

FEBRUARY 2020

HIGH STREET TIMES

Connecting Younger Generations **in God's love**
Embracing All People **with Christ's compassion**
Strengthening Community **through the Holy Spirit**

School's
Back!

so is contemporary worship!

**Sunday
Feb 2,
2020 @
10:40am**

Blessing students as they
begin their school year...
especially those beginning
primary school, high school,
uni or further study.

Be there!

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**

Church Housekeeping

- * There is now an Automated External Defibrillator on the wall just inside the doorway to the offices from the foyer. We are investigating the possibility of running a first aid course for those who would like training.
- * We have recently installed security cameras (including the car park, foyer and office area) to help with the management of the property – many thanks to Alan Jenkins for the installation work.
- * We have a new cleaner on a three-month trial.
- * If you empty rubbish into the church rubbish bins, please be careful to use the correct bins for recycling (no plastic bags) or for landfill.

Engagement Congratulations

Congratulations to Harriet Holton and John Upton, who are relatively new to the congregation, and who have recently announced their engagement.



CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all those who contributed in various ways to the services over Christmas, including musicians, readers, actors, and cookers-of-sausages!



May the Lord
be my light
in the dark.

For Our Prayers

Each month, High Street Times publishes 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.

Pray for Leon & Shiela Knoop, Barbara O'Malley, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Glad Thuraisingha, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Gwen Taylor, Lola Coupe, Eileen McCarty, Effie Tilley, Molly Maughan.

Pray for all of those who are affected directly by the bushfires - for those who have lost lives and property; for fire-fighters and emergency service workers; for those involved in relief and recovery work. Pray for the Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry team, including Michael Downing (interim COO), Valmai Scully (area coordinator), and all of those who are helping to coordinate and provide pastoral ministry.

Pray for those who are dealing with illnesses and surgery, including Wayne Fithall and Ross McKenzie.

Pray for those affected by natural disasters in the Philippines.

Pray for the people of Hong Kong, including Wing Wong.

Pray for Tom Sutherland and the projects that we support in India and in East Timor.

Gracious God,
into your hands we commend ourselves and all those
whom we love,
trusting in your love and grace for us
in Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE MINISTER

Our Vision Statement is turning upside down...

While hopefully it is already understood that the three elements of our vision statement represent three equal elements of our vision, the Church Council recently agreed to swap the order around. Talking about the swap enables me to highlight that we are entering a season of investing strongly in ministry to younger generations. Our vision statement therefore now reads:

Connecting Younger Generations in God's love
Embracing All People with Christ's compassion
Strengthening Community through the Holy Spirit

That statement as a whole has been reflected in our worship over January, with combined services of worship which have embraced elements of both the 'contemporary' and 'traditional' service cultures, and have included cross-generational interviews with people from different cultures who form part of our congregation – special thanks to Stanley and Viola, Eileen, Steven, Trent and Rona for being our interviewees!

The congregation has also been embracing a compassionate response to the wider community affected by the bushfires; this issue of High Street Times includes prayers and mention of some of those from the congregation who have been involved in VCC Emergencies Ministry work already.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the celebrations of Christmas. May this new year bring growth in joy in faith in our journey of ministry and mission together.

God's peace,
David

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 12 Months to 31st December 2019

INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		134000		134083
Rental Income - High St & Manse		54000		58841
Donations		1500		4000
Donations: Children's Outreach		500		505
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		5000		4621
Goods and Services Tax				7012
Fete		12000		12487
Interest - Cash Management Account		1000		1308
GST Reimbursement MBA		3000		2823
Atkinson Foundation Income		2500		2739
Guest Foundation Income		3000		3485
Bomar Grant		66500		66664
Transfer from Wesley Lease		64000		59889
TOTAL INCOME		347000		358457
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		197000		192991
Administration Costs		50000		49122
Planned Giving Expenses		1000		733
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	500		685	
Cleaning/Maintenance	29000		29600	
Rates: Council/Water	7500		6205	
Gas/Electricity	8000	45000	7592	44082
Insurance		8000		7700
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		1000		238
Organ/Choir/Copyright		2000		1986
Goods and Services Tax				6354
Miscellaneous		10000		9285
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		314000		312491
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	31800		31812	
FHS Chaplaincy	0		0	
Tom Sutherland	500		500	
Community Support	1500	33800	1500	33812
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		347800		346303



PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE BUSHFIRES

This prayer was written by the Moderator of the
Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT, Rev Simon Hansford,
and used here
(slightly modified) on January 5.

God of life and death,
our prayers today are where our hearts and minds
have been during these last days;
with those communities and individuals
whose lives have been damaged
in differing ways by the bushfires;
and for the fight and flight and fear that continues.

We pray for all those who are affected;
for the families and friends of those who have been killed.

We pray for those who are missing,
for their safety, for the fears of those who love them;
bring each one safely home, we pray.

We pray for those who facing physical and emotional trauma;
for the fear and helplessness experienced;
for the anger and frustration at the injustice
of unavoidable disaster.

We pray for those who have lost their home and property
or are facing such loss;
for those who have been forced to leave
their memories and belongings;
for the fear & disorientation of all involved;
Heal them from their nightmare memories.

We are aware of those who have lost stock,
or are watching their stock suffer
sometimes with inevitable consequences;
we are conscious of those
who are struggling to find feed and water
for the stock under their care.
We are conscious of the native animals
and the damage to the environment;
we pray for relief,
and we pray in our grief and lament.

We pray for all involved in fighting the fire:
for firefighters and their leadership
and all those we know and those we do not know;
we pray for courage in a place of fear;
for new strength in the face of exhaustion;
for people who have travelled distances
in order to resource those who experience fatigue.

We pray for all who offer support and care at this time:
for the various agencies, churches and community groups;
for disaster response chaplains;
for government services as they are activated;
for the defence forces and reservists;
for friends and neighbours, known and unknown;
for providing a shoulder upon which to lean, or weep;
we give thanks, too,
for the generosity of many, in small and large ways,
towards those who are struggling.

We are mindful of the days, weeks and months ahead,
for dangerous days yet to come,
and in time for seasons of recovery and rebuilding
of homes, farms, lives and communities;
we pray for strength, courage, patience and hope
as grieving continues, as frustrations rise
and inevitable changes occur.

We pray, too, knowing that we are entering a harsher climate,
less predictable and more volatile;
as we care for each other,
help us to care for your creation,
to be worthy stewards and advocates
of all which you have made.

Keep us faithful and alert
in our praying and our action;
in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

OPERATION LARDER

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Come and support Operation Larder Inc.
A voluntary Church and Community group that helps
distribute food through Community Support Frankston
to disadvantaged members of the local Community.

**SAT FEBRUARY 8TH
2:00PM
HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH
16-18 HIGH ST, FRANKSTON**

PERFORMANCES BY:

- CADENCE
- PETER JENKINS
- EDEN MESTDAGH
- REESE MESTDAGH
- CHASE MESTDAGH

RESERVE YOUR TICKET AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
PH: 97833400 OR CALL INTO THE OFFICE 9AM-3PM TUES-FRI
Online ticket sales at [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) -
<https://www.trybooking.com/BHSRS>
TICKETS PRICES: \$20 ADULTS - \$15 CONCESSION - CHILD U16 FREE
INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA

The Performers



Peter Jenkins

Peter Jenkins has been featured in many theatrical productions in the last few decades. Leading roles include Tony (West Side Story), Henry Higgins (My Fair Lady), Seymour (Little Shop of Horrors), Lumiere (Beauty and the Beast) and most recently, Pinocchio (Shrek). By day he is a primary school teacher, training up the next generation of performers.

Eden Mestdagh

Eden Mestdagh started her love for classical guitar since childhood. She has been having lessons for 8 years achieving an A with honours for her 6th grade exam. Eden has done some busking and performed at her school graduation.



Reese Mestdagh

Reese Mestdagh started to play very early in her childhood, she is a natural musician who performed at her primary school graduation.

Chase Mestdagh

Chase Mestdagh is a versatile and creative musician, who studied singing, guitar and piano. She has performed at school, theatre and concerts. She also loves the cello and has taken up the challenge to learn it. Chase loves writing her own music.



Cadence

Cadence is a five piece vocal and instrumental music group. Their material is selected from a wide range of styles, the sound is very much based around the vocal harmonies, presented in a "folk" style, and including many a cappella items.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING DAY



**Operation Larder Inc. &
Community Support Frankston
700 Bags packed in 55 minutes
Helping over 350 Families in Frankston!!!**











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
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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**

11:30AM - 1:00PM



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: Sunday 3:30-5pm

Want more info?

Contact our Youth Coordinator:

Youth Leader: Hannah
Dungan

Mob: 0422 628 028

Email:

Frankstonucyouth@gmail.com

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

YOUTH GROUP TERM 1 DATES, FOR 2020:

FEB 9: "FROZEN" NIGHT – ICE/WATER GAMES!

FEB 23: "GAMESHOW" NIGHT – BRAINIACS, IT'S QUIZ TIME!

**MAR 8: "LEGO ANIMATION" NIGHT – PREPARE TO BUILD A
WHOLE NEW WORLD!**

MAR 22: "FORMAL DINNER" NIGHT – DRESS TO IMPRESS!

DATES FOR DIARY

APR 2 - KIBS (Kids in Between Somers)

APR 5 - PALM SUNDAY

**APR 10 - GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER FEST on
the foreshore!**

APR 12 - EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION





9-12 JULY

Club Tropical Resort, Darwin.
22 Lee Point Rd, Lee Point NT
clubtropicalresortdarwin.com.au

UnitingWomen 2020- Weaving Our Stories Together is a national gathering of Christian women seeking community through intergenerational and intercultural engagement, activity and conversation.

UnitingWomen is a biennial conference that grew out of the work of a passionate group of Uniting Church women based in New South Wales, who hosted the first gathering in Sydney in 2014. Since then, UnitingWomen has travelled from Adelaide in 2016, to Brisbane in 2018, and now is coming to Darwin!

UnitingWomen 2020 will be held at Club Tropical Resort in Lee Point, Darwin. The entire program will be held at the resort, and participants are encouraged to stay on site if possible to maximise the community experience.

The four day program is being shaped around the process that women in Arnhem Land use to turn spiky pandanus leaves into beautiful mats and baskets. Using the metaphor of the pandanus process, we will engage with our own journey towards unity with Christ and with each other.

We will grow into a community of girls and women from a range of ages and cultures, and our connections will deepen as we take part in workshops, join in worship, pray, lament, celebrate, listen to each others' stories, and experience God together.

Less than six months til UnitingWomen 2020! Have you registered?

Book at www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=550628

OR visit www.unitingwomen.org.au to find more information.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



As many congregations offer prayers for those impacted by the fires all across Australia, we give thanks for the ministry occurring in our region by chaplains and personal support workers through the Victorian council of churches Emergencies Ministry and the Defence Force Reserves. One example of the work over January was 1200 people who were evacuated from Mallacoota via navy vessels, and were processed and reunited with family at the reception centre set up in Somerville and Cerubus. The VCCEM volunteers, many of whom were from local uniting churches, lovingly listened and patiently waited with anxious families for the navy vessels to bring their loved ones home to safety.

Deep gratitude was expressed for the wonderful care they received. Credit to the Mornington Peninsula Shire and other local efforts to support those fleeing fire affected areas.



HSUC VOLUNTEERS WITH VCCEM SO FAR INCLUDE:

Ian Cayzer
Robert Downing
Hannah Dungan
David Fotheringham
Karin Jooste
Andre Jooste
Mandy Lake
Alan Matthews
Valmai Scully

Victorian Bushfire Response
VCC Emergencies Ministry
has supported over 7348*
people

* Only includes significant conversations

**14 Relief
Centres**
attended across the State of
Victoria

**247
individual
volunteers***

* Not including volunteers in Emergency Operations centre or
Managing teams remotely

**655 days of service
in 15 calendar days**

between 30 December 2019 and 13 Jan 2020

FEBRUARY DIARY

MONDAY 3 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm

TUESDAY 4 - LEGS - Blue Room - 7:30pm
WALKIE TALKIES - The Power Centre - 8:30am
TUESDAY COMMUNION LUNCHEON - 11:30am
COG - Team Meeting Room - 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 5 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - 9:30am
CHURCH CHOIR - 3:30pm
COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am

THURSDAY 6 - WALKIE TALKIES - Woolworths carpark, Cranbourne Rd Langwarrin - 8:30am

FRIDAY 7 - PLAYGROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am
QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am

SATURDAY 8 - LARDER FUNDRAISING CONCERT - 2PM

SUNDAY 9 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

MONDAY 10 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm

TUESDAY 11 - WALKIE TALKIES - Softball Ground, Robinsons Rd - 8:30am

WEDNESDAY 12 - COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30pm

THURSDAY 13 - WALKIE TALKIES - The Pier at Mornington - 8:30am
AMITIE CRAFT GROUP - Church Foyer - 2:00pm

FRIDAY 14 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am
QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am

SUNDAY 16 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
POWER YOUTH GROUP - Back Hall - 3:30pm

MONDAY 17 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm

TUESDAY 18 - MINISTERS LUNCH - 12:30PM - Foyer
WALKIE TALKIES - TBA - 8:30pm
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 19 - VOICES OF FRANKSTON CHOIR - Church & Hall - 9:30am
COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30pm

THURSDAY 20 - WALKIE TALKIES - Norman Ave for Gull's Way Walk - 8:30am
MISSION GUILD - Chapel - 1:30pm

FRIDAY 21 - PLAY GROUP - Back Hall & Green Room - 9:15am
QUIET PRAYER - Chapel - 10:00am

SATURDAY 22 - SATURDAY WALKIES - Ad Hoc. 1/85 Mt Eliza Way, Mt Eliza - 8am

SUNDAY 23 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

MONDAY 24 - OPERATION LARDER - 8:30AM
 BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00pm
TUESDAY 25 - WALKIE TALKIES - Crackerjack Carpark, Nepean Hwy Seaford- 8:30pm
WEDNESDAY 26 - **ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent Begins**
 COMMUNITY BBQ - Front verandah - 11:30am
 CHURCH CHOIR - 3:30pm
THURSDAY 27 - WALKIE TALKIES - Coles Carpark, Ashleigh Avenue - 8:30am
SUNDAY 1 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9am
March CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40am
 COMMUNION & COMMUNION SUNDAY - PANCAKE SUNDAY
 POWER YOUTH GROUP - Back Hall - 3:30pm

Blessed are you – East Gippsland

blessed are you
 who walk the scorching beaches
 and shelter in the ocean
 brushing burning embers
God beside you

blessed are you
 who weep with grief and sorrow
 and bear an ashen image
 of a life of green and growing
God beside you

blessed are you
who face the firestorm's fury
 and volunteer for danger
 companions in the battle
God beside you

blessed are you
 who work to bring together
 the rallied deeds of angels
 and shape a place of respite
God beside you

blessed are you
 who set a bowl of water
 in the wilderness of burning
 to care for little creatures
God beside you

blessed are you
 who wait with calm and coping
 engage in patient listening
 approach with wine and welcome
 cook for crowds of strangers
 clothe and house your neighbours
 pray for rest and rainfall
God beside you

1st January 2020 Jennie Gordon

FEBRUARY - Traditional Worship Duty Roster

ELDERS DUTY ROSTER

DUTY ELDERS: Dawn Peacock, Daryl Groves

COMMUNION SET-UP: Bev Fowler, Shirley Groves

HELPERS: Keith Holmes, Fiona Jones

DATES:	STEWARD:	MORNING TEA:	DATA PROJECTOR:	BIBLE READER:	FLOWERS:
2 FEB	Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	Graeme Horsburgh Jenny Horsburgh Robert Latimer Ali Vagenas	Tawanda	Ian Cayzer	Fay Loader
9 FEB	Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	Karin Jooste Denise Andrews Ron Carolus Eileen Carolus	Tawanda	Marlene Thesher	Fay Loader
16 FEB	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Rona Russell Michael Johnson Jen Johnson Enid Churcher	Karin	Elaine Kenyon	Beryl Curnow
FEB 23	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Elaine Kenyon Marlene Thresher Bev Fowler Jess Williams	Karin	Rona Russell	Beryl Curnow
MARCH 1	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Margaret Snyder Virgil Snyder Kay Burdett Marion Day	Diana	Mac Cleland	Gill Jenkins

FEBRUARY - Contemporary Worship Duty Roster

DATES:	STEWARD	WELCOMER	HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY
2 FEB	Joy	Ley	Howard	Andi
9 FEB	Joy	Ley	Howard	Andi
16 FEB	Marg	Beryl	Marilyn	Santhira
23 FEB	Marg	Berly	Marilyn	Santhira
1 MARCH	Kate	Patti	Gill	Irene