

# **HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS – Web version**

## **1 May 2020**

Dear friends,

Following the idea last week about stopping to pray at 3:00pm, which is named in Acts 3:1 as the hour of prayer, I have had an alarm set on my phone for 3pm. Sometimes I have been pleased for its call – it has been timely to place the people I've been dealing with before God in prayer. Sometimes it has come as an interruption to my own busy-ness; and reflectively offering the Lord's prayer has been the most significant thing that I can do in that space - helping me to recalling that it is God's kingdom for which I pray and of which God is in charge, when it can otherwise become easy to get carried away with my own busyness. Often-times the call to prayer has brought me back to considering those people I'm remembering in prayer, sometimes reshaping my priorities for the rest of the afternoon that follows.

Even if it made no other changes in me, 3pm prayer takes me out of my own small world for a moment, and into the bigger world of God's that we all inhabit.

Peace and grace,  
David

### **HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEK**

Sunday morning's services will include an invitation to participate in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you would like to participate in that, please have a small piece of bread and/or a small drink (preferably wine or grape juice) with you. This is a particular way of remembering and celebrating Christ-with-us in our gathering together in the way that we can.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP**

HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH COPE WITH CONCERNS? You can find out by joining the Thursday night Bible Study group, which normally would meet at the home of Arthur and Ruth Poole but which will be held through zoom, using the usual log-in details for the Contemporary service. The study will be looking at the church at Ephesus, and what we can learn from Paul's letter to the Ephesians about how they handled the issues and concerns of their day. Commencing Thursday 7 May at 7:30pm, and then every second Thursday. Please contact Yvonne Mitchell (0439 469 230) to register your interest in attending.

### **INDUCTION OF REV JOY BLAMIRE'S AT MORNINGTON UC**

Port Phillip Presbytery is inviting you to the induction of Rev Joy Blamires as Minister with St Mark's Uniting Church, Mornington, on Sunday May 3 at 2:00pm. The induction is being held as a Zoom video meeting, but allows participants to phone in as well. You can join in any time from 1.45 pm; initially you will be in the "waiting room" where you can test your microphone and camera (for those using video). Join the service on your computer, tablet or smartphone, by clicking on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83066244823>; or phone: 7018 2005; Meeting ID: 830 6624 4823.

## DAVID'S STUDY LEAVE

David will be on study leave this coming week to attend a course on Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry, being hosted by the Centre for Theology and Ministry (on Zoom). Alan Mathews will be preaching at the services next Sunday, for which the connection details will be as usual. David will still be contactable as needed.

## HIGH STREET TIMES

A new issue of High Street Times has been prepared. Those who normally receive a printed copy will receive it in the mail or hand delivery late next week. (Copies have been put in to the post today, Friday 1 May). It will also be released on the website late next week, in time for Mother's Day.

## THANK YOU

Robert Latimer would like to thank his family and friends at High Street Uniting Church for their many prayers, cards, and concern for him at the passing of his father in Queensland.

## FROM THE JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION UNIT

On May 15 there is a nationwide Climate Strike being led online by school students. At 10am the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) is organising a multi-faith online service in support. Uniting Church President Dr Deirdre Palmer will be one of the people helping to lead it. You can join it in three ways:

1. Zoom (best option) – use the link <https://zoom.us/j/93368937522> or phone (03) 7018 2005 and use Meeting ID **933 6393 7522**
2. Watch live on the ARRCC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ARRCC/>
2. Watch live of the ARRCC YouTube channel

## OFFERINGS

If you are not connected to regular direct debit, one-off or regular offerings can be made to the church by transfer to FRANKSTON UNITING CHURCH BSB **063 133** Account **00800128** Description **OFFERING**. Alternatively, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to the church office, 16-18 High Street, Frankston 3199.

## WORSHIP LINKS (the same every week)

### TRADITIONAL (9:00am)

Phone **(03) 7018 2005**; Meeting ID **616 254 006**; Participant ID (none – just press #); Password **3199**.

If you want to join using a video link that is also possible by going to

<https://zoom.us/j/616254006>

but the focus will be on people linking by phone.

### CONTEMPORARY (children from 10:25, main worship from 10:40)

<https://zoom.us/j/556610676>

or phone **(03) 7018 2005**; Meeting ID **556 610 676**; Password **3199**.

### WEBSITE:

Reflections accessible in text format from Sunday afternoons.

<https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>