

AUGUST 2019

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 STREET,
FRANKSTON

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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.

CHURCH CAMP

@ Merricks Lodge,
Merricks.

The date for camp has
changed and is now on the

22-24
NOVEMBER



MINISTRY TEAM 2019...

High Street Uniting Church

16-18 High Street, Frankston

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Tuesday - Friday

9am - 1pm

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Sunday 9am -

Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:40am -

Contemporary Worship



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Playgroup Co-ordinator

Available: Fridays 9am-11am

FOR OUR PRAYERS

"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.



Each month, High Street Times publishes 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.

We also pray for Alan Jenkins, Maureen Beens, Tom Marr and Russell Kerr; and others who are dealing with illnesses at this time.

We have also had a request for prayer from Wing Wong. Wing had been a regular member here until mid 2016, when she returned to Hong Kong with her husband Kenneth. She is expecting twins in late August. She has asked for prayers in the context of the troubles in Hong Kong, where many are deeply concerned about the government's response to people's requests for continued freedom as they have known it in the past. She would like prayers for her twin girls, who are also underweight at the moment. She writes "please pray for us, the Hong Kong Society, may the Lord bless us, may the peace be with us"

FROM THE MINISTER



This month I'm writing through the lens of our vision statement: "Strengthening Community through the Holy Spirit; Embracing All People with Christ's compassion; Connecting Younger Generations in God's love".

One of the forms of **Strengthening Community through the Holy Spirit** is through the provision of small groups for nurturing faith. We are now starting a new small group for nurturing and exploring faith together on Thursday nights at 7:30pm at Arthur and Ruth Poole's home. If you would like to know more, please speak to me or Arthur.

Embracing All People with Christ's compassion includes the work of Larder, which is spending a record amount on groceries this year, and the free Community Sausage Sizzle at the church on Wednesday lunchtimes. On some of the wintry days recently we've been able to move the serving of the sausages into the hall, managing to avoid disruption to the Voices of Frankston rehearsals; the hall has certainly provided a warmer atmosphere on those days!

This edition of High Street Times includes reporting back from Somers Camp, which we strongly support as part of **Connecting Younger Generations in God's love**. As part of our celebrating regular services of worship with particular youth leadership, the contemporary service on the last Sunday before the end of school this term will be at 5pm instead of in the morning. For some families and individuals a late-afternoon service is more accessible. We're not planning to do this all the time, but the contemporary service on 15 September will be at 5pm. (The traditional service will be at the usual time).

In other news, I have recently been involved in the meeting of the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. As well as important conversations about the generous use of property for the sake of mission and ministry, one of the major pieces of work was responding to the Victorian Assisted Dying legislation, in order to give guidance to Uniting Church members, agencies and the hospitals (Epworth HealthCare). There's information about that in this edition of High Street Times.

I will be taking long service leave from just after the last Sunday in August until the end of September. During that time, Arthur Poole will be available in case of urgent need. There will be a variety of preachers during September, including two of our Presbytery Ministers and several of the retired ministers from among our own congregation.

God's peace,
David

NEW CD LAUNCH & CONCERT

CADENCE

@ High Street Uniting Church,
16-18 High Street, Frankston
on Saturday, August 10, 2pm



In aid of JBKS Woman & Child Health Clinics Project, North India

Entry \$15 (Conc. \$10) including afternoon tea

Tickets available at the door, HSUC Church Office or through

Bronwen & Alan Mathews; 0427 130 747

bronwen.alan@bigpond.com

Helen Beeby; 0434 412 104/helen.beeby@gmail.com

Project Link: <https://womanandchildhealth.org/home/>



After several weeks of hard work from our dedicated group of leaders, Somers Camp 2019 was another wonderful week of worship, bible study, active games, arts and crafts, entertainment, and stories that'll last for years to come!

This year's retro theme, "Super Mario Somers" focused on the gaming culture, which created an immersive experience for grade 3 to year 9 students to explore the idea that nothing is impossible with God. From God's promise of a child to Abraham and Sarah to the promise of the Messiah, being born as child like us and called "Immanuel", the Somers campers learned more about God and each other by discussing our Super "Words of the Day": Possibility, Promise, Perseverance, Plan, and Power.



Thanks to HSUC for our "flat Jesus" cut outs, which were reminders that Christ was with us, and shows up in the most unexpected places!



This year the Somers camp tried something with devotions split into Junior and Senior groups as well the afternoon activities such as the Colour Run, Horizontal Bungee, and Obstacle course and Foosball! As you can see, the young people had a ball and they bonded with their peers as a result of this aged based learning environment.

Somers wouldn't be possible without those who donate their time and money to support this ministry. Thank you for being a congregation committed to supporting younger people. Your kindness we wouldn't be able to do some of what we do.



emPower Youth Group

Who: anyone grade 3 - year 9.

Where: High St Uniting
Church,

16-18 High St Frankston

When: Fortnightly on 2nd &
4th Sundays.

3:30-5pm



Want more info?

Contact our Youth Coordinator:

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or hit us up on Facebook by
searching: "High Street Uniting
Church Frankston"

Term 3 Dates

July 28 - "Pick a card" Card Games

Aug 11 - "After Somers meet up"

August 25 - Storytelling/poetry
slam"

Sept 8 - "Post Somers service prep"

Dates for your Diary:

Somers Fundraiser Trivia Night @ HSUC - August 24

"Youth Take Over" Contemporary Service - Sept 15



Somers Camp Trivia Night

24th August 2019



CELEBRATING
ANOTHER YEAR OF
SOMERS CAMP!

6pm - 10pm
High Street Uniting Church
16-18 High St, Frankston



Somers Camp is a children's camp for kids grades 3 - year 9, run every year during the first week of the July holidays.

We would like to invite you to join us for a night of fun to celebrate Somers and raise funds so we can continue to host the epic Somers experience each year!

When: Saturday 24th, August
6pm - 10pm

Where: High Street Uniting
16-18 High St, Frankston

Cost: \$28 per person or
\$250 for a table of 10

There'll be 5 rounds of trivia with gold coin entry games running between. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase upon entry with awesome prizes!

We'll share a delicious plant-based dinner and dessert with coffee available for a donation. Please notify us of any dietary requirements upon booking.

Expect Somers traditions, including rhyming, jokes and an SOS appearance.



Somers Camp



@somers_camp_uc

Contact admin@somerscamp.com.au to book your place!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER ...advance notice....

15 September - last Sunday before school breaks up - 5:00pm service

22, 29 September - school holidays (and long weekend) - *no Contemporary service*
(Come to the Traditional service at 9am; meet at Sofia's Restaurant for morning tea at 10:30)

6 October - term 4 begins the next day - service with communion normal time 10:40am

- Contemporary Oversight Group



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19 July 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Over the last year, the Uniting Church in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania has been considering the issue of Voluntary Assisted Dying. This conversation has continued over the years, with a variety of views expressed by members of the Church.

Anticipating that legislation might be passed in Victoria, the 2017 Synod requested a consultation process across the Synod. The aim was to bring to the 2019 Synod, a report and recommendations regarding the Church's response to any potential legislation.

When legislation was passed in Victoria, it became more important to know how the Church in this Synod might respond to those who look to us for guidance. This includes members of congregations, ministers and pastors, members who are supporting loved ones and those who are personally considering voluntary assisted dying, as well as Uniting VicTas, Uniting AgeWell, and the Church-affiliated hospital group Epworth HealthCare.

Last week, members of the 2019 Synod of Victoria and Tasmania met together in careful consideration, discussion and prayer to discern our response to the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation. The Synod heard a wide range of strongly and faithfully held views, from various theological and cultural perspectives.

Synod members listened to each other, seeking the Spirit's leading as they worked together as a Christian community in openness, honesty and respect. The original proposals were tested and reshaped, until we could decide together on the response of the Church in our Synod.

Together we affirmed aspects of our core Christian beliefs. We affirmed that life is a gift of God, that all life is precious to God, and has dignity before God, regardless of circumstances. We affirmed that the love of God in Christ holds us throughout all of our lives and in our dying, and that there is nothing that can separate us from the unbounded love of God. We affirmed the distinctive Christian theology and mystery of suffering. We are held within the love of God who enters into our sufferings, bringing grace and peace even in our darkest moments. We affirmed the calling of Christians to be discerning communities of love and care to others, in their journey through life and death.

We affirmed that palliative care is the primary way in which we support and care for those at the end of life, including their families, and called on the Victorian Government to increase resourcing for this.

We recognised that there is a range of faithful Christian responses to voluntary assisted dying which reflect these deeply held Christian beliefs. In relation to the very specific limitations of the 2017 Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation, we recognised that exploring or accessing voluntary assisted dying, as well as conscientiously objecting, are all faithful Christian responses.


In light of all this, permission was given to the relevant UCA institutions and associated hospital group within Victoria, to make voluntary assisted dying allowable for their patients, clients and residents, under the specific conditions of the legislation.

This decision honours the diversity of faithful Christian responses within our Church, and gives people the freedom to follow their own conscience in this matter. While this decision may be difficult or challenging for some members or communities of our Church, the resolution commits to respecting the range of faithfully held Christian responses.

Taking into account the range of cultural and language needs, and the range of faithful Christian responses, the Synod resolved to resource those who offer spiritual and pastoral support to people (and their families) who are exploring, accessing, or who have accessed voluntary assisted dying. Translations of this letter into other languages may also be available, if needed.

I encourage you to share this letter and the attached resolution (unconfirmed minute) with your congregations, faith communities, or organisations, that we may together explore what this means in our life of faith and witness to the grace and love of God in our midst.

May the grace and peace of Christ continue to fill us with God's unbounding and renewing love.



Rev Denise Liersch
Moderator





Unconfirmed Minute from the 14th Synod Meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania

26 Response to Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation

That the Synod resolved:

(a) To affirm that:

- (i) life is a gift of God, and all human life, regardless of circumstance, is precious to and has dignity before God;
- (ii) neither death nor life, neither suffering nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (see Romans 8:38-39);
- (iii) as followers of Christ and through God's accompanying grace, fresh wisdom, peace and compassion can be birthed in the midst of suffering, which, without idolising suffering, is a deep and abiding mystery;
- (iv) while death is the end of mortal life it marks a new beginning in our relationship with God (see *Uniting in Worship* 2; Funeral Liturgy);
- (v) as followers of Christ we are called to spiritual discernment and responsibility as we journey through life and death; and
- (vi) as the body of Christ we are called to be a loving and supportive community to people in need of care, including at the end of life.

(b) To affirm that, in the light of (a) above, palliative care be the primary means through which end of life care is provided "for a person with an active, progressive, advanced disease, who has little or no prospect of cure and who is expected to die and for whom the primary goal is to optimise the quality of life." (see Palliative Care Australia: palliative care definition).

(c) To acknowledge that:

- (i) it is a legal right, as of 19 June 2019, for all Victorians who meet the eligibility criteria and follow the process described in the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 to access voluntary assisted dying; and
- (ii) most people will find palliative care and end of life services give them the support they need at the end of their life (see DHHS Fact Sheet on Understanding voluntary assisted dying).

(d) To recognise that within the Synod:

- (i) there is a range of faithful Christian responses to voluntary assisted dying which are consistent with the affirmations in clause (a); and
- (ii) exploring, accessing, and conscientiously objecting to voluntary assisted dying are all within the range of faithful Christian responses to the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017.

- (e) In the light of clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, to give permission within Victoria to UCA institutions (Uniting VicTas and Uniting AgeWell) and the UCA-affiliated hospital group (Epworth HealthCare) to make voluntary assisted dying allowable within the context of their facilities and services for their patients, clients and residents, under the conditions described in the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017.
- (f) To request that the relevant UCA institutions (Uniting VicTas and Uniting AgeWell) and the UCA-affiliated hospital group (Epworth HealthCare) in Victoria ensure they develop and adopt clear policies and procedures that allow staff and volunteers to conscientiously object to participating in voluntary assisted dying, in accordance with the provisions outlined in the relevant legislation.
- (g) To commit to the provision of a compassionate pastoral response to all people, including those who choose to explore or access voluntary assisted dying within Victoria and their families, associated with the Church, UCA institutions (Uniting VicTas and Uniting AgeWell) and the UCA-affiliated hospital group (Epworth HealthCare).
- (h) To request equipping Leadership for Mission (eLM), in collaboration with the Synod Ethics Committee, to resource UCA ministers, lay leaders, chaplains, pastoral care workers and others who offer spiritual and pastoral support to people (and their families) who are exploring, accessing, or who have accessed voluntary assisted dying, including taking into account
 - i. engagement with First Peoples;
 - ii. diverse cultural and language needs;
 - iii. the range of faithful Christian responses; and
 - iv. the need for prayers and liturgical support for pastoral care and funerals, in consultation with the Assembly's Transforming Worship Panel.
- (i) To write to the Victorian Premier and relevant government ministers:
 - i. to call on the Victorian Government to increase resourcing for palliative care as the primary means through which end of life care is offered and delivered; and
 - ii. to encourage the Victorian Government to engage with First Peoples and culturally and linguistically diverse communities in resourcing the understanding of the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017.
- (j) To advise the Leader of the Opposition and shadow spokespeople of the action in (i) above.

Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 6 Months to 30th June 2019

INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		67000		67408
Rental Income - High St & Manse		27000		29950
Donations		750		950
Donations: Children's Outreach		250		260
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		2500		2828
Goods and Services Tax				3811
Fete		7000		7253
Interest - Cash Management Account		500		540
GST Reimbursement MBA		1500		1285
Atkinson Foundation Income		1250		1490
Guest Foundation Income		1500		1868
Bomar Grant		33000		33000
Transfer from Wesley Lease		30800		31054
TOTAL INCOME		173050		181697
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		98500		96498
Administration Costs		26000		25008
Planned Giving Expenses		1000		733
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	250		451	
Cleaning/Maintenance	14500		14871	
Rates: Council/Water	3750		3730	
Gas/Electricity	4000	22500	2511	21563
Insurance		8000		7700
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		500		27
Organ/Choir/Copyright		1000		946
Goods and Services Tax				3579
Miscellaneous		5000		4750
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		162500		160804
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	15900		13255	
FHS Chaplaincy	0		0	
Tom Sutherland	250		0	
Community Support	1500	17650	1500	14755
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		180150		175559

AUGUST DIARY

MONDAY 29 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm

TUESDAY 30 - WALKIE TALKIES - Frankston Pier Carpark - 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY 31 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - Church & Hall - 9:30am

COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am

THURSDAY 1 - WALKIE TALKIES - Conservation Reserve, Waterways Frankston - 8:30am

ELDERS MEETING - Blue Room - 1:00pm

FRIDAY 2 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am

QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am

SUNDAY 4 - COMMUNION & COMMUNITY SUNDAY - Focus: BUNANS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

OPEN CAFE - Foyer - 5:00pm

MONDAY 5 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm

LEGS - Blue Room - 7:30pm

TUESDAY 6 - WALKIE TALKIES - Tyabb Carpark behind the shops - 8:30am

TUESDAY COMMUNION - Church & Hall - 11:30am

RETIRED MINISTERS LUNCH - Foyer - 12:30PM

WEDNESDAY 7 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - Church & Hall - 9:30am

COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30pm

THURSDAY 8 - WALKIE TALKIES - Dame Elizabeth Arboretum - 8:30am

AMITIE CRAFT GROUP - Church Foyer - 2:00pm

FRIDAY 9 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am

QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am

SATURDAY 10 - CADENCE CONCERT - Church - 2:00pm

SUNDAY 11 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

EMPOWER YOUTH GROUP - AFTER SOMERS CATCH UP - 3:00PM

MONDAY 12 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM

BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm

TUESDAY 13 - WALKIE TALKIES - Pentland Gardens, Williams St Frankston - 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY 14 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - Church & Hall - 9:30am

COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30pm

THURSDAY 15 - WALKIE TALKIES - Seaford Wetlands East end of McKenzie St. - 8:30am

MISSION GUILD - Chapel - 1:30pm

FRIDAY 16 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am

QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am

SUNDAY 18 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

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- MONDAY 19 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm
- TUESDAY 20 - WALKIE TALKIES - Baxter Safeway - 8:30pm
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Chapel - 7:30pm
- WEDNESDAY 21 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - Church & Hall - 9:30am
COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30pm
PPE PRESBYTERY MEETING - Nucle Park - 7:30pm
- THURSDAY 22 - WALKIE TALKIES - Pearcedale Football Grounds - 8:30am
- FRIDAY 23 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am
QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am
- SATURDAY 24 - SOMERS FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT - Church Hall - 7:00pm
- SUNDAY 25 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
EMPOWER YOUTH GROUP - Back Hall - 3:00pm
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- MONDAY 26 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm
- TUESDAY 27 - WALKIE TALKIES - Patterson Lakes Shopping Centre, Thompson Rd - 8:30pm
- WEDNESDAY 28 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - Church & Hall - 9:30am
COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30pm
- THURSDAY 29 - WALKIE TALKIES - Eden Gardens, Corner of Canadian Bay & Nepean - 8:30am
PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am
- FRIDAY 30 - QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am
- SATURDAY 31 - BUNAN'S ARRIVE

AUGUST ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>DUTY ELDERS</u>		<u>COMMUNION SET UP</u>	<u>COMMUNION HELPERS</u>
August		Rona Russell Fiona Jones		Bev Fowler Erica Hutchinson	Dorothy Bucher Dawn Peacock
DATES	04 August	11 August	18 August	25 August	
STEWARDS	Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	
MORNING TEA	Margaret Snyder Virgil Snyder Brian Golby Heather Rawson	Jess Williams Denise Andrews Pat Johnson Barb Trewartha	Edna Runciman Jill Cayzer Erica Hutchinson Carol Calderbank	Karin Jooste Michael Johnson Jen Johnson Marilyn Sheerin	
DATA PROJECTOR	Karin Jooste	Diana	Diana	Murray	
BIBLE READER	Dawn Peacock	Erica Hutchinson	Ian Cayzer	Jill Cayzer	
FLOWERS	Edna Reeves	Edna Reeves	Marion Coulson	Marion Coulson	

CONTEMPORARY

DATES	04 Aug	11 Aug	18 Aug	25 Aug
STEWARD	Santhira	Santhira	Howard	Howard
WELCOMER	Marilyn	Marilyn	Andi	Andi
HOSPITALITY	Gill Roy	Lindy Barb	Lindy Barb	Howard Andi