

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 13 October, 2019

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Traditional worship - 9:00am

Contemporary worship - 10:40



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



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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for Springvale congregation, St Kilda congregation and Rev Paul Dau; Rev David Pargeter.



Prayer requests can be placed on the Prayer Tree in the foyer, emailed to HSUCprayer@googlegroups.com, or phoned to Marlene on 9781 5351. Requests will be circulated to a small group on the prayer chain, and treated confidentially.

High Street Times publishes a regular list of people whom we especially keep in our prayers. There will be opportunities for particular prayer concerns to be shared on Sunday mornings in worship.

NEWSBEAT:

The latest edition of the Presbytery's NEWSBEAT is available under the news tab on our website, www.frankstonuniting.org.au

CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting on **THIS** coming Tuesday 15th October, at 7:30 in the Chapel. Any reports please submit to the office by 9am Tuesday 8th October.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA:

With various people away, last Sunday's morning tea had not been advertised or well prepared and only raised \$10. For the remainder of this year we'll run a morning tea on 27 October for Tom Sutherland; and a morning tea on 1 December for Operation Larder.

Wednesday Night Cell Group:

Continues this week on Wednesday night (16th October)
at Kay and Murray's home at 5 Marrilac Court at 8pm.

We will be continuing our new study, "Showing Mercy" with Study 2,
"Being Merciful to Others". For further details, and a study handout,
see Keith Holmes (9789 2575).

WE'RE TURNING FIVE!

Come and help us celebrate..

Wednesday
October 16th
Uniting Church,
High St
Frankston



Morning Tea
10:00 am

Free Concert
10:30am



All enquiries, call Trudi Mackenzie 0406 678 261

Traditional worship
13 October 2019, 9:00am

Welcome

Introit: **Sing praise and thanksgiving** (TiS 107, vv. 1,3)

Call to worship Psalm 148: 7-14 (responsive)

We sing: **All things bright and beautiful** (TiS 135)

Prayer

Message - Learning from St Francis

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Passing the peace

We sing: **Make me a channel of your peace** (TiS 607)

Bible readings: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Luke 17: 11-19

The choir sings: Help us to accept each other (TiS 648)

Reflection - Being thankful

We make our offering as we sing:
Thank you for giving me the morning (TiS 162)

Dedication of the offering

Notices and Sharing

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer

We sing: **Christ be my leader** (TiS 624)

Blessing

We sing: **Shalom to you, now** (TiS 778)

Contemporary Worship
13 October 2019, 10:40am
Blessing of the Animals

Welcome and acknowledgement of country

Song: **The sounds in God's world all agree** (TiS 176)

Prayer

Introducing our pets

Passing the peace

Song: **All things bright and beautiful** (TiS 135)

Reflection: The life of St Francis of Assisi

Offering song: **Make me a channel of your peace** (TiS 607)

Poem by Nathan Curnow

Prayers


Blessing the animals

Being thankful (Luke 17: 11-19)

Song: **If I were a butterfly**

Blessing

Song: **May the feet of God walk with you**



19 OCTOBER 2019
12:30PM

SHARED LUNCH

@KAY & MURRAY BURDETT'S
5 MARRILAC CT, FRANKSTON
RSVP: KAY 97890186
ALL WELCOME!!

An Armchair Travel Afternoon at HSUC
Sunday, 10th November, 2019 at 4.30pm

Followed by a shared meal

The Entry of \$10 will support

The Woman & Child Mobile Health Clinics Project in North India

More information closer to the date.

This Week's Diary...

- MONDAY 14 – OPERATION LARDER – 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00pm
- TUESDAY 15 – WALKIE TALKIES – Tyabb Carpark behind shops Franks/Flinders Rd – 8:30pm
CHURCH COUNCIL – chapel – 7:30pm
- WEDNESDAY 16 – VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR – Church & Hall – 9:30am
COMMUNITY BBQ – Front verandah – 11:30am
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church – 3:30pm
- THURSDAY 17 – WALKIE TALKIES – Dame Elisabeth Arboretum, Langwarrin. – 8:30am
MISSION GUILD – Chapel – 1:30pm
- FRIDAY 18 – PLAY GROUP – Back Hall & Green Room – 9:15am
QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am
- SUNDAY 20 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM

ROSTERS

Traditional

Contemporary

Date: 13 October 2019

Elders: Dorothy Bucher, Stanley Zhungu

Stewards: Roy Giesemann, Maureen Beens

Morning Tea: Mac & Ann Cleland, Maureen Beens, Enid Churcher, Marion Day.

Data Projector: Karin

Bible Reader: Marlene Thresher

Flowers: Barb Trewartha

Date: 13 October 2019

Welcomer: Kate

Steward: Helen

Hospitality: Arthur & Ruth

Date: 20 October 2019

Elders: Dorothy Bucher, Stanley Zhungu

Stewards: Cheryl Wilson, Marilyn Sheerin

Morning Tea: Heather Rawson, Brian Golby, Pat Johnson, Erica Hutchinson.

Data Projector: Diana

Bible Reader: Jill Cayzer

Flowers: Edna Runciman

Date: 20 October 2019

Welcomer: Kate

Steward: Helen

Hospitality: Arthur & Ruth

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St Francis

Today's contemporary service includes a 'Blessing of the Animals'. The 'feast of St Francis' was a little earlier this month (October 4); here are some introductory comments from Hannah about the life of St Francis to inspire us:

St Francis was born in the 12 century in the land we now call Italy. He began life as a wealthy man, travelling through many countries enjoying his comfortable upbringing. In his travels, he met many poor people and one encounter with a leper changed his heart. He gave up his money and dedicated his life to God, wandering the roads dressed as a beggar himself. Soon Francis and his friends began to live and pray together, often travelling around to tell the stories of Jesus wherever they went. They were committed to following the teachings of Jesus and walking in his footsteps.

Francis believed we should pay attention to everything God made, not just people who need help but every single thing around us. He thought that the spirit of life within each creature calls to that same spirit of life in all other creatures. That's why we feel sorry for animals when they're young or hurt and need help. And we feel for plants dying, we are even connected with the ground we walk on and the stars in the sky when we are out in nature, because we know God cares for every precious little detail in the world. God's calls for the reconciliation of the whole of creation!

The legend of St Francis tells us that birds and animals would come to him when he was out walking, even when he was preaching to people! Birds would sit on his shoulder, listen to him, sing for him – and for God. And so whenever we remember St Francis, we remember him as the patron Saint of animals and the environment – and also remember that every kind of creature – from the birds and wild animals to the rocks and stars – has its own way to praise God.
