

MARCH 2021

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

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# FROM THE MINISTER



Dear friends in Christ,

It is wonderful that some of us are able to get back together in church; and just as wonderful that we are able to connect in real time with people on phones and zoom at the same time, and so be joined in worship wherever we are. It's a delight to be able to share together in this way.

It's also a delight to be experimenting with the contemporary service on the first Sunday of each month. Last month we celebrated the baptism of Tayla with a service at the beach; March will see us joining the community for Clean Up Australia Day near the beach or around our homes; and in April we will celebrate Easter with a Dawn service shared with our Anglican friends.

Starting in March, Hannah's hours will increase to half-time. Until the end of June, her focus will be on leading the development of a clear vision for where we will be in Children and Family ministry over the next 5 years.

I offer here a reminder of the sermon that I preached on the Sunday of Tayla's Baptism, when the Bible reading was of Jesus healing Simon's mother-in-law, being found in prayer in the dark hours of the night, and making the difficult choice to go to serve in the places where God was calling (Mark 1:29-39). When we are baptised into Christ, we are called to:

- Care for the person in front of you, which in so many ways is our vocation in all of the ordinary, "household" time in our lives;
- Pray, not because it's a nice thing to do, but as part of genuinely listening for and struggling with the things God calls you to;
- Serve, in the ways that God calls you, sharing God's peace.

This is where Jesus' baptism led him; may we be ready to follow.

Peace and grace,  
David

## A Lenten Prayer, from UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer

Compassionate Christ,

You speak to our deepest longings for love, hope and meaning. You call us into communion with you. Draw close to us, as we take time in this season, to pray, to reflect, and to open our lives to the transforming presence of your Holy Spirit.

As we journey with you to Jerusalem and remember your suffering, we pray you will open our hearts to the suffering of the world. Open our eyes and ears to see the needs of our neighbours and hear the voices of those who are grieving and wounded. Strengthen our resolve to journey with you into justice, and into solidarity with all those who long for liberation.

As we journey with you to Easter, may you renew us in following your Way and empower us to be bearers of God's good news of love, compassion and hope to our world.

Amen.

## 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. We particularly include in our prayers:

Shiela Knoop, Barbara O'Malley, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Glad Thuraisingha, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Eileen McCarty, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, and Ruth Poole.

Pray for the Jenkins, after the death of Alan's sister Joyce.

Pray for Heather Rawson and her husband Bob

Pray for all those who have loved ones with whom they have much reduced contact.

Pray for healthcare and 'front-line' workers.

Pray for the people of Myanmar, for a swift return to democracy and for an inclusive and generous society.

Pray for the people of the Pacific Islands in their recovery from natural disasters.

Pray for wisdom as it becomes possible to engage in gathered activities and community service over the coming weeks.

**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.**

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY MARCH 7th, 2021

On the first Sunday of every month, the Contemporary Worship Group is engaging in worship in different ways in different places. The Bible readings on the First Sunday of Lent remind us of God's love for all living flesh in creation. The Contemporary service on 7 March is going to take the form of joining in with the Clean Up Australia work with the Frankston Beach Patrol. We met at 9N Pier Promenade, near the playground at the south end of the Frankston foreshore. Sign-in is from 9:15am, with information and safety training at 9:30; cleaning will begin at 9:45 and then sorting from 10:45. It will be best to arrive in time for the start, so that you know what you are doing! If you are not able to assist in this way, consider teaming up with some neighbours and doing some cleaning locally that morning; and then we can join together on zoom at 11:15 to reflect on what we've done and offer our prayers for the environment to God.

## WORSHIP LINKS

### 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>

### CONTEMPORARY

(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.

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

THE HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH, FRANKSTON



# EASTER

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CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP WITH US  
FOR A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!

GOOD FRIDAY – 10am

Worship at 10:00am, both in the church and on zoom/phones. To connect on zoom, please use the links for the Traditional worship. ALL welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY

Don't forget that Daylight Savings ends....

DAWN SERVICE – 6:45am

There will be an early morning service, combined with the Anglican Church, on Sunday morning at 6:45am, in the garden at the Anglican Church.

(Note: this will be the special first-Sunday-of-the-month service for the Contemporary worship group; there is no 10:40 service).

EASTER WORSHIP – 9am

9:00am at the church and on zoom/phones. To connect on zoom, please use the links for the Traditional worship.

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Visit: [www.frankstonuniting.com](http://www.frankstonuniting.com)



## 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: 800128

Description: OFFERING

Alternatively, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to the church Treasurer at 31 Lucerne Crescent, Frankston 3199

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## SHROVE TUESDAY



Here's a photo of how we celebrated a covid safe Pancake Day, featuring Gill with some of the pancakes that she and Alan prepared and packaged before worship on Sunday and had available for people to take home, for a donation. Funds raised from Pancake Day are used by Uniting Vic.Tas to help some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our communities. These range from emergency relief for families facing food crisis, to supporting homeless people into permanent accommodation; from finding work for people with disability to supporting an older person to live independently in their own home. You can still show your support, by direct debit payment to our account, referencing PANCAKES in the description. Offerings can be made directly to:

FRANKSTON UNITING CHURCH BSB: 063 133 Account: 00800128

Description: PANCAKES



# Refining Silver

Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you. (Anonymous)

Submitted by Ian Cayzer



# The Baptism and Confirmation of TAYLA ANNA WAGNER

On 7 feb, the contemporary congregation met by the Sea to celebrate the service of baptism and confirmation for Taylor Wagner. Taylor had been preparing for this day for over a year and participating in a number of confirmation classes, before the corona virus changed things for us all. After months of waiting during the Covid lockdown period, it was wonderful to be together again in person , and was a special time for the contemporary congregation as we celebrated the faith commitment of one of our teenagers. It was also one of the coldest days this summer, so congratulations to David and Taylor who braved the conditions! I'm sure it will be a day to remember!





THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA:  
HIGH STREET CONGREGATION

PROPOSED BUDGET 2021  
Income/Expenditure for 12 months

Income	Budget 2021		Actual 2020	
Planned Giving	115000		122776.64	
Open Plate	5000	120000	1732.05	124510.69
Rental Income:				
High Street and Manse		40000		32442.72
Donations/Bequests		1500		
Donations: Children's Outreach		500		1300.00
Fete/ Bazaar		12000		110.00
Interest – Cash Management A/c		1000		175.00
GST Reimbursement MBA		2000		2071.95
Interest – Atkinson Foundation		1500		2075.35
Interest – Guest Foundation		1500		3039.52
Goods and Services Tax				3671.73
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		5000		8156.65
BOMAR Grants		91172		6418.40
				107760.00
Operating Income		276172		291733.01
Transfer from Wesley Lease		56000		
JobKeeper Payments		25000		31529.60
Transfer from Employment Reserve		20000		72530.51
Unit Price Adjustment				234.97
Total Income		377172		396028.09

Expenditure	Budget 2021		Actual 2020	
Ministerial Stipends/Allowances	220000		195627.91	
Synod Fixed Charges/ <u>Workcare</u>	7000		7108.50	
Visiting Preachers	2000	229000	155.00	202891.41
Administration Costs:				
Secretarial	34000		23924.10	
Salary/Superannuation	1000		0.00	
Other Remuneration	1500		585.80	
Printing /Stationery, etc	1000		2061.72	
Postage /Office Expenses	3000		2793.79	
Telephones /Internet	6000		5340.83	
Photocopying	2500	49000	2500.00	37206.24
Audit		1000		629.00
Planned Giving Expenses				
Property Costs:	20000		10089.52	
Cleaning	8000		3615.72	
Gas/Electricity	10000		11531.08	
Maintenance	2500		2219.80	
Rates – Council	2000		1990.65	
Rates – Water	500	43000	149.00	29595.77
Fire Brigade Levy				



Expenditure	Budget 2021		Actual 2020	
Insurance: High Street/Manse		8000		7409.00
Sunday School/Children				148.80
Organ, Choir & Copyright		1000		1469.74
Goods and Services Tax		2000		3480.96
Miscellaneous		-		9527.96
		10000		
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>		<b>343000</b>		<b>292358.88</b>
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	32400		32428.65	
Community Support (Larder, etc)	1500		1000.00	
	500		500.00	
Tom Sutherland		34400		33928.65
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>377400</b>		<b>346304.03</b>

#### Wesley Lease Account:

<b>Final Balance 2020:</b>	<b>21714.75</b>	
	<b>Budget 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
BSL Rent	68000	79162.60
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>68000</b>	<b>79162.60</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Roof Loan Repayment	8400	8424.00
Transfer to Cash Account - Maintenance	10000	11531.08
Transfer to Cash Account - Cleaning	20000	10089.52
Transfer to Cash Account - Wages	15000	0.00
Transfer to Cash Account - Audit	2500	2500.00
Transfer to Cash Account - Insurance	8000	7409.00
Capital Works and Maintenance Reserve	5000	15000.00
Organ Restoration	7000	
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>76000</b>	<b>54949.60</b>
<b>Final Balance 2021: (approx)</b>	<b>13000</b>	

#### Notes:

1. This proposed budget was endorsed by the Church Council at its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

2. The outstanding balance on the roof loan on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 was \$58983.



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

## VANUATU

### *'BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION'*

What is World Day of Prayer?

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical Christian movement initiated by women. On one day a year it is an opportunity to set aside time to pray around a designated theme for the needs identified by the women of a specific country.

It fosters unity among those involved educating them in the environment, culture, history and challenges of each year's focus country. It draws the Christian world together by identifying needs that are often common and resonate with those who pray.

It is an affirmation of the faith in God, who listens to His people and cares for our world.

World Day of Prayer is a demonstration of ecumenical cooperation. It is a powerhouse of prayer, sweeping around the globe as new voices continually join across time zones and continents.

World Day of Prayer changes nations.

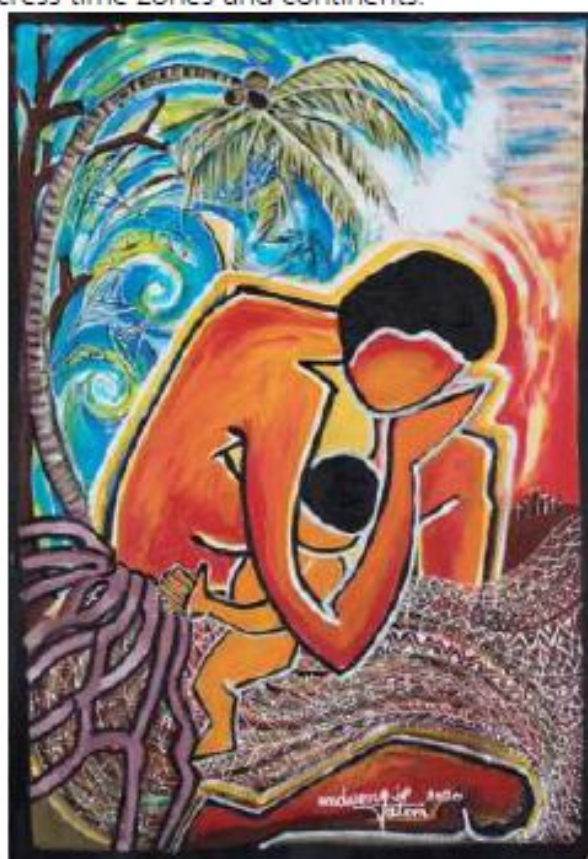
Where: High Street Uniting Church

16-18 High Street Frankston

When: Friday 5th March, 2021

Time: 10:30am

All welcome!!!





# Congratulations!!!!



**ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2021  
TOM & JUNICA TIED THE KNOT,  
WE WISH THEM ALL THE BEST  
FOR THE FUTURE!!**

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## UPDATING TRADITIONAL ROSTERS

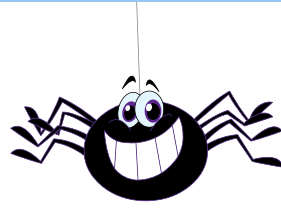
Now that worship has resumed in person, we are updating our church rosters. We understand there may be some changes needed to accommodate people's availability for these roles. If you are listed on a roster and feel that you are unable to assist, please let the office know. Alternatively, if you would like to volunteer to help, we have several roles that we could do with more helpers;

- Stewards Roster
- Cleaning Between Services
- Data Projection & Sound (training provided)
- Bible Reading

Please contact Jacqui in the church office for more information.

# Kids Corner

## CHOCOLATE SPIDERS

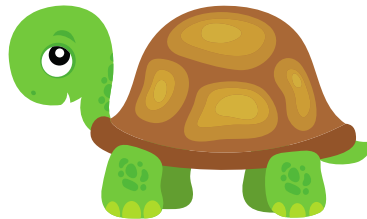
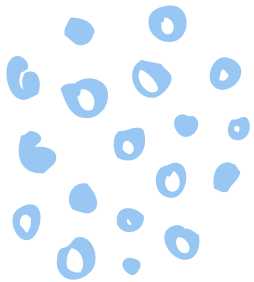


### Ingredients

100 g fried noodles  
2 tbs crunchy peanut butter  
200 g CADBURY Baking Milk Chocolate

### Method

1. Microwave the chocolate and peanut butter until melted.
2. Mix well to form a smooth paste.
3. Add the noodles and coat well with the chocolate mixture.
4. Spoon the mixture onto a tray lined with baking paper and refrigerate until set.



## Homemade Playdough

### INGREDIENTS:

1 Cup flour	1 Cup water
1/3 Cup salt	1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
2 teaspoons of cream of tartar	Food coloring

### DIRECTIONS:

Mix all ingredients together in a 2 qt sauce pan.  
Cook over low/medium heat, stirring.  
Once it begins to thicken a bit, add food coloring.  
Continue stirring until mixture thickens and collects into a ball.  
Remove dough and let cool. Store in airtight container.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash

Holy Week

Palm Branch

Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Forty Days

Sacrifice

Good Friday

Jesus

Almsgiving

Holy Saturday

Passover

Prayer

Easter

Foot Washing

Fasting

Palm Sunday

Resurrection

Lent

Purple

Love





# TRAD ROSTER

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DUTY ELDERS</u>	<u>COMMUNION SET UP</u>	<u>COMMUNION HELPERS</u>	<u>STEWARDS</u>	<u>BIBLE READER</u>	<u>CLEANING BETWEEN SERVICES</u>
MARCH 7 <sup>TH</sup>	Stanley Zhungu Dawn Peacock	Erica Hutchinson Jen Johnson	Keith Holmes Jill Cayzer	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Rona Russell	Ian Cayzer Brenda Cooper
MARCH 14 <sup>TH</sup>				Roy Gieseman <b>*help needed</b>	Mac Cleland	Ross Huggard Andi Kerr
MARCH 21 <sup>ST</sup>				Roy Gieseman <b>*help needed</b>	Bronwen Mathews	Jill Cayzer <b>*help needed</b>
MARCH 28 <sup>TH</sup>				Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	Edith Seller	<b>*help needed</b>
APRIL 4 <sup>TH</sup>	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Dorothy Bucher Shirley Groves	Dawn Peacock John Coulson	Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	Heather Rawson	<b>*help needed</b>
APRIL 11 <sup>TH</sup>				Jim Devine Neville Parker	Jill Cayzer	<b>*help needed</b>
APRIL 18 <sup>TH</sup>				Jim Devine Neville Parker	Kay Burdett	<b>*help needed</b>
APRIL 25 <sup>TH</sup>				Jenni Johnson Mick Johnson	Rod Caruthers	<b>*help needed</b>