



THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION CONNECTING YOUNGER GENERATIONS



HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH, 16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON WWW.FRANKSTONUNITING.ORG.AU

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, Fay Dungey, Jean Frater, Marie de Silva, David Russell, 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.





Meet the Ministry Team





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Easter celebrations

Over Lent and the celebration of Easter we have been following the teaching of Jesus from Matthew's gospel, and following his passion, death, and resurrection. Matthew's account shows that when the women found the tomb empty they were shaken. Indeed, the guards at the tomb were also shaken, and the ground was shaken too! But the angel's word, and the word of the risen Jesus, was "Do not be afraid". And then, in Matthew's gospel, the risen Jesus sends the disciples out to baptise and teach and make other disciples, accepting that even in that process we are all on a journey with questions and doubts, with lots more to learn and discover as we step out in faith.

In May, our readings turn towards some of that "stepping out", starting with Peter discovering God at work among faithful Gentiles. It's fitting that in May we are opening the church to the community in the Fete, and it's worth thinking about other ways in which we "step out" to share faith and what we know of Jesus' way.

Part of nurturing my own openness to God in prayer over Lent has been sharing in the silent prayer times in the chapel. It has been wonderful to use that chapel space each Friday and for the Maundy Thursday communion service (when there was just enough room for our gathering!) A few people have asked about maintaining that prayer time on Friday mornings, which we will do. There will be a reading provided each week, and the space will be kept open, warm and quiet from 10 to 10:30 each Friday. I will be there as often as I can. It will be understood that anyone might come on any particular week, or not. On any given Friday there may only be one person, there may be 6, or there may be none – either way, the space will be there and a reading provided. We'll keep that going at least until Pentecost, 50 days after Easter (Pentecost is 9 June this year).

As we step out in May, may our prayer, our community, and the word of Jesus to "not be afraid" give us courage, purpose, joy and peace.

God's peace,

David

A Caring Reminder To Those That Throw Stones Hands laden with honest intent, Minds most compassionate consider. Love and charity; Belong to all, Never more needed than by the sinner.

Reflections by Russell Hawkins

Take Five Valmai Scully



written by Russell Hawkins

Valmai began her life's journey in the spring of 1949.

The Evans family - Valmai's parents Frank and Edna, and younger brother John, lived in Broadmeadows before moving the Frankston in the 1960s. Both Valmai and John attend Kannanook Primary and Karingal High School, and worshiped at Frankston East Methodist. Valmai's introduction to Christianity had begun at Broadmeadows Methodist Church the now Care Mission on Camp Rd.

After completing year eleven Valmai commences employment at Melbourne's Postmaster General's Dept in telecommunications as a stenographer. Valmai would go on to work in numerous administrative roles including with the West Gate freeway and ESSO, the news agency board, appointments as a legal secretary and Synod. She worked at the Peninsula Community Legal Centre for nearly 18 years, the last few years as Executive Assistant to the Principal Lawyer.

In the year of 1967 Valmai attends a local dance at the Frankston Mechanics Hall where shemet Richard Scully. They were wed four years later at High St Methodist Church. Richard Scully became the link between Valmai and her association with High Street Uniting. Both are members of Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF). Richard Scully is head coach of the Wesley Junior Tennis Club whilst Valmai becomes involved in "Young Wives" a social initiative for married ladies created by High Street Wesley Methodist and is now known as LEGS (Ladies Evening Group). Both Richard and Valmai were also involved in the administration of the weekly worship notice sheets .

1978 brings both Richard and Valmai their daughter Belinda who is born at Frankston Hospital just like her father and her paternal grandmother before her. Sister-in-law Patty Scully helps with minding Belinda whilst Richard and Valmai work. In between 1992 and 2000 the Scully family welcome six exchange students from Canada, Netherlands, Germany, America and Japan.

Valmai shares nearly forty-two years with Richard before he passes in 2008. At the time Valmai is away at Church Camp at Merricks. A memorial and celebration of Richard Scully's life is shared among friends and family at High Street Uniting Church.

Today Valmai volunteers her time with HSUC and Victorian Council of Churches (Emergency Ministry).

Finally a special mention must be made, both Valmai and John have a half sister Wilma, who recently turned 85. "Although we knew of her existence, we finally discovered her in 2009" says Valmai. Valmai also mentioned how "We've been keeping contact with her since then and even had a visit from her son Peter and his son Emil, who live in Denmark". Valmai recounts "It was through Peter that we made contact." By utilizing ancestry searches Valmai and younger brother John discovered a family and Wilma's children's names, to Valmai's delight "I put these into Facebook and only one came up". Valmai sends a message to Peter Battensby and got a message back saying, "I think that's my mother". Valmai and John were delight to finally meet Wilma in November 2009.

What is your favourite passage, story or theme from the bible? John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This particular passage from John's Gospel provides Valmai with a wisdom of hope; resonating and validating her sense of faith and renewal.

If you where to look out the window right now what would you like to see? Unity and World peace.

If you could describe your life in one word what would that word be? Caring.

<u>Empower</u>

Jagriti Bhalai Kendra Society - Woman & Child Community Health Clinics project in North India

Dear Friends

Alma and the team run the project to address health, hygiene, nutritional and environmental issues - with a special focus on the Dalit (untouchables) communities. They also develop and encourage female empowerment, gender equality and maintaining smaller families through education on



contraceptive methods. Seminars and village workshops greatly reduce maternal and child mortality and malnutrition/morbidity, provide ante and post-natal care to rural women. They also offers health education to prevent STD and HIV and encourage expectant mothers to have female children (highlighting the dangers of female foeticide.)

Recent news from Dr Alma and the Jagriti Bhalai Kendra Society:

International Women's Day

"International Women's Day for District Tarn Taran 60 women came. We used Mrs Parvesh Mattu from SEDP to talk on Self Help Groups. It was new to these ladies. Making noodles (by hand especially appealed to them) Second half we had invited Mrs Rajinder to talk on hygiene and use of eco friendly sanitary pads. The women were ecstatic when they understood less infection overall, response was good," writes Alma.

Taking to the streets

"80 ladies came together for a street demonstration to promote the stopping of domestic violence, oppose concept of having no desire for a girl child and to call for pensions to those who need it, particularly widows." Dr Alma spoke to the TV crews and press in Amritsar to highlight the campaign.

As **Friends of JBK** please make a concerted effort to buy and/or sell goods made by the widows/ singles in the JBKS and from supporters in Australia available on the website

at<u>www.womanandchildhealth.org</u> <u>All</u> of the proceeds acquired from the sale of these goods is returned to the project to fund ongoing needs; as well as provide a small income for the forgotten widows. People can also make a financial

donation via the website too.

Sent with blessings and gratitude,

Lea Trafford and Helen Beeby 0413 837450 0434 412104

PS. For those who may not have heard, Dr Alma's husband Edwin passed away on January 19. Please hold the family in your thoughts and prayers.



OLD BAGS DAY

VOICES OF

PRESENTS ...

Donate an old handbag bag, in good condition before the day and buy another on the day....

Bags can be dropped off at the church office up until Friday 18th May.

23 VEDA AVENUE, MOUNT MARTHA SATURDAY MAY 25 AT 2PM, \$10 ADMISSION WITH REFRESHMENTS

All proceeds to The Voices of Frankston Choir

Experience Incredible India 12 – 25, September 2019

WOULD you like to go on the journey of a lifetime, that combines sight-seeing with a visit to a community program in North India?

Visiting: New Delhi. Amritsar, Dharamsala and Rishikesh on The Ganges (optional 3 day extension to Taj Mahal.) Staying in comfortable, well-kept, authentic and ethical hotels, and travelling in comfort, all needs and abilities are catered for. Cost includes flights, accommodation, transport, sight-

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seeing entry fees and most meals (\$3,900). A fundraised donation of \$500 is also anticipated.

Contact 0434 412 104 or e-mail: helen.beeby@gmail.com for full itinerary.

| Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 3 Months to 31st March |
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| 2019 |

| INCOME | Bu | dget | A | ctual |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|-------|
| Planned Giving/Open Plate | | 33500 | | 34936 |
| Rental Income - High St & Manse | | 13500 | | 16341 |
| Donations | | 375 | | 950 |
| Donations: Children's Outreach | | 125 | | 130 |
| Reimbursements/Miscellaneous | | 1250 | | 243 |
| Goods and Services Tax | | | | 1905 |
| Fete | | 0 | | 0 |
| Interest - Cash Management Account | | 500 | | 540 |
| GST Reimbursement MBA | | 750 | | 1285 |
| Atkinson Foundation Income | | 1250 | | 1490 |
| Guest Foundation Income | | 1500 | | 1868 |
| Bomar Grant | | 16500 | | 16500 |
| Transfer from Wesley Lease | | 16400 | | 14511 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 85650 | | 90699 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Ministerial Costs | | 49250 | | 47199 |
| Administration Costs | | 14000 | | 12836 |
| Planned Giving Expenses | | 0 | | 0 |
| Property Costs: | | | | |
| Fire Brigade Levy | 125 | | 451 | |
| Cleaning/Maintenance | 7250 | | 5924 | |
| Rates: Council/Water | 1875 | | 1738 | |
| Gas/Electricity | 2000 | 11250 | 1054 | 9167 |
| Insurance | | 8000 | | 7700 |
| Sunday School/Children's Outreach | | 250 | | 27 |
| Organ/Choir/Copyright | | 500 | | 656 |
| Goods and Services Tax | | | | 2004 |
| Miscellaneous | | 2500 | | 1628 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | 85750 | | 81217 |
| Outreach: | | | | |
| Mission and Service Fund | 7950 | | 7953 | |
| FHS Chaplaincy | 0 | | 0 | |
| Tom Sutherland | 125 | | 0 | |
| Community Support | 375 | 8450 | 0 | 7953 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | . I | 94200 | | 89170 |

On the weekend of April 26-28th the Somers Camp leaders gathered together to participate in the annual **Somers Youth Leadership Training Conference** (advertisement on right).

Approximately 40 leaders aged 17-27 years old enjoyed the input of high skilled presenters and began the planning for children and youth Camp, endorsed by the Presbytery of Port Phillip East.

The theme for 2019's Somers Campwill be "Super Mario Somers" and look forward to another wonderful time of fun and faith formation for the young people in our community.

Somers Camp is a Uniting Church children and youth camp for grade 3 to year 9 run in the first week of the winter school holidays (JULY 1-5).







CAMPER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! Head to https://app.smartsheet.com/ /ec0ddace71cf40659d32e9d5733e7f to register now!





YOUTH COORDINATOR

On Sunday March 31 2019, as part of our season of Lent, the youthful members led the contemporary service in a time of "getting ready" for what's coming as we countdown to Easter. The youth group prepared for this service by doing a dramatic retelling of the week's Gospel Reading: The Parable of the 10 Yong Virgins (which caused a few laughs!) – this didn't show on the day but is available on the *High St Uniting Church* Facebook page. Instead of a sermon the young people led 10 stations situated around the building, which offered creative responses to the idea of having "recharging our spiritual batteries" or having "oil in our lamps".

- 1. Anointing with Oil Emma
- 2. Candles & Give up/take up prayers Rory
- 3. Magic folding cross Theo/Anton
- 4. Mindful Colouring Claire
- 5. Re-reading Scripture Trent
- 6. Lent banner with paint Skylah/Hope/Belinda
- 7. Wool cross with sticks Nathan/Archie
- 8. Lava Lamps Bec/Leianna
- 9. Mosaic pasting Cross Tayla/Meg
- 10. Watch 40 days video on screen

Statistics:

22 participated in leadership.

18 of those people were under 40.

13 people participated in the music ministry.

7 young people (age 9-24) participated in a dramatic bible retelling as part of Youth Group – 3 for whom youth group is their only connection with HSUC.

For 3 of those involved, it was their first involvement.

Challenges for engaging younger people in leadership continue to be working to time pressures (especially for band rehearsal as the piano in the blue room was out of tune), and varied levels of interest and commitment in serving within the life of the church. The youth service aims to empower young people, not show case them. We need to recognise the church one of the many things competing for young people's time, and work to ensure the participation of young people is nurturing for their faith journey, as well as for our regular worshipping communities.







TERM 2 DATES: APRIL 28 - "MOVIE NIGHT" MAY 12 - "MINI-GOLF" MAY 26 - "PROGRESSIVE DINNER" JUNE 9 - "SCAVENGER HUNT" JUNE 23 - "PRE-SOMERS PARTY"



MAY Diary Dates

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| MONDAY 29 - | LARDER - 8:30AM |
| | BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM |
| TUESDAY 30 - | WALKIE TALKIES -Baxter Shopping Centre - 8:30AM |
| | VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:0AM |
| | COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM |
| | CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM |
| THURSDAY 2 - | WALKIE TALKIES -Lloyd Park Langwarrin - 8:30AM |
| | PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM |
| | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM |
| SUNDAT 5- | CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM |
| | COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY |
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| | FOCUS: EATING DISORDERS |
| | POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM |
| | OPEN CAFE - Foyer - 5:30PM |
| MONDAY | LADDED COOMM |
| MONDAY 6 - | LARDER - 8:30AM |
| | BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM |
| | WALKIE TALKIES - Romanos Patterson Lakes - 9:00AM |
| WEDNESDAY 8 - | RETIRED MINISTERS LUNCH - Green Room - 12:30PM |
| | VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00am |
| | COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM |
| | CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM |
| THURSDAY 9 - | WALKIE TALKIES - The power centre Frankston- 8:30AM |
| | AMITIE - Green Room - 2:00PM |
| FRIDAY 10 - | PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM |
| | QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am |
| SATURDAY 11 | MAY FETE - 8:30AM |
| | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM |
| | CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM |
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| MONDAY 13 - | LARDER - 8:30AM |
| | BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM |
| TUESDAY 14 - | WALKIE TALKIES - Pearcedale Football Grounds - 8:30AM |
| WEDNESDAY 15 - | VOICES OF FRANKSTON - 10:00AM |
| | COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM |
| | CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM |
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| THURSDAY 16 - WALKIE TALKIES - Ballam Park Frankston -8:30AM MISSION GUILD - Blue Room - 1:30pm FRIDAY 17 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am SATURDAY 18 - MONTHLY SHARED LUNCH - Venue TBC SUNDAY 19 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM | | | | | | |
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| MONDAY 20 -LARDER - 8:30AM | | | | | | |
| BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM | | | | | | |
| TUESDAY 21 -WALKIE TALKIES - Dame Elisabeth Arboretum Langwarrin - 8:30AM | | | | | | |
| WEDNESDAY 22 -VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00AM | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM | | | | | | |
| CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM | | | | | | |
| THURSDAY 23 -WALKIE TALKIES - Target in Somerville - 8:30AM ELDERS MEETING - Blue Room 1:30PM | | | | | | |
| FRIDAY 24 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM | | | | | | |
| QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY 26 -TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM | | | | | | |
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| MONDAY 27 - LARDER - 8:30AM | - | | | | | |
| BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM | | | | | | |
| TUESDAY 28 - WALKIE TALKIES - Pier Carpark Frankston - 8:30AM | | | | | | |
| COG - Team Meeting Room - 7:30PM WEDNESDAY 29 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00AM | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM | | | | | | |
| CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM | | | | | | |
| THURSDAY 30 - WALKIE TALKIES - Flora & Fauna Reserve Langwarrin - 8:30AM | | | | | | |
| FRIDAY 31 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM | | | | | | |
| QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am | | | | | | |
| JUNE SATURDAY 1 VOF TRIVIA NIGHT - HALL - 7PM | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY 2 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM | | | | | | |
| CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM | | | | | | |
| OPEN CAFE - 5:30PM | | | | | | |

MAY TRADITIONAL ROSTER

| TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | | | | | | |
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| MONTH | | DUTY ELDERS | | <u>COMMUNION SET UP</u> | | <u>COMMUNION</u> <u>HELPERS</u> |
| | Мау | John Coulson Dawn Peacocl | < | Rona Russell Erica Hutchinson | | Jill Cayzer Stanley Zhungu |
| DATES | 5th | 12th | | 19th | 26th | |
| STEWARDS | Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin | Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin | | im Devine eville Parker | Jim Devine Neville Parker | |
| MORNING TEA | Maragret & Virgil Snyder Julie Lincoln Brian Golby | Kay Burdett Jess Burdett Maureen Beens Marion Day | Sta | d Churcher anley Viola Zhungu ither Rawson | Bev Fowler Mac & Ann Cleland Fay Loader | |
| DATA PROJECTOR | Tawanda | Tawanda | | Karin | Karin | |
| BIBLE READER | Marlene Thresher | Jill Cayzer | Ro | d Caruthers | Keith Holmes | |
| FLOWERS | Beryl & Marg | Fay Loader | F | ay Loader | Edna Reeves | |

MAY CONTEMPORARY ROSTER

| Contemporary | | | | | | | |
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| DATES | 5th | 12th | 19th | 26th | | | |
| STEWARD | Kate | Ley | Ley | Howard | | | |
| WELCOMER | Jackie | Lindy | Lindy | Andi | | | |
| HOSPITALITY | Howard & Andi | Howard & Andi | Marilyn & Santhira | Marilyn & Santhira | | | |