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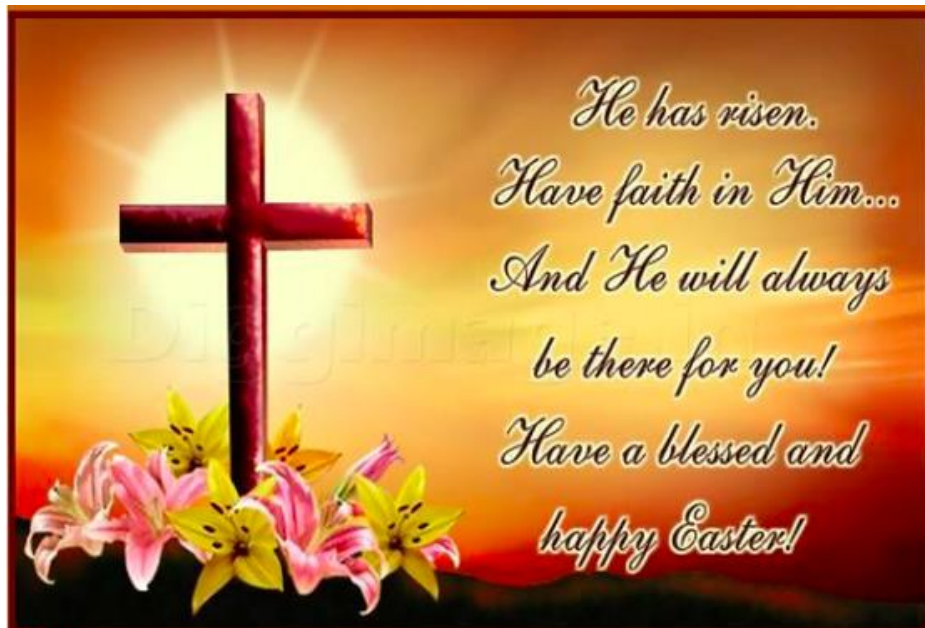
# High Street Times

Connecting Younger Generations IN GOD'S LOVE

Embracing All People WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION

Strengthening Community THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON



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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.*



Because the Church calendar follows the moon, Easter Day can be on any Sunday from March 22nd to April 25th!

Easter is the Christian celebration of the anniversary of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This happened on a date representing the first Full Moon of Spring on the Jewish Calendar. Because of that, Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the first calculated Full Moon on or after March 21st. If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter Day is on the next Sunday.



For the past 1500 years, March 21st has been used to represent the date of the March equinox (the real equinox might be a day or two different). There are two equinoxes a year, one in March and one in September. Equinox means 'equal night' and on the Equinoxes the day and night are of the same length. The March Equinox is also known as the Vernal Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the Autumnal Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.

Several methods have been used since early Christian times to work out the date of Easter Day. It was made more complicated in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII replaced the old Roman 'Julian' calendar (started by Julius Caesar) with a new more accurate 'Gregorian' calendar, which most people still use today. In the UK, Easter was first calculated using the Gregorian calendar in 1753 when the country had changed calendars.

Catholic and western Christians now use the Gregorian calendar to find the date of Easter. However, some Orthodox churches celebrate Easter Day on a different day because they still use the old Julian Calendar (which is now 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar) and also a different moon to calculate from.

In the Gregorian Calendar, Easter can be on the dates from March 22nd to April 25th.

The next time it will be on March 22nd (as early as it can be), will be in the year 2285. Easter last occurred on March 22nd in 1818! (However, in Orthodox churches in 2010 Easter was on March 22nd. It was on April 4th in the Gregorian calendar.)

In 2008, Easter was on March 23rd, about as early as it can be. This is probably the earliest Easter anyone reading this page will see in the rest of their lives! The next time Easter will be as early as in 2008 will be in the year 2160!

## New Pastor Warranty

It has come to our attention that the pastor you received was shipped with a slight defect—  
They are not psychic. Because of this,  
you must observe certain procedures  
to ensure optimum performance.

It is necessary to inform them of any members  
who are hospitalized. If someone you know is in  
need of prayer, the pastor must be told or they  
won't know. If you are in need of a pastoral visit,  
you will get the best results if you ask for one.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

# From the Minister...



## Rev Ross writes...

Over recent years Many congregations have been engaged in planning and discussing what it means to be 'a church.' In the many conversations in Church Councils and committees the word 'community' has been used a lot, however, often to some confusion. We are confronted by defining community, due to the multiple definitions of the word. The word can be used in the sense of, "What is the community that we are called to engage with?" but also "How do we support and build a sense of community in the congregation and in groups that gather for church programs?"

One of my favourite shows on television is *Community*, set in a Community College, the US equivalent of our TAFE system. As a comedy it is a rather extreme version of a Community College and I really hope none of them operate that way, but it does raise some interesting questions and observations about what community can mean. The title of the school is a reference to openness, through low fees and no pre-requisites, so that education is available to the whole community that the college is in, regardless of race, class, or background. However, the unspoken meaning in the title is brought through a group of seven very different people who form a community for themselves in which they share, interact and care for each other in a study group. The show is making a statement that community is formed from need and interest and not from all the external commonalities that we usually associate with community: geography, race, class, age, or background. Our modern culture of independence means that our understanding of community is even more complex than a geographic area versus a church congregation. Maybe that little TV show is pointing us in a different direction, one of making community instead of reaching out to an inferred community.



Rather than seeking to engage with an artificial community, created by geographic location, maybe we can instead look for issues of common need throughout our area and offer a focus for people to address those needs. Are there other issues in this geographic community that we can seek to meet by creating communities of need or interest? Isolation due to race, age, or physical ability, loneliness through grief or dislocation from networks. All these are complicated by the differences inherent in what we may see as one community, but could be addressed by creating smaller, interest or needs-based communities.

In forming a community, the differences that isolate people are not forgotten or ignored, but through a focus on what is common, they are no longer a barrier to community. This is the essence of Paul's image of the Body of Christ. He didn't say that differences are eliminated, making us all the same, but that in the one faith in Jesus Christ, those differences are no longer barriers to community. Indeed, the very existence of such differences as class, race, gender, and employment, is a sign of the unifying power of God in the Spirit. Having experienced that unifying effect in the communion fellowship, maybe we can further demonstrate it in forming similar barrier breaking communities amongst the 'community' of Frankston

**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Combined Service 10:00am

**Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am**

**Easter Sunday**

Combined service 10:00am







## Council News

The Board of the Jewish Christian Muslim Association (JCMA) hosted a dinner on 5th March. The photos show some of those present (the top photo shows Board members present at the dinner, including Board members Rev Sandy Boyce (VCC liaison officer), and A/Prof Nasir Butrous (VCC Standing Committee).



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical initiative in which Christians from all over the world belonging to different traditions and confessions, gather spiritually in prayer for the unity of the Church when Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21).

In the Southern Hemisphere, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually held between the Day of Ascension and Day of Pentecost, another time to focus on unity.

### News from UCA Assembly Uniting in Prayer

You are invited to Uniting in Prayer, a national Uniting Church prayer event to take place between Pentecost and the 46th Uniting Church Anniversary this year (28 May – 22 June 2023).

As whole-of-Church discernment about the future of the Uniting Church continues through the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer is an opportunity to come together in thanksgiving and hope as together we seek the leading of the Spirit. For 26 days we'll be sharing prayers

from across our Church, we'll gather for prayer and invite Uniting Church communities to pray for each other. "Through Uniting in Prayer, we want every part of our Church to be joined together in prayer for one another and our life together," says Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis in a video message. Save the date in your personal and church calendars now and look out for resources landing in mid-April to help you.



### 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, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara, Effie Tilley, and Barbara Yates.
- For Ross Huggard and family on the loss of his mother.
- For Jen Johnson, starting treatment for cancer.  
For the Mathews and Jenkins families, as they continue to live with the loss of Angie.
- For Michelle, daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing, undergoing treatment for cancer. And for Marilyn and Robert, with various health issues.
- For Kerrin Hill, as she continues her rehabilitation.
- For Roy Gieseeman, recovering from surgery.
- For all others who mourn the loss of loved ones.
- For all others who are in poor health and having treatment.
- For those around Frankston who experience homelessness, or face injustices.
- For all those with mental health needs in our church family and our community.
- For the Brekky Club, serving the people of Frankston, and its continued funding.
- For Ukraine: for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope.
- For Turkey and Syria, and all affected by the recent earthquake causing so much devastation.
- For New Zealand, and northern Queensland, for all affected by damage caused by the cyclone and floods.
- For our whole community that we serve in the love of God.

*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 [hsuca-prayer@googlegroups.com](mailto:hsuca-prayer@googlegroups.com). The prayer chain is a small group of church members who are dedicated to prayer, and consider all communication and prayer needs strictly private and confidential unless specified otherwise.*

### ZOOM/PHONE DETAILS

For all services:

On a tablet or laptop computer: Go to <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260> and use the password 3199.

(or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and use the meeting number below)

On a phone without video: call (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID: #

Password: 3199 #



Sammy Stamp invited us to apply for another grant for the Jagriti Bhalai Kendra Society - Woman & Child Community Health project in North India - and we received \$3,000 late last year. Keith Holmes, our wonderful Treasurer, transferred \$2,000 to the Diocese of Amritsar (Church of North India) accounts in January to help Dr Alma Ram and her team continue their work. Here is a recent feedback report

Dr Alma and her team at JBKS have been visiting villages for meetings of the Ekal Nari Shakti Sangathan (Association of Strong Women Alone).

Alma says: "We met women in Mirpur and Batala Barea. A new worker has been appointed for the latter area. The majority of the women we met sign their names using their thumbprint - so we encourage them to sign.

"We gave information about the phone number for help women over all of India - it is 14367. This is a helpline for health problems, reporting abuse or if women feel suicidal. We had a discussion on this.

"I added words of encouragement as a boost to say we are united and gave them the option to make a bottle garden."

Love Alma



## MISSION GUILD GROUP

Mission Guild is a coming together of St Andrews Guild and Wesley Mission Fellowship. Numbers were declining in both Groups and it seemed like a good idea and Mission Guild was formed in 2003 yr.

This Group held Fund Raising Lunches and catered for refreshments at Funerals. Many Outreach Programs covering Local, National and Overseas were supported.

As the years have advanced the number of Members has dwindled and our Fund Raising has declined.

Over the last years our Collection and Donations have supported Tom Sutherland in India and Uniting Church Outreach Programs ( Frontier Services and Uniting World) also Voices of Frankston and Least Coin (a program of the Australian Church Women Victoria Unit caring for Women World Wide) and Others.

We now find that our Membership is no longer able to support this Formal Group and at our AGM in November it was decided to cease our current Formal Meetings.

If there is sufficient response a more Social Group could emerge

If you are interested in this kind of group, please ring Dawn on Tel: 9781 3092.

We pray for God's guidance and are grateful for the opportunity Mission Guild has given us to help many folks in need.

Dawn Peacock

## AGM 19 March 2023

Chairperson Ross Huggard's reflections and observations  
Once more, it is my privilege to revisit some of the significant aspects of our diverse, responsive and future-focused congregation over the last 12 months, especially from my vantage point as your Chairperson of Church Council. As I reflect on the 2022 year, please forgive any unintended omissions on my part!



It is always salutary to revisit one's notes from the previous year when determining what to spotlight. I note that this time last year I referred to coming out of the pandemic and moving forward. However, so many unexpected challenges continued to emerge in 2022 with economic, social and spiritual upheavals and changes abounding. 2022 saw more unparalleled flooding and natural disasters, in NSW, Queensland and Victoria, as well as overseas, and finding ways to respond continued to be a focus. The Ukraine conflict deepened and became a focal point for world concern, bringing with it further unforeseen global economic pressures. Other world theatres of war flared up in the Middle East and Africa, and the gap between the affluent developed world and the struggling developing world grew even larger. There could be little doubt that one of Rev David Fotheringham's final actions, to encourage and support the establishment of a Social Justice Committee was so timely and necessary.

It is also important that I acknowledge- and thank- so many of you who contribute so constantly and willingly to various aspects of our congregational life, and in 2022 once more this was so apparent. I wish to explicitly acknowledge those of you who are so instrumental in decision-making, spiritual and pastoral leadership in so many dimensions, especially pertinent as we conduct elections today for Church Council, COG and Elders. Without their selfless commitment and service, we simply could not function as a viable church. It would be remiss of me not to explicitly acknowledge the ever-reliable and indefatigable efforts of our Treasurer, Keith Holmes and his capable assistant, Emma Lindenburg, especially given the complexities and challenges of our finances. May I also publicly acknowledge the very considerable workload undertaken on your behalf by Kerry Pederick, Church Council Secretary, and her proxy, Karin Jooste, who is once more acting as minute-taker today- thank you, Karin! The members of the JNC, so wonderfully led by Rev Joy Blamires, should also be acknowledged and thanked. I also wish to thank and acknowledge the service of several people no longer able to fulfil roles as in the past.

Some key elements of our 2022 congregational life together to reflect upon include:  
The caring, supportive pastoral care offered by our appointed Pastoral Care associate, Mandy Lake, Elders and pastoral care visitors  
Our outreach to the students of Monash University Peninsula Campus by our Chaplain, Mandy Lake, supported by Alan and Gill Jenkins and others at the pancake breakfasts  
Continued oversight of Safe Church Practices by Mandy Lake  
The ever-reliable 40-year support for those in need of food essentials in our community provided by Operation Larder, which continues to flourish, and is well-symbolised by the annual Christmas Hamper collation, taking over our suite of buildings overseen by Dawn Peacock OAM. Dawn so ably supported by Graham Peacock, Graeme Horsburgh, Nylma Carruthers and others have continued so ensure its vibrancy.

Similarly, our members supporting the wonderful outreach to the vulnerable in our local community through their practical support of the Brekky Club at Chisholm TAFE

Periodic meetings of LEGS and UC Mission Guild continued to explore important social issues, offer fellowship and actively and financially support diverse local and overseas initiatives

The seemingly endless demands our suite of buildings, and manse, impose on the Management Committee members of Mike Guest, Alan Jenkins and Robert Downing, to which they respond so willingly and positively- thank you! It is so normal to see Alan Jenkins rushing around discreetly during a service, ensuring that all is operational is it not?

New groups which emerged in 2022 to support our church include the Social Justice Group, Gardening Club and Hall Hiring Committee and those involved further enhance aspects of the life and outreach of our congregation, for which we are truly grateful

Our talented and diverse tech team who work away determinedly at the sound and data projector desk for each service, ensuring that the PPT slides, sound, visual images and Zoom all operate seamlessly, on most occasions. Thank you especially to Alan Jenkins, Karin Jooste, Tim Lake, Russell Pederick, Matthew Kim, Meg Ryan and Robert Downing for all your efforts...and any I have overlooked!

Especially during the period when we were supported by our Supply Minister, Rev John Connan and his wife Ann, the COG team, led by a number of key contemporary service members, ensured that these services were lively, relevant, inclusive and vibrant. The contemporary band has continued to add a key dimension to this worship, including Kerry and Russell Pederick, Mike Guest, Tim Lake, John Annable, Dave Sherry, Valmai Scully, Bronwen and Alan Mathews, and others have all continued to utilise their musical gifts to enhance worship

Meg Ryan and others have continued to support and nurture children and young families in the contemporary service, whilst Emma Lindenburg has continued to lead the Friday playgroup sessions.

The 9am choir has continued to nurture and uplift traditional worship, led so ably by Bronwen Mathews and supported by the musical gifts of our organists/ pianists, Nylma Carruthers and Elaine Keynon

Jill Cayzer: thank you for your ongoing commitment to our congregation in so many ways, including the key role of funeral verger.

I wish to sincerely thank one person who ensures that everything runs smoothly on a daily basis, namely Esther Galvin, whose energy, insight, organisational skills, hard work and good humour have ensured that all aspects of our church operations are overseen with competence and capacity. Esther deserves all our thanks and gratitude! Of course, 2022 saw our emotional farewell to Rev David Fotheringham, as he prepared to assume the mantle of Moderator. He left in his wake a vibrant, active and responsive church community. We were much blessed by the arrival of our new minister, Rev Ross Pearce in October and by the end of the year realised- with great joy- the wonderful gifts you will bestow on our congregation as we move forward. Thank you, Ross (the other one, that is!). We look forward with optimism to the year ahead.

Shalom Ross



# Frankston World Day of Prayer 3rd March 2023



Rev Arthur Poole

We welcomed to this service members of High Street UC with others from St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, St. John’s Catholic Church, St. Luke’s Anglican, St Paul’s Anglican, Seaford UC, Mt. Eliza UC and the Frankston City Council Mayor. Our Guest Speaker, the Rev. Arthur Poole, spoke in conversation with Rev. Ross Pearce of his trips to Taiwan visiting the Bunun people and of their lives and work they do their communities. A series of photos showed more of life in Taiwan.

Our thanks to those who took part in Bible Reading and the Stories of Taiwan – stories of 5 Taiwanese women and their Christian faith. Our thanks also to Rev. Ross Pearce for leading the service and Robert Downing for his technical support. A collection of \$376 was received to support the Bible Society’s project helping migrant women to settle in Taiwan.

The service next year will be written by the women of Palestine on the theme “Bear with one another I love.”

Participants in the service.



## May Fete

Before we know it the May Fete will be upon us.  
Now is the time to book your table.  
Give Marg Scarlett a ring 0419 805 362



# April Rosters

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Date	Colour	Preaching	Bible Reader	Day	Bible reading	STB
02-Apr-23	P	Ross Pearce	Jill Cayzer	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21: 1-11	Issue 11, p. 48
06-Apr-23	P	Ross Pearce	Marlene Thresher	Holy Thursday	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	Issue 11, p. 58
07-Apr-23	B/R	Ross Pearce	Keith Holmes	Good Friday	John 18: 1-19:42	Issue 11, p. 59
09-Apr-23	W	Ross Pearce	Rona Russell	Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	Issue 11, p. 78
16-Apr-23	W	Ross Pearce	Alan Mathews	Easter 2	John 20: 19-31	Issue 11, p. 84
23-Apr-23	W	Ross Pearce	Marlene Thresher	Easter 3	Luke 24: 13-35	Issue 11, p. 93
30-Apr-23	W	Ross Pearce	Bronwen Mathews	Easter 4	John 10: 1-10	Issue 11, p. 102

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Date	Notes	Stewards	Morning Tea Helpers	Flowers
02-Apr-23	Combined service at 10am	Alistair Munro, Fiona Jones	Fay Loader, Sue Baker, Brenda Cooper	Beryl and Marg
06-Apr-23	Service at 7:30pm	Aubrey Mair, Rona Russell		
07-Apr-23	Service at 10:00am	Roy Gieseman, Jill Cayzer	Rona Russell, Carol Calderbank, Karin Jooste	Beryl and Marg
09-Apr-23	Combined service at 10am	Neville Parker, Jill Cayzer	Graeme & Jenny Horsburgh, Vilma LaBrooy	Beryl and Marg
16-Apr-23		Marilyn Sheerin, Fiona Jones	Edna Runciman, Harriet Holton, John Upton	Edna Reeves
23-Apr-23		Marilyn Sheerin, Fiona Jones	Dorothy Bucher, Stanley & Viola Zhungu	Edna Reeves
30-Apr-23		Robert Latimer, Aubrey Mair	Enid Churcher, Robert Latimer, Bev Fowler	Gill Jenkins

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (Elders and Communion)

Date	Holy Communion	Duty Elder	Communion Setup	Communion Helpers
02-Apr-23	RP	Daryl Groves and Rona Russell	Rona Russell and Shirley Groves	Mac Cleland and Jill Cayzer
06-Apr-23				
07-Apr-23				
09-Apr-23				

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Date	Preparing and Leading Worship			Preaching	Day	Bible reading	Title	STB
02-Apr-23	Ross			Ross Pearce	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21: 1-11	Who is this?	Issue 11, p. 48
06-Apr-23				Ross Pearce	Holy Thursday	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	Kyrie.	Issue 11, p. 58
07-Apr-23				Ross Pearce	Good Friday	John 18: 1-19:42	Nails.	Issue 11, p. 59
09-Apr-23	Alan	Gill		Ross Pearce	Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	Christ is Risen!	Issue 11, p. 78
16-Apr-23	Kerry	Mandy		Ross Pearce	Easter 2	John 20: 19-31	Behind closed doors?	Issue 11, p. 84
23-Apr-23	John	Jackie		Ross Pearce	Easter 3	Luke 24: 13-35	Open doors?	Issue 11, p. 93
30-Apr-23	Barb	Valmai	Glenise	Ross Pearce	Easter 4	John 10: 1-10	Gateway to life.	Issue 11, p. 102

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Date	Holy Communion	Notes	Children's Time	Band Leaders	Singers	Zoom	Sound	Date	Welcome and Offering	Hospitality
02-Apr-23	RP	Palm Sunday Combined service at 10am	Irene	Russell	Alan & Bronwen	Karin	Alan	02-Apr-23	Barb & Joy	Barb
06-Apr-23		Holy Thursday service at 7:30pm					Alan	06-Apr-23		
07-Apr-23		Good Friday service at 10:00am				Meg	Alan	07-Apr-23		
09-Apr-23		Easter Sunday Service combined at 10am	Meg			TBD	Alan	09-Apr-23		
16-Apr-23			Irene	Mike	Tim & Fiona	Matthew	Alan	16-Apr-23	Patti & Ley	Barb
23-Apr-23			Rowena	John	Mandy & Kerry	Karin	Alan	23-Apr-23	Marg & Beryl	Joy
30-Apr-23			Irene	Mike	Yvonne & Valmai	Russell	Alan	30-Apr-23	Kate & Mandy	Andi



# Palm Sunday Walk

# Justice for Refugees



- > Permanent Visas for ALL Refugees
- > Fair Process, Work Rights and Income Support for all People Seeking Asylum
- > End Offshore Processing

**Sunday 2 April 2023, 1.30pm**  
**State Library**

cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne

**#justice4refugees #PermanentVisas**

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network.  
 Enquiries: [info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au](mailto:info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au)





**Hey Kids.... How about a Christian Easter Egg to colour.**

