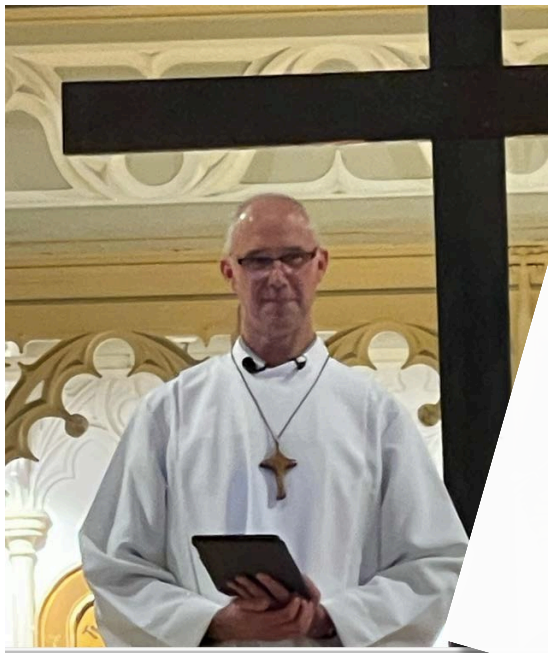


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HIGH STREET TIMES

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



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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.



Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 6 Months to 30th June 2022

INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		60000		61928
Rental Income - High St & Manse		22500		19005
Donations		750		300
Donations: Children's Outreach		250		220
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		2500		8776
Goods and Services Tax				711
Fete		7000		4966
Interest - Cash Management Account		100		89
GST Reimbursement MBA		1000		2540
Atkinson Foundation Income		1000		1282
Guest Foundation Income		1000		1351
Bomar Grant		0		0
Transfer from Wesley Lease		24500		24937
Transfer from Bequest		1500		1500
Transfer from Employment Reserve		19200		19200
Unit Allocation				538
Unit Price Adjustment				-251
TOTAL INCOME		141300		147092
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		85500		76273
Administration Costs		18750		18050
Planned Giving Expenses		500		466
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	250		224	
Cleaning/Maintenance	12500		11804	
Rates: Council/Water	1750		1371	
Gas/Electricity	3500	18000	2097	15496
Insurance		10000		10410
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		500		0
Organ/Choir/Copyright		1000		1229
Goods and Services Tax				1909
Miscellaneous		5000		9451
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		139250		133284
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	9000		9000	
Tom Sutherland	250		0	
Community Support	750	10000	250	9250
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		149250		142534

Note: Operating surplus for first 6 months is \$4558

From the Minister



Dear friends,

It happens just as much inside the church as it does in the general community.

And wherever it happens, it's a problem. Maybe it feels worse to us because we're supposed to be saints: God's holy people! And that can mean we feel more guilty than we need to.

It's the issue of resentment. And that's an issue which is not only a personal one-on-one issue, but a social issue where divisions sometimes seem deliberately contrived to bring maximum advantage to one political party or another.

On the personal level someone says something about us to which we take exception. It may be an outright lie – designed to hurt deeply. It may be a smear – with some vestiges of half-truth in it. It could be absolute truth – yet something we'd rather not have everyone know or talk about.

It hurts. It eats into us. If we let it, it goes on consuming us. What to do? Should we confront the person who's been the cause of our resentment?

Sometimes that's not easy. We may have good and worthwhile reasons to have the issue kept quiet. But the resentment will only grow and fester while the issue remains unresolved. It can lead to long-lasting bitterness and psychological problems. An intermediary or mediator might be useful in bringing you both together. That's certainly worth considering.

Forgiveness may help; forgiveness for you when you realise resentment is affecting your whole life; forgiveness for the other person who caused your resentful hurt in the first place.

As followers of Jesus, forgiveness ought to come early in the process of growing resentment. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" should be woven into our way of life. As followers of Jesus, reconciliation should always be involved whenever and wherever issues divide us from one another.

That you say is all very well on the personal level: what about the community level.

My answer is: "Are forgiveness and reconciliation alien to relationships on a community level? If they seem that way, maybe we should be fools for Christ and put them into practice there as well.

It just might make all the difference that is so much needed.

John Connan

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

We pray...

For those within our church family who find it difficult or are unable to attend worship, including:

Sheila Knoop, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Dawn Peacock.
Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola
Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara, Effie Tilley,
Ruth Poole, and Barbara Yates.



Coupe,

Also

- + For the family and friends of Eileen McCarty and Barbara Trewartha.
- + For Michelle, daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing, and for Kerrin Hill.
- + For all those with mental health needs in our church family and our community.
- + For Ukraine: for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope.
- + For Tonga, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh, in the aftermath of natural disasters.
- + For those around Frankston who experience homelessness.
- + For our church as we proceed through a time of transition, and for our whole community that we serve in the love of God.
- + For 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



SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THE HOMELESS:

On these winter nights and very chilly mornings, many of us would think of those less fortunate in inadequate housing or even camping on the beach.

Attendees at the recent Housing Forum hosted by St Thomas More parish, Mt Eliza, heard from speakers from the Mornington Shire, Seaford Housing Action Coalition and Southern Peninsula Community Housing. They addressed many of the issues surrounding homelessness on the peninsula:

- Statistics for homelessness on the Mornington Peninsula are well above the state average.
- The homeless are not just the young or those suffering addiction but are often mothers with children in tents on the beach, or women over 55 years old living in cars.
- Frankston has up to 1000 people living in Rooming Houses. These are very expensive for those on low incomes (approx. \$250 per week); have rudimentary facilities and little security and are in private hands. Many people prefer to sleep rough.
- Suggestions to improve the situation included establishing land trusts; council purchase of rooming houses; granny flats in back yards, and resident managed cabin parks.

Homelessness is an urgent and shared responsibility, and a Human Rights issue. Let's advocate for safe, affordable housing for all Australians and make Homelessness an issue for the November State Election.

Social Justice Group



EMERGENCY CALL FROM EAST TIMOR. - "WE ARE HUNGRY"

This was the upsetting news from our friends in the Cucara villages. Cucara are the villages we visit where we have helped them build their water supplies, and where Sammy Stamp money has provided materials to build each family a toilet. The fact is many of their people are hungry, especially the children and the older people. They are in desperate need of basic food.

The village leaders met with our young Timorese engineer to oversee organising of installing the new group of toilets. During their meeting they reminded him that, about 7 years ago, we provided a bag of rice to each family in the villages, several hundred bags, because they were hungry. They told him that the situation this year is the same.

The coffee crop has failed because of too much rain, (last time it was not enough), which means that the three months work usually available to the people of the village picking the coffee beans for five dollars a day, was no longer available and road work was also not being done.



We hear about hungry people all over the world, but these are people we know, who are our friends. We have stayed in Mr Martino's house on numerous visits there. (He has recently been able to afford a mattress on the bed where we sleep.) Mr Martino is the young headmaster of the Cucara school.

Josh, another good friend is a very capable, cheerful, selfless, community minded person who keeps our very basic water supplies functioning. His lovely, young daughter is among the students from Cucara in our student house in Dili because she, in spite of coming from a tiny village in the distant mountains, was clever enough to get into the National University. Other close friends include Mr Martino's older brother and the shy wives and daughters who were so happy to receive the sewing machine the ladies here sent. There are also all the lovely children who rush to greet us when we visit. These people are now suffering.



School lunches were discontinued some time ago when the government broke down, and the only government assistance is the \$1 a day pension for over 65-year olds (and there are not many of them.) That money is probably trying to feed whole extended families now.

We have this year committed to new water supplies for two more villages but will try to do what we can to help out. We are asking people from High Street with well stocked pantries, to take the opportunity to directly and cheaply contribute to reducing suffering and saving lives. Please help us with this simple means of providing basic food - rice, the preferred food in East Timor. They will be so grateful.

We are asking Sabino, our engineer, and the village elders to let us know how many households are in need. They tell us that the provision of a bag of rice for each household is the most valuable contribution. Sabino says that a 25kg bag of rice can be purchased in Dili for \$15 American dollars, that is about \$20 Australian dollars. Rice can only be grown down on the flats beside the rivers, not in the mountain villages, which have very poor soil and their garden produce is meagre.

As in the previous emergency Sabino can buy bags of rice in Dili and take a truck load up the mountains into the villages. He can list the needy households (some extended families have ten to a dozen members) and distribute the rice.

Imagine how you would feel if, when your cupboard was bare, someone offered your family enough food to tide you over for the next few weeks.

We will have the opportunity for you to contribute at church on Sunday and the BSB and account numbers are included below.

Sabino has promised to send photos of the distribution. Over to you. Please help.

John and Marion Coulson



John being greeted by the children.



Sabino and a helper distribute rice in the last emergency.

East Timor bank account
for donations.

BSB 013-322

a/c 2902-42963. (Please
tell us your name so
we can thank you.)

2021 Sammy's Superb Year

Due to the continued support of church and community groups, Individuals and businesses around Victoria, Tasmania and indeed Australia, despite the Pandemic, we had another good sales result, whilst helping 15 causes (last year 7) with grants.

Sales for 2021 reached \$44,819. (Last year \$19,252.) Total sales since 1977 have now reached \$1,058,974. Total Including Interest• \$1,100,768.

Thanks go to the helpers from our pool of about 25 volunteers who come down to 15, Black Street BRIGHTON, to trim, sort and sell stamps, etc. thereby raising funds to support many worthy causes. Thanks particularly to Ian and Margaret Beaumont, Leon Pederick, Richard Hicks and Rob Turner for the time and energy they have exerted. Another thank you to Jenny Byrnes, our eLM Executive Director and other church staff, particularly In the finance section, for their assistance during 2021.

Thanks also to Neola Morton, President, Uniting Church Adult fellowship and Council for their continued support. I should mention the work of Helen Beeby who reports on our work monthly. In Net Work, also John Black and the folk of Trinity Uniting Church for their continuing support In allowing us to use their facilities free of charge.

Below Is the list of grants approved during 2021. Total \$58,000 - last year-\$32,000.

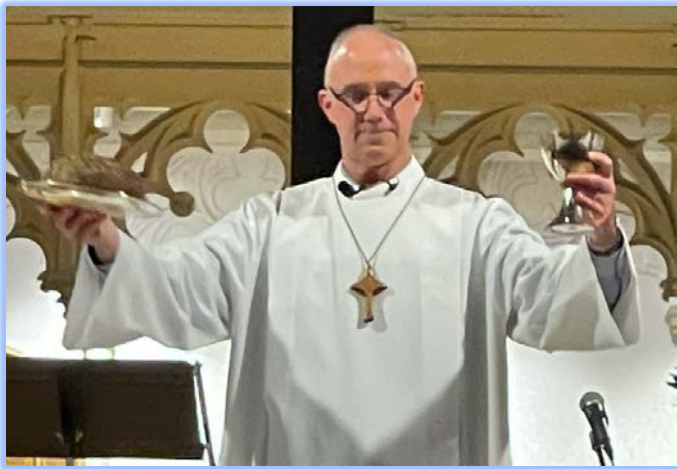
High Street Frankston U.C. - to provide Toilets at Poeba, East Timor	\$8,000
Coburg U.C. Towards building Community Hall, Seghe Theological Seminary, Solomon Islands	\$5,000
Mission Liaison Group - Transporting charitable goods overseas.	\$4,000
Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness Project	\$2,000
Sisters of Mercy. Supporting the Sisters In P.N.G. working among the local folk affected by COVID-19.	Swan Hill U.C. -for 'Welcome Nights' for refugee men.
	\$2,000
Healesville U.C.- to extend 'Cow Shed', to increase mlk supply for needy School Children In Mall Saba, Kenya.	\$5,000
Frontier Services - Supporting Bush Chaplains In Outback Australia	\$5,000
Uniting VicTas - Warm Hearts, Transforming Lives. Winter Appeal.	\$5,000
Coordinate - enabling Aboriginals to record scripture and songs In their own languages at a workshop In Gove, Northern Territory	\$5,000
Glen Waverly U.C. Welfare Program-for food and pharmacy costs.	\$3,000
Uniting World - Supporting projects - Clean water & toilets .. PNG & Solomon Islands. Disability Support, Sri Lanka - Empowering girls in India.	\$4,000
Grandparents raising Grandchildren, Uniting Tasmania- Food Vouchers for Mental Health Clients.	\$2,000
National Council of Churches, Christmas Bowl - Assisting Syrian & Sri Lankan refugees In Jordan and India.	\$3,000
Loddon-Mallee Presbytery- to assist the continuing U.C. Chaplain's Ministry at Bendigo Hospital.	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$58,000

TOTAL OF GRANTS SINCE 1977 .. \$1,070,693

Allan Clark - Convenor (08)95571008.



Installation of Rev David Fotheringham as Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.



The Sixteenth Meeting
of the
Synod
of
Victoria and Tasmania

Synod Worship



Including the Installation
of
Rev David Fotheringham
as
Moderator

Wesley Uniting Church Melbourne
Thursday 30 June 2022



Tea Break Puzzle



Word search: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) of the 66 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation.

Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story. (Solution Below)

-- Howard Culbertson

Note: People often mistakenly put an "s" at the end of the name of the final book in the Bible. Did you make that mistake in solving this word search? The book name is singular. It's simply "Revelation," or even "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" or "The Revelation to John."

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Two Great Choirs to Join:



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0406 678 261 (Trudy)