

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 1 December, 2019

Traditional Worship - 9am

Contemporary Worship - 10:40am

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION

CONNECTING YOUNGER GENERATIONS IN GOD'S LOVE



WELCOME to the services today.

Special welcome to the family and friends
of Alexander and Louis Wittick, who are
being baptised in the 10:40 service this
morning.

FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

MINISTRY TEAM

MINISTER: Rev David Fotheringham (0407 861 092)

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YOUTH COORDINATOR: Hannah Dungan (0422 628 028)

MONASH UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN: Mandy Lake

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:



Following the calendar of prayers for congregations and ministries around the Presbytery, today we pray for The Synod of Victoria and Tasmania: and Rev Sharon Hollis(Moderator), Rev Dr Mark Lawrence (General Secretary), Ms Isabel Thomas Dobson (Associate General Secretary), Rev Denise Liersch (Moderator Elect)

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.

TUESDAY COMMUNION

On the first Tuesday of every second month (February, April, June, August, October, December) we hold a short service of Holy Communion, followed by a lunch in the hall, for those who for reasons like health and mobility find it difficult to get to Sunday morning worship. We have a dedicated team of people who prepare lunches and make arrangements for the service, as well as a team of 5 drivers who pick people up for those services.

We would be able to run the service on the first Tuesday of March, May, July, September and perhaps November if we had 4 more drivers who would be prepared to commit to picking people up on those months.

Please speak with David Fotheringham, Elaine Kenyon or Jill Cayzer if you are able to help, or write a note to us via one of the "Contact and Request Cards" in the church pews.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

There will be cakes and slices for sale between the services with proceeds going towards Operation Larder. Some may still be available after the Contemporary Service, but getting in early is encouraged, as there will be a celebration morning tea at 10:40 for Alex and Louis's baptism.

HSUC CHRISTMAS FAIR - HELP WANTED

The fete committee would like to **invite** our members to be part of the Christmas Fair and help with the following:

- We need lots of freshly baked cakes and other baked goods for our very popular cake stall. Please remember an ingredients list, which needs to include your initials.
- We have a volunteer list in the foyer. Please put your name down, we need many helpers for setup on Friday during the day, and also with clean-up after the fete from around 2pm on Saturday afternoon.
- Please come and support us on the day if you cannot assist on the stalls, we need to welcome the wider community to our church and need your help to do so. **Let us know if you can letterbox drop or leave a poster at your local kinder, school, library, community hall or shop promoting the Christmas Fair**
- Please bring your own plastic bags on the day. If you have extras, please donate to stall holders.
- We will again be making up gourmet hampers to fit in with the **Christmas Theme** of the fair. This means we need your kind donations of gourmet items, champagne, chocolate, restaurant vouchers, etc. Also a few large baskets in good condition. Please drop off at church office or talk to Marg Scarlett – 0419 805 362 or email pcs@cogroup.com.au

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING

Christmas Hamper packing for the disadvantaged of Frankston will take place on Wednesday the 11th of December. For those who are able to help, please arrive by 8:45am. We have 750 hampers to pack, up slightly from last year. The hampers are worth a total of just over \$10,000, of which half comes from Larder. Last year the packing was finished by about 11am, including time for a cuppa.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

5:00pm Christmas Eve – Family Christmas Celebration
11:30pm Christmas Eve – Midnight Carols
9:00am Christmas Day – Christmas Worship



The DECEMBER/JANUARY Edition of the High Street Times is now available for collection in the foyer.

Traditional worship

1 December 2019, 9:00am

Gathering With Expectation

Introit: **Light one candle for Hope** (TiS 286 v.1)
Advent litany
We sing: **Come to be our hope, Lord Jesus** (TiS 688)
Prayer
Passing the peace

Listening for God's Word

Responsive Psalm Psalm 19: 1-4
The choir sings: **Every star shall sing a carol**
Bible reading: **2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3**
Responsive Psalm Psalm 19: 7-10, 14
Sermon

Beginning our Response

Offering song: **Thanks to God whose word was spoken**
(TiS 431)
Dedication of the offering
Notices and Sharing
Prayers of the people

Being Nourished for the Journey

Invitation to Holy Communion
We sing: **Your coming, Lord, to earth in Bethlehem**
(TiS 285 vv.1,3,4)
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sharing Holy Communion
Prayer after communion

Being Sent Out with Blessing

We sing: **Hark the glad sound** (TiS 269)
Blessing
We sing: **Now unto him**

Contemporary worship
1 December 2019, 10:40am
Advent 1; Baptism of Alexander and Louis Wittick

GATHERING

Way Maker

Reckless Love

The blessing (NCYC 2011)

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT SONG: *I've got hope*

ADVENT ACTION

PRAYER

BAPTISM of Alexander and Louis Wittick

BLESSING SONG: *The blessing (NCYC 2011)*

BAPTISM PROMISES

SONG: *Make me a channel of your peace*

PASSING THE PEACE

BIBLE READING: 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3

SERMON

OFFERING SONG: *Servant King*

PRAYERS for the world and for each other

SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION

(All who wish to receive these elements in faith are welcome)

SONG: *Amazing Grace (my chains fell off)*

BLESSING

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



The Bel Canto Choir



presents

“Christmas Readings and Carols”

Conductor **Margaret Brown**

Sunday 1st December 2019, 2:30pm

The Village Uniting Church

93 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza

All proceeds from this concert donated to

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(maxonamission.org.au)

Admission: \$25 Adult/\$20 Concession (Seniors, Students)

Primary School Students no charge

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/437343> or phone: 9787 5383

www.thebelcantochoirmteliza.wordpress.com

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The church will be taking donations of unwanted ice-cream containers and egg cartons.
They can be left on the table in the foyer.

This Week's Diary...

- MONDAY 2 – OPERATION LARDER – 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00pm
- TUESDAY 3 – LEGS – Blue Room – 7:30pm
WALKIE TALKIES – St Thomas North Rd Langwarrin – 8:30am
TUESDAY COMMUNION LUNCHEON – 11:30am
- WEDNESDAY 4 – VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR – 9:30am
COMMUNITY BBQ – Front verandah – 11:30am
- THURSDAY 5 – WALKIE TALKIES – Roundabout Cafe, Heatherhill Rd, Frankston – 8:30am
- FRIDAY 6 – PLAYGROUP – Back Hall & Green Room – 9:15am
QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am
- SATURDAY 7 – CHRISTMAS FAIR – 10AM
- SUNDAY 8 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM
OPEN CAFE – 5PM

ROSTERS

Traditional

Contemporary

Date: 1 December 2019

Elders: Marlene Thresher, Rona Russell

Stewards: Rona Russell, Heather Rawson

Morning Tea: Margaret & Virgil Snyder, Ali Vagenas, Marion Day

Data Projector: Tawanda

Bible Reader: Bronwen Mathews

Flowers: Fay Loader

Date: 1 December 2019

Welcomer: Santhira

Steward: Ley

Hospitality: Joy & Barb

Date: 8 December 2019

Elders: Marlene Thresher, Rona Russell

Stewards: Rona Russell, Heather Rawson

Morning Tea: Dorothy Bucher, Robert Latimer, Julie Lincoln

Data Projector: Tawanda

Bible Reader: Rod Caruthers

Flowers: Edna Reeves

Date: 8 December 2019

Welcomer: Santhira

Steward: Marilyn

Hospitality: Joy & Barb

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TRADITIONS ANCIENT AND MODERN

Today is the first of the four Sundays of Advent, the time leading up to Christmas. The Bible reading set down for today comes from the time of King Josiah, a young king in Israel a few hundred years before Christ.

Early in Josiah's time, some workers in the temple "rediscovered" the books of the law. This was a monumental find. Prior to Josiah there had been some kings who had put themselves above the law, and who get very poor commentary in the Biblical record. In Josiah's time, the law is rediscovered, and with it a reminder that even kings are not above the law, we are all a part of a broader society and have ethical responsibilities together. The people of that time re-establish their covenant relationship with God as a society together.

Today we are also celebrating the baptisms of Alexander and Louis Wittick. In a similar way, this is also about recognising that we are born into a bigger picture. The church family continues to promise to live with love, compassion, and care for justice, following the pattern and promise of Jesus' own life.

God's peace,
David
