

DECEMBER 2019

# HIGH STREET TIMES

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

## Christmas Fair!!



Saturday  
7 December  
10am-2pm

Please join us for Devonshire  
Tea, Coffee Cart, Cakes,  
Christmas themed fancy goods,  
gifts and cards, gourmet  
hampers to be won, live  
entertainment, children's  
activities and more!!!!  
ALL WELCOME!!!

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH, 16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON  
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## HIGH STREET UNITING

16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON



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### Worship Times

Sunday 9am -

Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:40am -

Contemporary Worship



**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS  
OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE GATHER**

### BUNURONG PEOPLE

**WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS  
PAST AND PRESENT  
AND ALL THEIR DESCENDANTS**

**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA  
COVENANT WITH THE  
UNITING ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER  
CHRISTIAN CONGRESS**



# CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES



HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH  
16-18 HIGH STREET,  
FRANKSTON

CHRISTMAS EVE  
FAMILY CELEBRATION

– @5:00PM

FOLLOWED BY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

CHRISTMAS EVE  
MIDNIGHT CAROLS

– @11.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY  
SERVICE

– @ 9:00AM

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS BREAK AND WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020.

# FROM THE MINISTER

I'm writing this having just returned from a wonderful church camp at Merricks. We enjoyed a beautifully relaxed time, canoeing, walking on the beach, and creating some new artwork which will soon hang in the hall. On Sunday morning about 45 of us participated in worship on the theme of "The Glory of God is a Human Being Fully Alive". Many thanks to Jackie Annable and all those who contributed to our wonderful time away. There's been a tentative booking made for next year already.

The Christmas Fair is coming soon, with Christmas just around the corner. We are trying a different format from the Food Fair, moving to a Saturday morning, with Christmas themes fancy goods, gifts and cards, and some great entertainment. The Fair will be open from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 7 December, and is a chance for us to "strengthen community", praying for the Holy Spirit's presence among us.

Over the course of Advent, our Sunday morning Bible readings take us on a journey of rediscovering old stories (through the story of Josiah), and preparing space in our lives to hear the call of God (Isaiah and Ezra). The latter reading sets up the temple space, in which many years later Zechariah has a divine encounter which marks the beginning of the new movement of God towards us in Christ. During December will also be celebrating some baptisms, which is a wonderful way of celebrating the new life God brings.

The Christmas services start with a Family Christmas Celebration at 5:00 on Christmas Eve, will include a dramatic telling of the Nativity story; all are very welcome, and a sausage sizzle will follow. There will also be a "Midnight Carols" service at 11:30 on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day Worship at 9:00.

While I was on study leave recently I attended a two-day workshop on inter-cultural ministry. As I was describing ministry in Frankston to a colleague there, he pointed out that the two services we usually have - Traditional and Contemporary - represent different cultures in themselves. When we have "combined" worship in the Sundays after Christmas until the end of January, we are doing something "inter-cultural", which draws each of our out of our comfort zones, to perhaps learn to appreciate the gifts and critiques that the "other" offers. To capitalise on this, I plan for us to feature some of the various cultural backgrounds that our members bring on those Sundays, to raise our understanding of those different cultural backgrounds. Those combined services will be at 10:00am.

At the end of the year, Arthur Poole is going to relinquish the Pastoral Care role that he has been doing so well. Fortunately, we are blessed to be able to welcome Brenda Cooper back into the role, which we'll celebrate at a service in early January. Blessings abound. I will be around right through the December/January period, apart from one week in January (11th - 17th).

God's peace,  
David



## Advent is a time of waiting

A year ago, a friend moved into a new house. Much work needed to be done to renovate the house and the garden. He initially had plans to have it well under way within the first year. Things have moved slower than my friend expected. And he learned this has been a good thing. It's given him time to listen to the rhythm of the seasons in this new place where the weather patterns and growing conditions were very different to what he had been used to; to listen to the wisdom of others regarding what plants would grow best; to observe the local birds and see what they need.

After this time of listening, he has made the difficult decision to cut down several native trees in his garden. Difficult because he's observed the birds love them. Difficult because he finds them beautiful and the light filters through the leaves in a way that he finds delightful. But they are not indigenous to the area and others like them have become pests in local bushland only a short distance from his new house (the birds love the seeds too much and help spread the trees widely!).

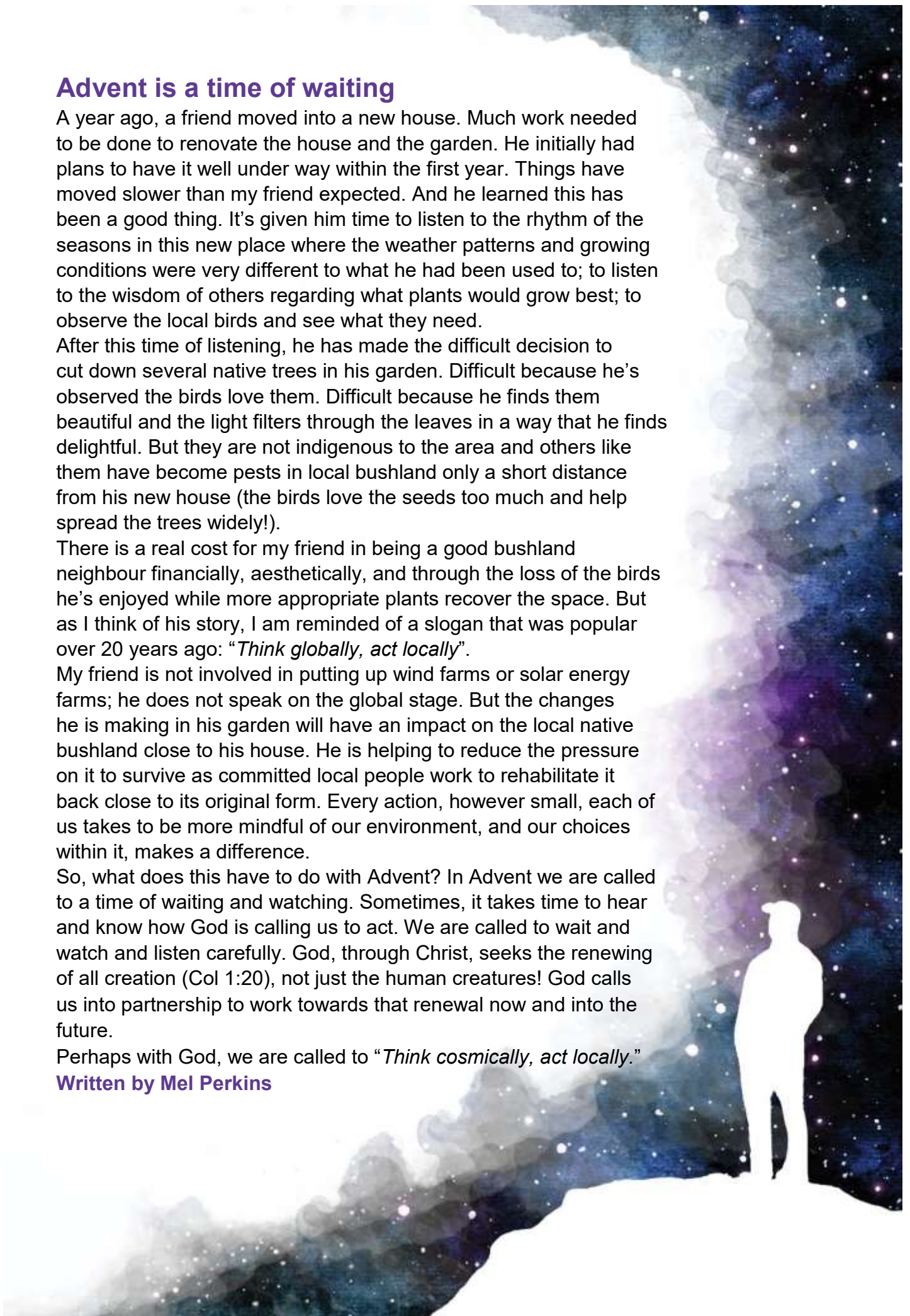
There is a real cost for my friend in being a good bushland neighbour financially, aesthetically, and through the loss of the birds he's enjoyed while more appropriate plants recover the space. But as I think of his story, I am reminded of a slogan that was popular over 20 years ago: *"Think globally, act locally"*.

My friend is not involved in putting up wind farms or solar energy farms; he does not speak on the global stage. But the changes he is making in his garden will have an impact on the local native bushland close to his house. He is helping to reduce the pressure on it to survive as committed local people work to rehabilitate it back close to its original form. Every action, however small, each of us takes to be more mindful of our environment, and our choices within it, makes a difference.

So, what does this have to do with Advent? In Advent we are called to a time of waiting and watching. Sometimes, it takes time to hear and know how God is calling us to act. We are called to wait and watch and listen carefully. God, through Christ, seeks the renewing of all creation (Col 1:20), not just the human creatures! God calls us into partnership to work towards that renewal now and into the future.

Perhaps with God, we are called to *"Think cosmically, act locally."*

**Written by Mel Perkins**



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for  
9 Months to 30th September 2019

INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		100500		100537
Rental Income - High St & Manse		40500		44158
Donations		1125		1900
Donations: Children's Outreach		375		370
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		3750		3831
Goods and Services Tax				5107
Fete		7000		7253
Interest - Cash Management Account		1000		1308
GST Reimbursement MBA		2250		2823
Atkinson Foundation Income		2000		2739
Guest Foundation Income		3000		3485
Bomar Grant		48170		49666
Transfer from Wesley Lease		45200		45269
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>254870</b>		<b>268446</b>
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		147750		140351
Administration Costs		38000		36028
Planned Giving Expenses		1000		733
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	375		685	
Cleaning/Maintenance	21750		22575	
Rates: Council/Water	5625		4745	
Gas/Electricity	6000	33750	4663	32668
Insurance		8000		7700
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		750		27
Organ/Choir/Copyright		1500		1857
Goods and Services Tax				4959
Miscellaneous		7500		6306
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>238250</b>		<b>230629</b>
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	23850		23859	
FHS Chaplaincy	0		0	
Tom Sutherland	375		0	
Community Support	1500	25725	1500	25359
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>263975</b>		<b>255988</b>

# High St UC Playgroup



## Term 4 2019

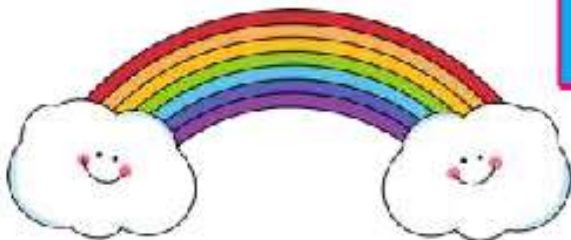


We've had lots of fun at playgroup during term 4. The children have grown so much since the start of the year and are enjoying many different activities.

Playgroup is a space for all children and their carers. Our children come along with their Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Aunties. We have invited the families to the Church Christmas Fair.

At the church camp a couple of families came to visit for the Sunday morning worship and lunch. We also have a baptism for two brothers, Alexander and Louis, this Sunday.

Some of our playgroup families attend the Sunday Contemporary Worship. The children are involved in communion and bring the elements down the aisle to place on the communion table.



The children did different types of painting and experimented with mixing colours. During music time the children insist that we use our rainbow ribbons to sing their favourite songs.

### Dates for the diary

Last playgroup for 2019: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

First playgroup for 2020: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Last playgroup for Term 1, 2020: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March



Thankyou to everyone who has supported playgroup, especially Jill and Dawn who help out on Friday mornings.

Emma Lindenburg





## **Operation Larder Incorporated Presidents Report 12th November, 2019**

Welcome to the 37th, Annual General Meeting of Operation Larder.

We began this year confident that we could meet our Budget Target of \$50,000. Alas our efforts have failed. Response to our Applications for Grants to the Philanthropic Organisations whom have supported us in the past has been disappointing. Frankston Council is the only provider of a substantial amount so far for this year and we only have one more application outstanding. Year 2020 will start with very little in the bank. Fortunately we have had donations from church members and community groups.

I want to thank all office bearers and volunteers that have again been enthusiastic and willing workers. Enabling us to supply an even greater number of items to the Community Support Frankston, 24,044 and counting.

We are also partnering CSF in providing 350 Christmas Hampers this December.

Cheese Club supporters - Thank you!

Daryl Groves has joined our happy band of delivery boys. Welcome!!

We were saddened by the passing of Florence McGuinness and our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat.

Again CSF has acknowledged Larders contribution in their Annual Report.

The Food Bank Hunger Report for 2019 reports more than 1 in 5 Australians experienced food insecurity in the past 12 months. At least once a week 3 in 10 Food Insecure Australians go a whole day without eating and children represent 22% increase in the number of individuals seeking food relief from charities. Only 37% of charities are meeting the full needs of the people they assist. Despite Australia's reputation as a wealthy country food insecurity is a reality for an increasing number of people.



<b>2019</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
VEGEMITE	97	99	63	92	108	108	127	116	154	108	0	0	1072
FRUIT CUPS 120G	312	292	272	229	172	252	308	288	354	264	0	0	2743
MEAT/VEG	192	179	144	206	222	224	220	231	223	191	0	0	2032
BAKED BEANS	97	111	88	71	126	153	118	106	130	114	0	0	1114
TINNED SPAGHETTI	6	59	61	64	187	51	64	65	43	24	0	0	624
TOM/HERBS	0	13	22	24	39	37	29	50	30	14	0	0	258
NOODLES/ BEEF	78	50	55	52	38	120	88	65	100	75	0	0	721
NOODLES/CHICKEN	85	75	70	50	53	95	78	50	95	75	0	0	726
MILK UHT 1 LITRE	208	253	204	271	192	228	282	230	288	240	0	0	2396
VITABRITS	150	159	156	142	136	144	180	139	184	125	0	0	1515
SUGAR 1KG	41	46	32	61	31	37	48	38	71	65	0	0	470
SOUP (ASSORTED)	0	33	18	0	0	1	35	51	34	29	0	0	201
TEABAGS 24'S	37	0	0	0	0	48	59	34	77	29	0	0	284
COFFEE 50G	103	93	78	73	31	99	149	104	150	112	0	0	992
TUNA SMALL 95G	35	151	74	146	49	94	104	127	48	210	0	0	1038
TUNA LARGE 425G	110	108	100	118	112	92	125	77	87	79	0	0	1008
PASTA SPIRALS	80	110	83	98	72	116	89	128	118	95	0	0	989
PEANUT BUTTER	57	80	49	79	83	84	90	84	98	75	0	0	779
PEAS & CORN	56	61	43	41	57	48	64	68	94	41	0	0	573
KRAFT CHEESE 250G	166	126	120	157	133	139	143	124	150	130	0	0	1388
DRY BISCUITS	112	103	97	145	131	144	153	132	144	82	0	0	1243
C/BELLS SPAG SAUCE	133	132	79	94	115	108	129	105	156	108	0	0	1159
RICE 1KG	36	25	30	52	67	15	40	61	62	30	0	0	418
DEODORANT UNISEX	6	44	30	19	34	30	41	29	52	37	0	0	322
TOOTHBRUSHES	0	8	8	10	15	10	10	10	4	15	0	0	90
TOOTHPASTE	13	29	22	35	23	15	27	12	33	37	0	0	246
RAZORS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOILET ROLLS	30	62	36	35	42	60	9	51	32	18	0	0	375
TISSUES	0	2	6	1	6	0	0	7	8	7	0	0	37
SHAMPOO	10	7	9	10	16	11	18	6	16	16	0	0	119
SOAP	0	22	0	18	30	18	24	10	0	0	0	0	122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2250</b>	<b>2532</b>	<b>2049</b>	<b>2383</b>	<b>2320</b>	<b>2581</b>	<b>2851</b>	<b>2598</b>	<b>3035</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25044</b>

**Quantity of Items donated by  
Operation Larder Inc. to  
Community Support Frankston  
for 2019**






HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH

WELCOMES ALL TO

**PLAY GROUP**

PLAY GROUP will recommence  
1st week in February 2020

A WELCOMING SPACE FOR BABIES TO  
PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND THEIR  
FAMILIES TO SHARE IN PLAY, CRAFT,  
MUSIC, STORIES & SNACK.

**When:**  
Every Friday  
during school  
term.

**Time:**  
9:15AM -  
11:15AM

**Where:**  
16-18 High St,  
Frankston

**WANT MORE INFO?**  
CONTACT EMMA: 0433667271 OR  
CHURCH OFFICE: 97833400




**VOICES OF  
FRANKSTON  
COMMUNITY  
CHOIR**

A choir from diverse backgrounds  
who love singing together!

**SING**

Want to join the Choir?  
We meet every Wednesday at 9:30am during  
school terms. Free lunch provided.  
All are Welcome.

VOF will recommence 1st  
week in February 2020



**HIGH STREET UNITING**

**COMMUNITY BBQ**

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**

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**11:30AM - 1:00PM**

The Community BBQ WILL  
be operating on Christmas Day  
and New Years Day.



### **From Church Council**

Do you have skills in book-keeping/ accounting and some time to spare?

Our church is looking for a person to assist our very hard-working Treasurer, Keith Holmes, in ensuring that our financial records are kept in order. This would involve assisting Keith periodically to undertake small, specified tasks. The ideal person may not have formal qualifications in the accounting or business field, but may have acquired or honed such skills through work or similar voluntary roles with clubs or organisations.

### **What to do now if potentially able to assist?**

Please chat with Ross Huggard (Chairperson of Church Council) as soon as possible, either in person, or on 0408 364 637



Russell Hawkin's "Take Five" column will be coming back again soon. In the new year he is planning to write about Denise and Ray Andrews. Denise and Ray are very involved with Foster Care through Oz Child ([ozchild.org.au](http://ozchild.org.au)).

Foster care is a way of offering children a safe, secure and nurturing place to stay while their family is unable to care for them. Foster carers can choose from several different types of care placement, ranging from emergency care right through to respite and longer-term care.

Russell would like to wish all of HSUC a Holy and Happy Christmas.

"As I gazed at the brilliance of the northern star its lights reflection set my heart and hand a flame with the desire to hold another's in need. The same light that guided three wise men toward Bethlehem had inspired me to do the same and seek to bless a child with love by following my heart's desire to foster and nurture the young life of another"

Russell Hawkins



# 2019 CHUCH CAMP MERRICKS LODGE 23 & 24 NOV 2019





# CHAPLAINCY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

MANDY LAKE

What has the Chaplain been doing at Monash University this semester? Here are some stories which will hopefully give you a picture of the range of work I've been involved with!

One-to-one interactions I've been privileged to be trusted with some discussions with students who are having difficulties with a range of issues in their lives. For example, a masters student who is exploring Christianity following the death of her nephew; a mature age student with children who is working through possible separation with her husband; a young man working through issues of conflict between his parents at home; and a highly educated young man who is the partner of a PHD student from Iran who is having difficulties finding work due to his English skills. I'm in a fortunate position to be able to provide a listening ear, and walk alongside people in a way that isn't often done by others in the university environment.

## Pancake breakfasts

Pancake breakfasts continue to be a great way for me to get to know students and staff, and provide a warm and friendly space for people to connect and interact. Thank you to the dream team – Alan, Gill, Peggy, Jen, Howard and Max – for all your hard work in making all this happen! What I've really noticed, especially in this last semester, is bringing people together across courses. A story which illustrates this and that I'm especially happy about is the bringing together of two of the students whom I had spoken with individually. They could not be more different! One a mature age woman from Australia with five children with a history of family violence, studying paramedics, and the other a young man of overseas background with questions about faith and sexuality, studying education. These two were introduced to each other one morning at the breakfast, and now seeking each other out to sit and chat while they eat, developing a friendship, and supporting each other in their studies.

## Involvement in theme weeks

I was again involved in "Diversity and Inclusion Week" in October, celebrated across the whole university with different events and activities focussed on diversity and inclusion issues. Along with other chaplains, we ran a "Wheel of Diversity" event over lunchtime at each campus, where students would spin the wheel, answer a trivia question in different categories (mental health, religion, gender, cultural background, indigenous issues, disability, etc.), answer the question correctly (sometimes with a lot of light-hearted support and encouragement from us), and win a free coffee voucher. This is the third year we have done this, and it's proved to be a great fun way of chaplains engaging with students, in addition to promoting the underlying themes of the week.

## Professional Development

I attended a three day conference on the Gold Coast for chaplains at universities, and it was a really positive time of great networking, learning lots of new thing, sharing ideas, and being both challenged and affirmed in my work. I also attended a three day training on "Uniting Church in Australia" run by the Centre for Theology and Ministry (for all candidates for ministry, pastors, and ministers transferring into the Uniting Church from other faith backgrounds). We were privileged to have some of the amazing people in leadership positions in our Synod come and speak to us about different aspects of the Uniting Church's life and work, and especially the theology underpinning it all, and I found it really beneficial and inspiring.

Thanks to you all for the support of Chaplaincy through this church, and please keep students in your prayers as they have a break from study over summer, wait for exam results, continue part-time work to support themselves, and for final year students as they transition from university life to the workforce in their chosen field.







# LIKE A LITTLE CANDLE

By Ian Menzies

Our light globes have just been changed. Again. It seems only recently that the old incandescent ones were swapped for compact fluorescents. Now they, too, are old hat ('Oh, they contain mercury, you know!') and have in turn been updated to LEDs. But as for candles, now there's a different matter. There's something about candlelight. Its softness, warmth and vulnerability. Birthday candles are celebratory. Dinner candles are romantic. Memorial candles are solemn. Prayer candles are humble.

Christmas candles are joyful. Sparkling candles are exciting. Candles are just wonderful. Each little flicker seems so frail and fleeting: it's no wonder they are symbolic of life, to be savoured and enjoyed while it lasts. In Luke we are told not to hide our light under a bushel (an archaic term for 'a bowl'); rather to do as Susan Warner's hymn implores, to "*shine ... like a little candle, burning in the night*". There's a genuineness in candlelight that no LED artificiality can replicate, a calling to a life of warmth and light and simplicity

## Reflection:

*If therefore your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light.*

Luke 11: 36





# emPOWER YOUTH GROUP



**Who:** open to anyone  
grade 3 - year 9.

**What:** POWER! is a super  
joyful and inclusive youth  
group that do fun stuff  
together!

**Where:** High St Uniting  
Church,  
16-18 High St Frankston  
**When:** 3:30-5pm

**Want more info?**

**Contact our Youth Coordinator:**

**Youth Leader:** Hannah  
Dungan

**Mob:** 0422 628 028

**Email:**

[Frankstonucyouth@gmail.com](mailto:Frankstonucyouth@gmail.com)

Or hit us out on Facebook by  
searching: "High St  
Uniting Church Frankston"

## **YOUTH GROUP TERM 1 DATES, FOR 2020:**

**FEB 10 - "FROZEN" NIGHT – ICE/WATER GAMES!**

**FEB 24 - "GAMESHOW" NIGHT**  
– BRAINIACS, IT'S QUIZ TIME!

**MAR 9 - "LEGO ANIMATION" NIGHT**  
– PREPARE TO BUILD A WHOLE NEW WORLD!

**MAR 23 - "FORMAL DINNER" NIGHT – DRESS TO IMPRESS!**

## **DATES FOR DIARY**

**APR 5 - PALM SUNDAY**

**APR 10 - GOOD FRIDAY –**

**EASTER on the FORESHORE!**

**APR 12 - EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION**





# JBKS Project Report

## North India Tour 2019



SEVEN women, including a 16 year old girl, and one brave man ventured to North India once again recently in support of the JBKS Community Health project in the Punjab. It was a pilgrimage we would never forget.

The purpose of the mission was to learn and share with the Jagriti Bhalai Kendra Society (JBKS) project team and the communities who are supported by this remarkable program. Since the early days of our support, seven years ago, the program has developed from maternal and child work into a much broader, stronger and more self-sustaining set up.

In addition to the health, hygiene and natal care elements, the tour guests were able to witness and immerse themselves in: The widows and single women programs promoting unity, female empowerment, gender equality and social enterprise; support for HIV children and teenagers born with the virus; nutritional health work with a Punjabi version of Masterchef; a climate change and environmental awareness poster competition and, finally, engagement with orphaned girls being housed and educated in a local school hostel.







Dr Alma Ram, who runs the project in the Punjab, took us through the various elements of the program, and the immense cultural and logistical obstacles they face, on day one in the head office. We presented her with a beautiful stitched quilt from women at Berwick

Uniting church. As well as the grinding daily problems, Alma happily shared the great strides of progress. We learned that the defence of the girl child program has led to approximately 6,000 more baby girls being born or surviving since the project began. After six tours these people are like family now - with some people attending Alma's daughter's wedding last year - and each new guest has a unique experience and shares in a journey of togetherness.

Following the four days visiting the project in and around Amritsar, the group moved on and also enjoyed sight-seeing and cultural visits to Dharamsala (the Dalai Lama was out of town), Rishikesh, Agra and New Delhi. It really was an incredible journey once more. Alan and Bronwen Mathews came on the tour, many of these photos were taken by him, along with Ruth Hough, Mt Martha UC, Barbara Chamberlain, Glen Waverley UC, Glenice Carr and her young niece Lara Iovieri and long-standing Friend of JBKS Lea Trafford.

by Helen Beeby





# Help to save our 105 year old historic **AEOLIAN PIPE ORGAN!**

## **WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?**

We all appreciate that as we age, parts of our body wear out and don't function as well as they used to, don't we?

Our pipe organ has a newly diagnosed chronic serious 'breathing problem'! The 'windchest' of our pipe organ, which is made of leather and supplies the critically-important wind to the pipes, has quite simply worn out and is about to completely disintegrate. This will make the organ inoperable.

Typically, such leather-work should have only lasted around 50 years, but in our case, we have had another 55 years of dutiful service! However, the time has come for this to be replaced and repaired.

## **HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?**

Our organ is one of only several still in existence and able to be played in Australia, and is a listed historic organ. If you attended one of the special organ recitals by Lachlan Redd, you will know first-hand the force, calibre and wonderful tonality of this organ. As such, there are very few skilled tradespeople able to maintain and repair it. Australian Pipe Organs is the only recommended repairer for our type of pipe organ. Due to the complexity of the repairs, and around four weeks of work required on it, the cost will be **\$24,600**, which is a significant sum of money.

## **Why doesn't Church Council authorise payment for these repairs?**

We prioritise the use of the church finances to provide for the ministry and mission needs of this community, in line with our vision statement, and to cover the property maintenance requirements, which include the looming need to replace the hall roof and external hall windows. These are important repair tasks, which we cannot ignore. Therefore, Church Council has determined that we cannot allocate our scarce funds to repair our pipe organ, even though we recognise the importance of the organ and value it, just like you.

## **WHAT NOW?**

Church Council is therefore launching a separate special fund **SAVE OUR AEOLIAN ORGAN APPEAL**.

We know there are many demands on our funds, but hope that many of you will recognise that we are custodians of this wonderful organ and accordingly have a duty to ensure it will continue to be played for generations to come.

Several people have already indicated that they will make a significant donation to this separate, special organ restoration fund. We would ask you to carefully reflect upon this matter and hopefully feel moved to donate.

Please talk to our treasurer Keith Holmes or indicate your pledge on a card available in the foyer.

Thank you in anticipation!





# A Motley Christmas

By Ian Menzies

A tradition in my family is that each member has their own Christmas tree decoration.

Ours is not a glamorous, colour-themed with matching ornaments style of tree at all. Rather it consists of a motley assortment of baubles and somewhat battered and ancient decorations, each with their own character and story. There are little trumpets that only my late mother could get to sound; glittering birds with little clips to cling on to branches with; teddies, bells and snowmen still shedding glitter after decades of use; various orbs and balls; and the odd waft of unconvincing fake snow tinsel. We gave up on the dodgy lights many

years ago, about the same time our Christmas star was deemed too tatty and was also ditched. It was usurped by a glamorous angel who parked herself on the treetop to survey the festivities from on high.

Visiting relatives were often challenged to races to discover where particular favourite decorations lurked each year. I love our quirky old tree because it has character and history. It is like most families, and congregations for that matter: all are made up of an odd assortment of unmatched but precious members, that together somehow manage to combine magnificently and become a satisfying and unique entity of their own.

## Reflection:

*The body is a unit, though it is comprised of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So it is with Christ.*

1 Corinthians 12:12

# DECEMBER - Traditional Worship Duty Roster

## ELDERS DUTY ROSTER

DUTY ELDERS: Marlene Thresher, Rona Russell

COMMUNION SET-UP: Dawn Peacock, Jill Cayzer

HELPERS: Dorothy Bucher, Fiona Jones

DATES:	STEWARD:	MORNING TEA:	DATA PROJECTOR:	BIBLE READER:	FLOWERS:
1 DEC	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Margaret Snyder Virgil Snyder Ali Vagenas Marion Day	Tawanda	Bronwen Mathews	Fay Loader
8 DEC	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Dorothy Bucher Robert Latimer Bev Fowler Julie Lincoln	Tawanda	Rod Caruthers	Edna Reeves
15 DEC	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Erica Hutchinson Barb McKenzie Alistair Munro Jess Williams	Karin	Kay Burdett	Edna Runciman
22 DEC	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Fay Loader Kay Burdett Stanley Zhungu Viola Zhungu	Karin	Enid Churcher	Beryl & Marg
25 DEC Christmas Day	Roy Gieseman Maureen Beens	-----	Diana	-----	-----
29 DEC	Roy Gieseman Maureen Beens	Edna Runciman Maureen Beens Brian Golby (1 Cont. Helper)	Diana	Mac Cleland	Beryl & Marg

## DECEMBER - Contemporary Worship Duty Roster

DATES:	STEWARD	WELCOMER	HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY
1 DEC	Santhira	Ley	Joy	Barb
8 DEC	Santhira	Marilyn	Joy	Barb
22 DEC	Kate	Helen	Howard	Andi
29 DEC	Beryl	Marg	Howard	Andi

## JANUARY - Contemporary Worship Duty Roster



# JANUARY - Combined Worship Duty Roster

## ELDERS DUTY ROSTER

DUTY ELDERS: Mac Cleland, Jen Johnson

COMMUNION SET-UP: Rona Russell, Erica Hutchinson

HELPERS: Stanley Zhungu, Daryl Groves

DATES:	STEWARD:	MORNING TEA:	BIBLE READER:	DATA PROJECTOR:	FLOWERS:
5 JAN	Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	Heather Rawson Barbara Trewartha Dorothy Bucher 1 Cont. Helper	Ross Huggard	Murray	Barb Trewartha
12 JAN	Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	Mac Cleland Ann Cleland Greit Hofer 1 Cont. Helper	Keith Holmes	Murray	Edna RUnciman
19 JAN	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jill Cayzer Sue Baker Carol Calderbank 1 Cont Helper	Dawn Peacock	David	TBA
26 JAN	Jim Devine Neville Parker	Dorothy Bucher Vilma Labrooy Marilyn Sheerin 1 Cont Service.	Erica Hutchinson	David	TBA
2 FEB	Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	Graeme Horsburgh Jenny Horburgh Robert Latimer Ali Vagenas	Ian Cayzer	Tawanda	TBA



# DECEMBER 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

MONDAY 9 – OPERATION LARDER – 8:30AM  
BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00pm

TUESDAY 10 – WALKIE TALKIES – Ballam Park, Frankston – 8:30am  
HAMPER DELIVERY DAY – 10AM

WEDNESDAY 11 – HAMPER PACKING DAY – 9AM  
COMMUNITY BBQ – Front verandah – 11:30am  
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church – 3:30pm

THURSDAY 12 – WALKIE TALKIES – The Power Centre, Cranbourne Rd, Frankston – 8:30am  
HAMPER COLLECTION DAY – 9AM-1PM  
AMITIE CRAFT GROUP – Church Foyer – 2:00pm

FRIDAY 13 – PLAY GROUP – Back Hall & Green Room – 9:15am  
QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am

SUNDAY 15 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9am  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM

MONDAY 16 – OPERATION LARDER – 8:30AM  
BAND PRACTICE – Church – 8:00pm

TUESDAY 17 – WALKIE TALKIES – Frankston Pier Carpark – 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY 18 – VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR – Church & Hall – 9:30am  
COMMUNITY BBQ – Front verandah – 11:30am  
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE – Church – 3:30pm

THURSDAY 19 – WALKIE TALKIES – Conservation Reserve Waterways Frankston – 8:30am  
MISSION GUILD – Chapel – 1:30pm

FRIDAY 20 – PLAY GROUP – Back Hall & Green Room – 9:15am  
QUIET PRAYER – Chapel – 10:00am

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

SUNDAY 22 – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 9AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – 10:40AM  
POWER YOUTH GROUP – 3PM





MONDAY 23 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM  
 BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm  
 TUESDAY 24 - WALKIE TALKIES - Tyabb Carpark, behind shops - 8:30pm  
 FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 5PM  
 MIDNIGHT CAROL SERVICE - 11:30PM  
 WEDNESDAY 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY  
 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 9AM  
 COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am  
 THURSDAY 26 - WALKIE TALKIES - Dame Elizabeth Arboretum Edwards St - 8:30am  
 SUNDAY 29 - COMBINED WORSHIP - 10AM  
 TUESDAY 31 - NEW YEARS EVE



# JANUARY DIARY



WEDNESDAY 1 - COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am  
 SUNDAY 5 - COMBINED WORSHIP - 10AM  
 TUESDAY 7 - OFFICE RE-OPENS - 9AM  
 WEDNESDAY 8 - COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am  
 THURSDAY 9 - ELDERS MEETING - Blue Room - 1:00pm  
 SUNDAY 12 - COMBINED WORSHIP - 10AM  
 WEDNESDAY 15 - COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am  
 SUNDAY 19 - COMBINED WORSHIP - 10AM  
 WEDNESDAY 22 - COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am  
 SUNDAY 26 - COMBINED WORSHIP - 10AM





