESDAY 12 - WALKIE TALKIES - Dame Elisabeth Arboretum- 8:30AM
- WEDNESDAY 13 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00am
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM
- THURSDAY 14 - WALKIE TALKIES - Target Somerville - 8:30AM
AMITIE - Green Room - 2:00PM
- FRIDAY 15 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM
LENTEN SILENCE - Chapel - 10:00am
- SATURDAY 16 - SHARED LUNCH - Venue TBC
- SUNDAY 17 - CONGREGATION AGM - 10:00AM (BETWEEN SERVICES)
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM



MONDAY 18 - LARDER - 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM

TUESDAY 19 - WALKIE TALKIES - Pier Carpark Frankston - 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 20 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00AM

COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM

THURSDAY 21 - WALKIE TALKIES - Flora & Fauna Rsv, Langwarrin-8:30AM

MISSION GUILD - Blue Room - 1:30pm

PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM

FRIDAY 22 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM

LENTEN SILENCE - Chapel - 10:00am

SUNDAY 24 - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM

MONDAY 25 - LARDER - 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM

TUESDAY 26 - WALKIE TALKIES - Softball ground, Robinsons Rd- 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 27 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00AM

COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM

THURSDAY 28 - WALKIE TALKIES - Eden Gardens Mt Eliza - 8:30AM

ELDERS MEETING - Blue Room - 1:00PM

FRIDAY 29 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM

LENTEN SILENCE - Chapel - 10:00am

SUNDAY 31 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM

YOUTH-LED CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

MARCH TRADITIONAL ROSTER

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					
<u>MONTH</u>		<u>DUTY ELDERS</u>		<u>COMMUNION SET UP</u>	<u>COMMUNION HELPERS</u>
March		Marlene Thresher Dawn Peacock		Bev Fowler Erica Hutchinson	Keith Holmes Jill Cayzer
DATES	3RD	10TH	17TH	24TH	31 ST
STEWARDS	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	Rona Russell Heather Rawson
MORNING TEA	Graeme Horsburgh Jenny Horsburgh Vilma Labrooy Marion Day	Mac Cleland Ann Cleland Brian Golby Dorothy Bucher	Fay Loader Enid Churcher Lola Coupe Barb Trewartha	Kay Burdett Ali Vagenas Stanley Zhungu Viola Zhungu	Bev Fowler Pat Johnson Jess Williams Heather Rawson
DATA PROJECTOR	Tawanda	Tawanda	Karin	Karin	Diana
BIBLE READER	Erica Hutchinson	Ian Cayzer	Marlene Thresher	Elaine Kenyon	Rona Russell
FLOWERS	Gill Jenkins	Gill Jenkins	Barbara Tre- wartha	Edna Runciman	Beryl & Marg

MARCH CONTEMPORARY ROSTER

Contemporary					
DATES	3RD	10TH	17TH	24TH	31ST
STEWARD	Santhira	Santhira	Beryl	Beryl	Kate
WELCOMER	Patty	Patty	Marg	Marg	Jackie
HOSPITALITY	Howard Andi	Howard Andi	Barb Gill	Marilyn Santhira	Marilyn Santhira