

# HIGH STREET TIMES



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY  
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT  
EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE  
WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION

CONNECTING YOUNGER GENERATIONS  
IN GOD'S LOVE



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# 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.

# SAVE THE DATE

CHURCH PICNIC

November "long weekend",  
Sunday 3 November

CHURCH CAMP

November 15-17,  
Merricks Lodge



MINISTRY TEAM 2019...

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## Worship Times

Sunday 9am -

Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:40am -

Contemporary Worship



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# FOR OUR PRAYERS

"THE HIGH STREET  
UNITING CHURCH,  
FRANKSTON  
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CUSTODIANS OF THE  
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CHURCH BUILDINGS  
STAND. WE REMEMBER  
THEIR ANCESTORS WITH  
RESPECT AND COMMIT  
OURSELVES TO WORK  
FOR RECONCILIATION  
AND JUSTICE FOR  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.



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 find it difficult or 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, and Lola Coupe.  
(Rosemary and Jean have just celebrated 99th birthdays!)

We also pray for Alan Jenkins and his family after he has taken severely ill; for Maureen Beens in her treatment regime; for Glenise Swallow, having had surgery on her wrist; for Ross Huggard dealing with an initial lymphoma diagnosis; for all those dealing with cancer and its treatment.

We pray for the Somers campers and leaders. The following is from a prayer that we offered at the Somers commissioning service:

We pray for these young people who we send to Somers Camp 2019. We pray, God, you will move through all their experiences at Somers. That it is a reminder of how you bring people together. That all are welcome. That everyone is accepted. That your word is embedded in their hearts.

We pray for the renewal of friendships and the birth of new ones. For deep thoughts, transformation and the freedom to be silly.

God, shape Somers Camp to be a life-altering, life-giving, life-forming, unbelievably awesome experience. That the joy, laughter and challenges shared by those gathered together will travel with them and carry them all the days of their lives.



# FROM THE MINISTER



Last Sunday we concluded a short series of reflections based on Paul's letter to "all God's beloved in Rome". Paul had started his letter celebrating God's widely inclusive grace, because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (so there's no room for boasting or judging others). God does the right thing by us ("God's righteousness is shown") by redeeming us in Christ, which we take hold of as we put our faith in him. Our reading last Sunday was from Romans 12, where Paul urges us therefore to live out our transformed understanding and experience of God's love and will.

Paul talks about how we all have a part in the body of Christ, with our various different gifts and abilities. Building on our own practices of listening for God, we can reach out in ministry to one another and to those around us. I mentioned the Street Peace initiative, which is aimed at reaching out to those young people on the streets in Frankston. It is worth praying over whether this is something into which the Holy Spirit calls any of our gifting, given our mission statement of "Strengthening Community through the Holy Spirit; Embracing All People with Christ's compassion; Connecting Younger Generations in God's love". Last week we also had a commissioning for the young people who will be heading to Somers in the school holidays. That commissioning also reflected how the various gifts of prayer, mentoring, and financial support all contribute to the lives of those young people. Please continue to lend your support in prayer.

As I mentioned in the previous edition of High Street Times, we are looking at starting up some confirmation classes and hopefully another small group for spiritual growth and engagement. We will start to shape those up soon; please write your name on the list or let me or Hannah know if you want to be involved.

I am conscious at the moment of quite a number of people who are sick or struggling in various ways. One of the other promises that Paul speaks of in his letter to the Romans is that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Romans 8:26-27). May God's grace, courage and peace be among us.

God's peace,

David





Somers Camp is a Uniting Church camp run by the Port Phillip East Presbytery for children in Years 3 to 9. The camp runs each year in the first week of the winter school holidays from Monday to Friday (July 1-5).

On Sunday June 23, the contemporary worship service was led by our youth group, and it included the commissioning of our "Somers" campers and leaders.

They were commissioned to GO to camp and DO like life together, as a Christian community, so that they may BE transformed, and re-formed to faithfully follow Jesus.

They were sent off with "Flat Jesus," a cut out of Jesus that they could pack on camp, who will remind them that Christ goes with them. They were invited to take photos with "Flat Jesus" and share these with us on their return, so they too can share in and celebrate the Somers journey with them.

Thanks to the young people who give of their time and gifts in leading the service - whether it be playing an instrument, singing, leading a dance, reading the bible, sharing in the prayers, or simply showing up and supporting one another.

Thanks also to members of our contemporary service who acted as mentors alongside the young people who were commissioned for Somers Camp. It really does take a community to nurture faith in children, and we appreciate being part of a community that has "Connecting Younger Generations in God's love" as part of its mission priorities.

There are 17 people attending the "Somers" this year who are connected with our HSUC community and identify this church as their church! 8 of these are receiving sponsorship to support them financially, and all of them go with our pastoral support and prayers.

On behalf of the Frankston youth - THANK YOU!

Phoebe Ferris (camper) 8 - gr 3  
 Hope Sutton (camper) 9 - gr 3  
 Skylah McArdle (camper) 9 - gr 4  
 Brodie Cristano (camper) 10 - gr 5  
 Tayla Wagner (camper) 12 - gr 6  
 Rory Ferris (camper) 13 - yr 7  
 Jess Bradford (camper) 14 - yr 8  
 Connor McArdle (camper) 14 - yr 9  
 Paige Ferris (camper) 15 - yr 9  
 Cailee Coulter (camper) 15 - yr 9  
 Emily Bradford (camper) 15 - yr 9  
 Rebecca Morey (camper) 15 - yr 9  
 Rory Etherington (leader) 17 - 2nd yr leader  
 Issy (leader) 18 - 2nd yr leader  
 Claire Morey (leader) 18 - 3rd yr leader  
 Meg Ryan (leader) 24 - Slushie leader  
 Hannah Dungan (leader) 33 - Happy Chappy! (Camp Chaplain)

port phillip east presbytery childrens camp

**SOMERS CAMP**







# Pentecost

## COMBINED WORSHIP 2019

Lovely combined, intergenerational service with Chinese congregation. Special singing, readings in many different languages, children sharing this special 'birthday of the church' and a delicious intercultural morning tea. A little glimpse of heaven...



## **CONFIRMATION**

**Have you been baptised as an infant, and are now looking for an opportunity to affirm your own faith?**

**Have you never been baptised, and want to explore what it means to be baptised into the faith and family of Jesus?**

**We are planning to run some confirmation classes, starting in late July (term 3), fortnightly on Sunday afternoons.**

**If you would like to join in or want to find out more, please speak with Hannah or David or write your name on the list in the foyer.**



## **SMALL GROUPS**

**Lots of people in the Traditional and Contemporary congregations are involved with small groups of one kind or another, including Bible studies, dinner groups, walking groups, mission groups, music groups, and so on. We are looking at starting another group with a focus on spiritual growth / faith formation / conversations about faith. We are thinking that such a group could meet in a person's home (we've had at least one offer already). If you are interested please indicate, on the list in the foyer, what sort of timing would work best for you.**





PRESENTS

## Spirituality Talk

### The changing face of religious and spiritual beliefs

What does the last census tell us about changes in religion and culture here in Frankston and our neighbouring areas?

Come along and hear from a guest speaker and friendly discussion over a cuppa afterwards.

**Thursday 4 July**

**7.30-8.30pm**

**Frankston South Community  
and Recreation Centre  
55 Towerhill Rd, Frankston**



**FREE — bookings required:**

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# THE BUNUNS ARE COMING

WRITTEN BY REV ARTHUR POOLE



Who are they ? Where do they come from?  
Twelve young people, from the Bunun tribe of southern Taiwan ,most of whom are aged 15-17 years old are coming to Frankston on August 26th for ten days and will be billeted with High Street Uniting members. They want to experience something of a different culture, while sharing something of their own tribal culture in song and dance. In addition they want to be surrounded by English speaking people so their English might be improved. They come from a vibrant Christian community-the Bunun Cultural and Educational Foundation(BCEF) which was the vision of their minister the Rev Pai Kwang Sheng and his wife, the Rev Pai Lishwe. They will attend worship at both services at High Street on September 1 and be part of a social evening the night before at High Street- Saturday August 31st to which you are all invited(\$10 plus a plate!). Our High Street band will provide the music and the Australian Welsh Male Choir(AWMC) will share in the conduct of this evening. The Ladies Evening Group have gifted \$500 to help cover costs for their visits to Phillip Island, Healesville, Ballarat and Hall's Gap. The AWMC will cover the cost of hiring a bus(\$1000) and the Grampians Presbytery have provided free accommodation at Hall's Gap(\$900). There will be opportunity for you to assist in further fund raising on Communion Sunday before their arrival.



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## FACTS ABOUT TAIWAN



Taiwan was first settled by fourteen Aboriginal tribes who came from the Pacific region perhaps 30,000 years ago.

Later Hun Chinese came to Taiwan and Chiang Kai Shek fled to Taiwan in 1948 and was an authoritarian ruler until his death in 1975 .

Taiwan has a population of 23 million and the aboriginal tribes make up about 500,000.

The island is very mountainous so the coastal cities are heavily populated, the capital Taipei , home to 3 million.

Ninety five per cent of the population are Buddhist , and five per cent Christian. Rev McKay from Canada was the first Christian missionary and the aboriginal tribes embraced the faith with great enthusiasm.

Like our first peoples, the Taiwanese aboriginal tribes have been exploited and abused and suffer the same community concerns of alcoholism and domestic violence, as well as discrimination..

In 1987 Ruth and I, together with two other couples from the Victorian Synod were guests of the Asian church for three weeks. Our visit took us to Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, China and Hong Kong. It was an amazing experience which affected us deeply and we met with Church leaders in China, South Korea and Taiwan and learnt of the persecution of Christian leaders -gaoled and tortured , killed for speaking out about unjust policies perpetrated by non democratic governments. We were warmly welcomed by the Asian church and were so impressed by the elderly Chinese Pastors who had been forced to meet in secret with their congregations for 30 years, while in Seoul Sth Korea we shared in worship at the largest Presbyterian Church in the world, 50,000 members. The church building accommodates 4,000 so there are many services every Sunday . We happened to be there at Easter and in Seoul 500,000 gathered in the city square to celebrate the Easter story , all the women dressed in white, and we worshipped in a basketball stadium with a congregation of 10,000.

I witnessed first hand sit down street protests in the cbd where the riot police with their armoured vehicles and water canons sought to disperse the crowds, and we met with the Sec. of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan (PCT), The Rev Chun Ming Kao who had been recently released after four years of imprisonment for speaking out against the governments unjust policies..

On return to Australia and our parish at Ringwood, the Church Council with the support of the Synod agreed to sponsor a couple from the Asian Church to experience something of the life of the Uniting Church in Australia. The PCT chose an aboriginal Pastor the Rev Pai Kwang Sheng and his Taiwanese wife the Rev Pai Lishwe, and we flew them in via Darwin and Alice Springs and home via Redfern to experience something of the life of our first peoples. The Ringwood congregation hosted the couple for six weeks, and Kwang Sheng and Lishwee lived next door to the manse.

We did not know what they were taking in, for when they returned to their Bunun community they established the first aboriginal kindergarten in Taiwan , began activities and meals program for the elderly , and had a vision to establish the Bunun Education and Cultural Foundation(BCEF), to create employment and improve the lives of their Bunun community. The manager of the 7/11 stores in Taiwan was impressed by the vision of this aboriginal pastor , and placed donation bowls in his 2,000 stores..The equivalent of \$AU1,500,000 was raised, and this money helped establish the BCEF..



At Ringwood I received a phone call from Kwang Sheng inviting Ruth and I to visit their community to see how their vision had become a reality. We have since visited the BCEF five times, spent three months with them teaching English on one occasion, and led a small group from the UCA Assembly on an exposure visit (speak to Patti Scully- she was part of that group). With the support of the Australian Welsh Male Choir (AWMC) we sponsored their youth choir to Australia in 2015, and in 2017 organized for the AWMC to tour Taiwan and stay with the Bununs.

In southern Taiwan, near to Taitung the Bunun tribe live in small villages and have been subsistence farmers with a colourful cultural life. The late 20th century and 21st century have seen many challenges to their traditional life. Young people are seeking an education and tertiary training but they face significant challenges in leaving village life for work and study in the big cities. In the early 1980's Pastor Pai and his wife began ministry among his people at Yanping village. The small homes did not allow room for students to study and Pastor Pai had a vision to build a church which would provide room for students to study, for recreation, worship and accommodation for visitors. In 1984 a four story church building was completed.

Pastor Pai, who is a paraplegic from birth, says "God give me a vision which touch my heart", and together with his wife they have created the BCEF which is a vibrant Christian community. The BCEF raises funds for visionary ministries by providing accommodation for up to 150 visitors from the big cities of Taiwan and overseas visitors, established a variety of industries from chicken farming, vegetable growing, oil extraction from trees felled in typhoons, bamboo products from furnaces creating charcoal, together with restaurants and coffee shops for visitors. There is a daily "show" when the young people leave their tasks and perform their cultural song and dance routines for visitors, and an extensive gift shop with clothing, oils, soaps etc all locally produced. They employ ninety young people who run the BCEF and have greatly improved the living standard of the wider Bunun community through employment opportunities. Sunday worship and weekly mid week fellowship, are lively occasions with sermons at least 30 minutes, times of prayer where the whole congregation prays aloud at the same time, and vibrant singing. It is nothing short of amazing what this passionate Pastor and his wife have achieved in bringing new life to his oppressed people.

The group coming to Frankston in August will be led by Pastor Pai's 27 year old daughter whom they named "RINGWOOD", (a University graduate in Business studies,) and her husband from India, LAI AN, and the youngest daughter SAVI, who is a baker in their community.

We hope that you will share in this visit -at worship, at the Social evening, and enjoy meeting these young Bununs-the mountain people, and help make this a very memorable experience for them.

Rev Arthur Poole





# Tired

By Bill Pugh



Lots of people seem tired in this mad rushing society. Mothers are worn out. Kids are too tired to help with the dishes or do homework, although this is a perennial excuse. Much tiredness is genuine. But often it is an excuse for putting off what ought to be done. It is a problem in many areas of our Christian witness.

Apart from Sunday services there are many activities that contribute to our Christian responsibilities – for example, working bees, servicing morning tea, readers for Sunday, bible study and choir members. Are we really too busy and too tired to make a special effort?

We put off “GOD DUTIES” with all kinds of excuses. A weariness of commitment

and will. Someone else will do it. God things are not high on our list of priorities. “*With one accord we begin to make our excuse*” is a well-known scriptural instruction.

Paul is well aware of this problem in the life of the Galatian Christians. So concerned is he that he writes this: “*Look these huge letters I am making in writing these words to you with my own hand!*” (Galatians 6:11). His message is crystal clear. “let us not grow tired of doing good, for, unless we throw in our hand, the ultimate harvest is assured!” (Galatians 6:9)

## Reflection:

“*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith*” (Galatians 6:10).

*So today, maybe have more than a glance at the Church noticeboard?*



# JULY DIARY

MONDAY 1 – LEGS – Blue Room – 7:30pm

TUESDAY 2 – WALKIE TALKIES – Target Somerville  
– 8:30am

TUESDAY COMMUNION – 11:30AM

WEDNESDAY 3 – COMMUNITY BBQ – Verandah –  
12:00PM

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church –  
3:30PM

THURSDAY 4 – WALKIE TALKIES – Coles Carpark –  
8:30AM

FRIDAY 5 – QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am

SUNDAY 7 – COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY –  
FOCUS: SHARE APPEAL  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9:00AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM

MONDAY 15 – LARDER – 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00PM

TUESDAY 16 – WALKIE TALKIES – St Thomas' North Rd  
Langwarrin – 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 17 – VOICES OF FRANKSTON – 10:00AM  
COMMUNITY BBQ – Verandah – 12:00PM  
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church – 3:30PM

THURSDAY 18 – WALKIE TALKIES – Roundabout Cafe,  
Heatherhill Rd Frankston – 8:30AM  
MISSION GUILD – Chapel – 1:30pm

FRIDAY 19 – PLAY GROUP – Back Hall – 9:15AM

QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am

SUNDAY 21 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM

MONDAY 8 – LARDER – 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00PM

TUESDAY 9 – WALKIE TALKIES – Seaford LSC  
Nepean Hwy – 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 10 – COMMUNITY BBQ – Verandah –  
12:00PM

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church –  
3:30PM

THURSDAY 11 – WALKIE TALKIES – Flora & Fauna  
Reserve McClelland Drive  
Langwarrin – 8:30AM

AMITIE – Green Room – 2:00PM

FRIDAY 12 – QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am

SUNDAY 14 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9:00AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM

MONDAY 22 – LARDER – 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00PM

TUESDAY 23 – WALKIE TALKIES – Ballam Park  
Frankston – 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 24 – VOICES OF FRANKSTON – Church & Hall –  
10:00AM

COMMUNITY BBQ – Verandah – 12:00PM  
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church – 3:30PM

THURSDAY 25 – WALKIE TALKIES – The Power Centre,  
Cranbourne Rd Frankston – 8:30AM

FRIDAY 26 – PLAY GROUP – Back Hall – 9:15AM

QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am

SUNDAY 28 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9:00AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM  
POWER YOUTH GROUP – 5:15PM



# JULY ROSTERS

## TRADITIONAL

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>DUTY ELDERS</u>		<u>COMMUNION SET UP</u>	<u>COMMUNION HELPERS</u>
July		Mac Cleland Jen Johnson		Dawn Peacock Fiona Jones	John Coulson Stanley Zhungu
DATES	07 July	14 July	21 July	28 July	
STEWARDS	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Maureen Beens Roy Giesemann	Maureen Beens Roy Giesemann	Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	
MORNING TEA	Dorothy Bucher Denise Andrews Ali Vagenas Barbara McKenzie	Dorothy Bucher Maureen Beens Enid Churcher Marion Day	Kay Burdett Julie Lincoln Stanley Zhungu Viola Zhungu	Mac Cleland Ann Cleland Fay Loader Bev Fowler	
DATA PROJECTOR	David	Tawanda	Tawanda	Karin	
BIBLE READER	Enid Churcher	Mac Cleland	Ross Huggard	Keith Holmes	
FLOWERS	Beryl & Marg	Beryl & Marg	Barbara Trewartha	Edna Runciman	

## CONTEMPORARY

DATES	07 July	14 July	21 July	28 July
STEWARD	Beryl	Ley	Ley	Santhira
WELCOMER	Marg	Patti	Patti	Marilyn
HOSPITALITY	Marilyn Andi	Marilyn Andi	Santhira Barb	Arthur Ruth







