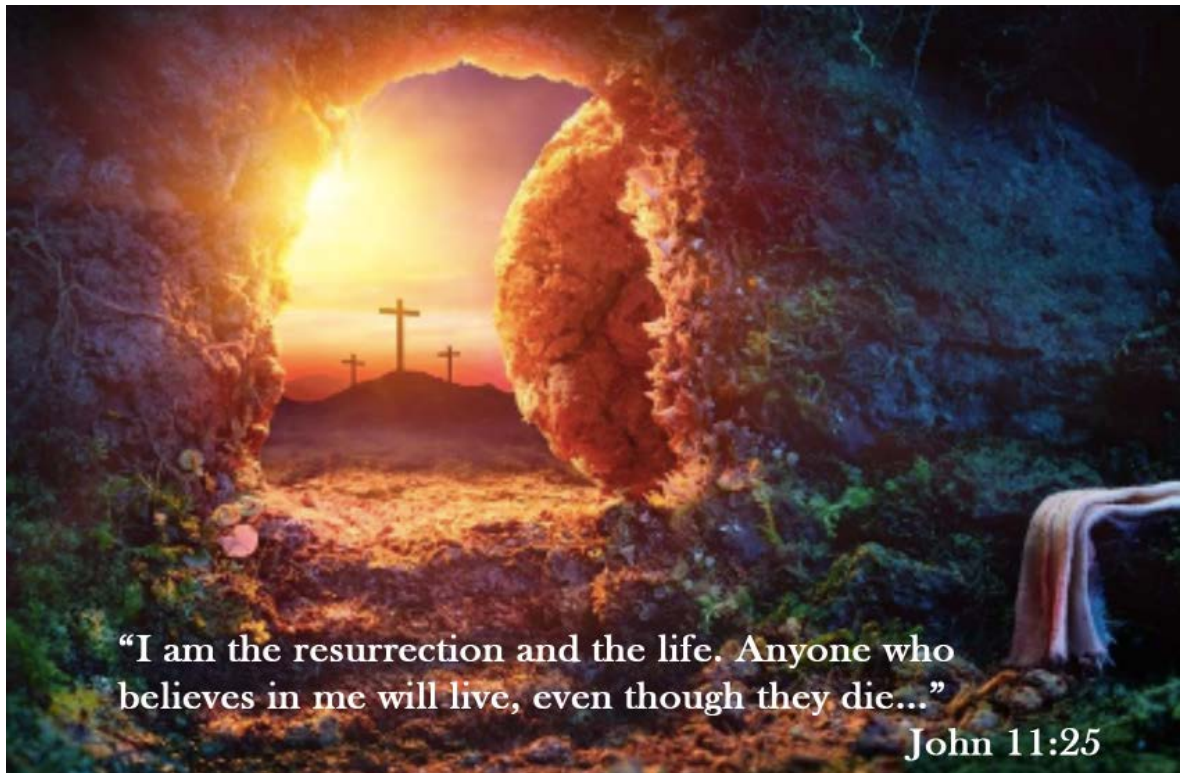


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Connecting Younger Generations IN GOD'S LOVE
Embracing All People WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION
Strengthening Community THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT



"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die..."

John 11:25

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather: the Bunarong people and we pay respect to their past present and emerging elders and their ancestors.





What's Happening?

LEGS Gardening Club

The Ladies Evening Group (LEGS) is seeking to coordinate a High Street Uniting Church Gardening Club and invite you to join the group of volunteers. Subject to the number of people willing and available, the plan is to prepare a gardening roster, gather at HSUC on a regular basis to look after the garden, weed, plant, socialise and of course have morning tea etc. If you would like to be part of this group, please email Anita Setterfield caspersnr@hotmail.com alternatively you can text Marg Scarlett 0419 805 362



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



On Sunday 6 March a group of us (mostly pictured here) joined in with the Clean Up Australia Day effort on the Frankston foreshore. We collected 6kg of rubbish and 3 kg of recyclables, contributing to the total of 78 kg of rubbish that was picked up around the Frankston foreshore on the day. Well done all.



WORSHIP ON ZOOM AND PHONES

All services will be available for participation through Zoom and phones using the following links:
Phone: (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: **954 6849 3260** Password: 3199

On zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199



FROM THE MINISTER



Dear friends,

As Easter approaches, I find myself contemplating endings and beginnings. In part, that's because when I accepted the call to be the next Moderator it was always a long way off – it was always “after next Easter”. That time is now starting to approach. I'll be finishing in Frankston on 15 May, and the congregation will be beginning a new period of ministry and mission.

We have other endings and beginnings too. After a long period of renting out the Wesley property to the Brotherhood of St Laurence, that arrangement has come to its conclusion with the completion of the sale. As well as the proceeds that are shared with us and the wider church, this means new beginnings for the David Scott School – a school which provides education, career pathway support and well-being support for young people who face barriers and challenges (like family issues, substance abuse, health, housing or financial issues) to completing their education.

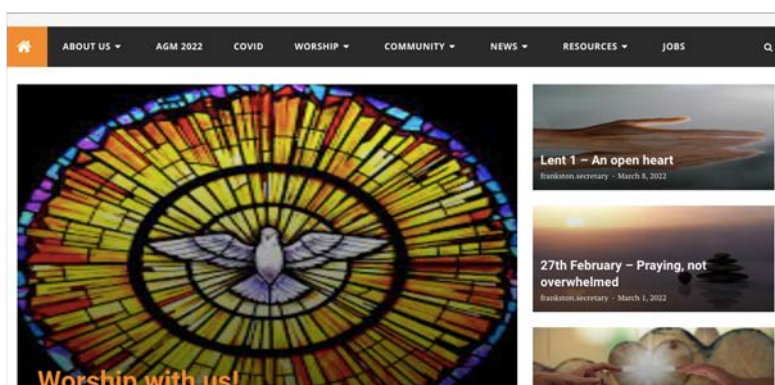
That resonates well with some research work that the Contemporary Oversight Group is doing towards how best to use our grant to employ someone to work particularly with children and youth in disadvantaged circumstances. Having received no applications for a half-time Children and Youth worker in the way that we'd initially hoped, the ending of that approach marks the beginning of looking more widely to how we can expand our work with others to fulfil our vision of *Connecting Younger Generations in God's love*.

Also beginning is the work of our new Social Justice Group, who over the next few months will be providing articles to High Street Times with information about advocating for the welcome of refugees who are caught in detention, and working to address climate change.

Easter is the ultimate story of endings and beginnings. Jesus approaches the cross with trust in the faithfulness of God even through the deepest pain; and the mission of God goes on with the transforming breath of the Holy Spirit.

God's peace,
David

Don't Forget to use our website for Service reflection in text, rosters & worship Resources etc. <https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>



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.



We particularly include in our prayers:

Shiela Knoop, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Eileen McCarty, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara, Effie Tilley, Ruth Poole, Barbara Trewartha, Tom and Barbara Yates.

Pray for Michelle (daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing), and for Kerrin Hill.

Pray for those who are awaiting surgery or test results, and those who are recuperating

Pray for those who are sick with COVID, or isolated.

Pray for those with mental health needs

Pray for Ukraine, for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope

Pray for Tonga

Pray for those who are displaced from or within Afghanistan and Myanmar

Pray for those around Frankston who experience homelessness.

Pray for our church, for our ministry and care with each other, young and old, and for the whole community that we serve in the love of God.

Pray for the Joint Nominating Committee, and all those who support the church in ministry and mission.

The prayer chain regularly and continuously keeps particular needs in prayer. You can ask for prayers through the prayer chain by contacting Marlene, phone 5971 2840 or emailing directly to HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com



World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer 2022 - England, Wales & Northern Ireland

"I know the plans I have for you"

On 4th March we welcomed to this service members of High Street UC together with others from the Carrum Downs Salvation Army, St. Francis Xavier Catholic, St. Luke's Anglican, Peninsula City Life and Mt. Eliza



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churches. Our

guest speakers

were Marie de

Silva originally from Northern Ireland and Helen Beeby, born in England who spoke of their life in these countries before coming to Australia.

Marie spoke of the Catholic/Protestant troubles at the time she was growing up in Northern Island. This was alive in her own family. Helen spoke of her life in Manchester, England and her very happy times with

family and friends. Our thanks to our members who took part in bible reading, stories of Voices of Women, the Lord's Prayer in Welsh and prayers for future services led by Rev. David Fotheringham. Our thanks to Robert Downing for providing technical support.

The service next year will feature Taiwan with the theme *"I have heard about your faith"*



Jill Cayzer



Frankston Ministers' Network Good Friday Celebration

After a two year hiatus, we are planning to gather together on the Foreshore again on *Good Friday morning*. You are invited to stand together in at the Frankston foreshore to pray for God's justice and mercy to flow to all the world, starting with us, the people of God.

The full Kids festival will not run this year but the worship/drama experience will be rich and meaningful. After the service, families can picnic together on the lawn and enjoy each other's company. There will be food trucks and great coffee

Good Friday Experience - 11am - 12:30 **Live music and Linger time** - 12:30 - 2pm

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

Tennebrae Service 7:30pm

Good Friday 10:00am at the church
with further worship and witness at the
Frankston foreshore

Easter Sunday 6:30 am Dawn Service
in the garden at St Paul's Anglican (across the road
from High Street Uniting)

10:00am Combined Easter Worship

Observations about the past year:

Ross Huggard, *Chairperson*

Annual General Meeting:

Sunday 20 March, 2022

Yet again, it is my privilege to highlight some of the significant aspects of our life as a diverse and forward-looking congregation over the last 12 months, both as your Congregational Chairperson and Chair of Church Council. As always, please forgive any glaring omissions I may inadvertently make as I seek to review our church activities in the truly momentous year, that was 2021.

In many respects, I am sure you will agree that the last 12 months have been something of a blur and yet, we also know that our Christian witness has never been more important. Throughout all of the pandemic, we ensured that our worship would not be interrupted as we pivoted to Zoom seamlessly, having first done this with the arrival of COVID-19 on our shores in 2020. At the same time, the wonderful outreach of Operation Larder managed to continue largely unabated, whilst other forms of outreach and Christian witness had to be unavoidably paused. Throughout 2021, our congregation remained unified, and even grew slightly with Zoom services enabling wider access, even to other parts of Victoria. It would seem that 2022, and the dramatic recent events in Ukraine and floods in Queensland and NSW, are further reminders of the need for a Christian response to crisis, well exemplified by the establishment of a Social Justice Group. As David has reminded us in this morning's sermon, we need to plea to our Creator God to be gardeners and to tend our unjust and troubled world to be a better place for all.

So many of you so freely, and continually, give your time and talents to various aspects of our congregational life and, in 2021, this proved to be even more essential as new challenges and unforeseen situations arose. May I specifically acknowledge those of you who exercise key decision-making and offer spiritual and pastoral leadership, as we conduct elections for members of Church Council today? Indeed, without their selfless commitment we would simply not be able to function effectively as a viable Christian community. Allow me to acknowledge, on your behalf, the huge debt we owe to our indefatigable Treasurer, Keith Holmes and his assistant Emma Lindenburg, who ensured that we could meet our financial commitments notwithstanding the pandemic's inescapable impact on our revenue stream. I also wish to acknowledge the very considerable workload so reliably and efficiently undertaken by Kerry Pederick, as Church Council Secretary, sometimes assisted by the versatile Karin Jooste, who once more is our minute-taker today. I also wish to acknowledge the services of those no longer able to be actively involved in various capacities, including Robert Downing who has been a loyal Church Council member but has decided to step down, whilst continuing his wonderful work as part of the Management Committee.

Some key elements of the atypical year in our congregational life in 2021 include:

- The wonderful pastoral care, support and outreach by Rev Brenda Cooper, our appointed Pastoral Care associate, who regrettably decided to resign at the end of



the year but continues to be a key member of our congregation, dating back to when she so adeptly was our Supply Minister before the arrival of David.

- Our ongoing outreach to the students of Monash Peninsula Campus through the wonderfully supportive and flexible ministry of our Chaplain, Mandy Lake
- Continued oversight of key Safe Church practices, also by Mandy Lake
- Elders and pastoral care visitors who continued to reach out to members of the congregation, including those who are frail in body or mind, so capably providing spiritual nurturing and spreading the love of Christ. This often had to be undertaken in less personal and COVID-safe ways, one of the many challenges to be met!
- Escalating demand for the support provided by Operation Larder, with wonderful organisational and financial leadership provided by members of our congregation in its 39th year of operation. The leadership of Dawn and Graham Peacock, Nylma Carruthers and Graeme Horsburgh continues to be exceptional. These determined individuals continued undaunted by the huge challenges generated by the virus and managed to keep the whole operation afloat despite all sorts of challenges, even after such a problematic year in 2020.
- Periodic meetings of LEGS and UC Mission Guild continuing to support those who require our support and financial assistance, both locally and beyond.
- The ongoing maintenance and enhancement of our facilities by a team of often unsung heroes: Mike Guest, Alan Jenkins and Robert Downing, the members of our Management Committee. This work continued during the worst of the pandemic as our lengthy lockdown operated.
- Special thanks need to be made to Karin Jooste who collaborated for such a lengthy period with David to ensure all the technical aspects of our weekly Zoom services operated seamlessly and effectively. Ongoing support in this technical area, both offsite and at the sound-desk at the rear of the church, has also been wonderfully overseen by Alan Jenkins, who ensured that our hybrid model of on-site data projector, camera, sound and Zoom together could actually operate. Key input by Tim Lake, Russell Pederick, Matthew Kim and Robert Downing also must be acknowledged. We simply could not function without all of your wonderful work!
- Likewise, the commitment and reliable efforts of the members of the COG team who continue to ensure that reliably plan, facilitate and oversee contemporary worship, under the leadership of Kerry Pederick and Tim Lake
- Obviously, our choir which nurtures and enhances our 9am worship through music, so ably led by Bronwen Matthews, and talented organists, Nylma Carruthers and Elaine Keynon and others had to take an extended break, as in 2020.
- Likewise, our talented and dedicated bands and music groups which energise the contemporary service so powerfully with a means of choral worship, with its stalwart members Kerry and Russell Pederick, Mike Guest, Tim Lake, John Annable, Valmai Scully also had an unplanned rest of vocal-chords and fingers

- Support and nurturing for children, youth and families so determinedly and reliably provided by Meg Ryan and Hannah Dungan
- Support for Playgroup families, especially during lockdown, by its convenor, Emma Lindenburg
- Determining the congregational membership for the Joint Nominating Committee under the leadership of Rev Joy Blamires to discern a new minister
- All those who Chair and lead other church groups and organisations: thank you!
- Jill Cayzer's ongoing wonderfully supportive work as funeral verger.
- David, even whilst the depths of the pandemic seemed to assail us, yet again as in 2020, you continued to ensure that we were spiritually enriched, nurtured and affirmed. You have reminded us this morning to be responsive to the world around us. I also wish to sincerely thank you for your wise counsel and leadership through Church Council and the COVID-Safety Oversight Group, and for your energetic capacity to diffuse challenging situations with your characteristic Christian optimism and effusive laughter. Knowing that you will be leaving our midst to assume your new role as Moderator in May 2022, which you will undoubtedly perform with your usual thoughtfulness, insight, collaboration, positivism and energy, is hard to accept, even if we must so do!

I look forward to continuing to accompany you on our shared, and hopefully not quite as challenging, journey of Christian witness in 2022, to tend the vine which is this congregation.

(Editor's Note: A huge thankyou to Ross for his leadership in this important area of our mission.)

Vale Jim Devine

Jim Devine, a one time and much valued member of the Traditional Congregation, passed away peacefully at Frankston Hospital on 16th Feb 2022 aged 81.

He began to attend our Church (Then St Andrews) with his wife, Chris and their oldest daughter Jillian in 1976. Two more daughters, Amanda and Felicity later completed the family. All three girls were baptised at St Andrews and attended Sunday School.

Jim served on the Church Property Committee for a number of years and also readily assumed other duties, including opening the Church on Sunday mornings and turning on the heaters. He was a steward, on regular roster, with a friendly greeting to members at the door of the Church and was well known for taking and counting the collection; duties which he readily and faithfully continued until the Covid lockdown commenced.

Jim was also, for many years a regular helper for the Mission Liaison Group, under the leadership of John Connan. He was disappointed to leave this group when he found he no longer had the level of fitness to continue.

During the lockdown Jim's health deteriorated and he bravely dealt with liver failure. Profound sympathy on behalf of High St Uniting on the loss of a long and faithful servant has been extended to Chris and the family. He will be sadly missed.



THERE IS A NEW GROUP ON OUR BLOCK

The High Street Uniting Church, Frankston, has a Social Justice Group. The inaugural meeting was held on March 3rd, with 9 members involved. One of the projects we would like to organise is a Church Banner on the front of our church building with a message telling all who drive or walk past that this church wants justice to be an integral part of our outreach.

Have you ever read a banner on a church and thought “That’s a good one”? Let us know. We can copy as there is (usually) no copyright on church banners.

We would like to invite the congregation to participate in the selection of our message. There will be a box available for you to leave your preferred words from your heart. Please give the banner your support and contribute your message. We would like to make a choice of message by the end of April.



Monash University Chaplaincy

As you read this the University is several weeks into Semester 1, and it’s been a great start to the year. The majority of student learning and activity has returned to in-person on campus, and it is amazing to see hundreds of people again! During Orientation Week the library lawn was busy with various information stalls for new students, free food and live music, and an enthusiastic and positive vibe. Staff all spoke of how wonderful it was to have students back on campus in large numbers, and students themselves (both new and current) were so keen to engage in activities after a difficult couple of years. We have quickly had a wonderful response to our pancake breakfasts, with numbers increasing to 140 last Thursday morning, which we hadn’t experienced since prior to the pandemic. The University is keen to provide these kinds of activities to give students a more “normal” university experience than has been possible recently, and so we very much have the support of management in what we do. At the same time, support services are very conscious of those who haven’t fared well in the last couple of years, and who may struggle coming into a new year of “business as usual”. As always, we will be keeping an eye out for those, and working with them to support them through. This is a great place for Chaplaincy to be in, to provide a listening ear, a safe space, and support in whatever way we can.



Pastoral Care

Since the beginning of February, I’ve been excited to undertake the role of pastoral care for one day per week. I’ve really enjoying starting to meet with various people across our church, and getting to know particularly those connected with the 9.00am service a little better. I’ve been inspired by many amazing life stories and experiences, some very tough times, some very happy times, incredible faith and commitment, and passion for caring for others, and it really is a privilege to be able to share in these. I’m very much looking forward to more of this, and all that the role may bring. I am always happy to hear from you about any pastoral concerns, and those you think could benefit from a phone call or visit.

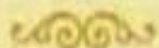
Mandy Lake

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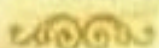
The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



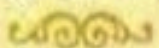
Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.



Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.



Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.



Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

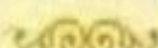
The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.



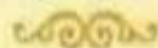
At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.



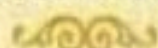
The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.



Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.



The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'



This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.