

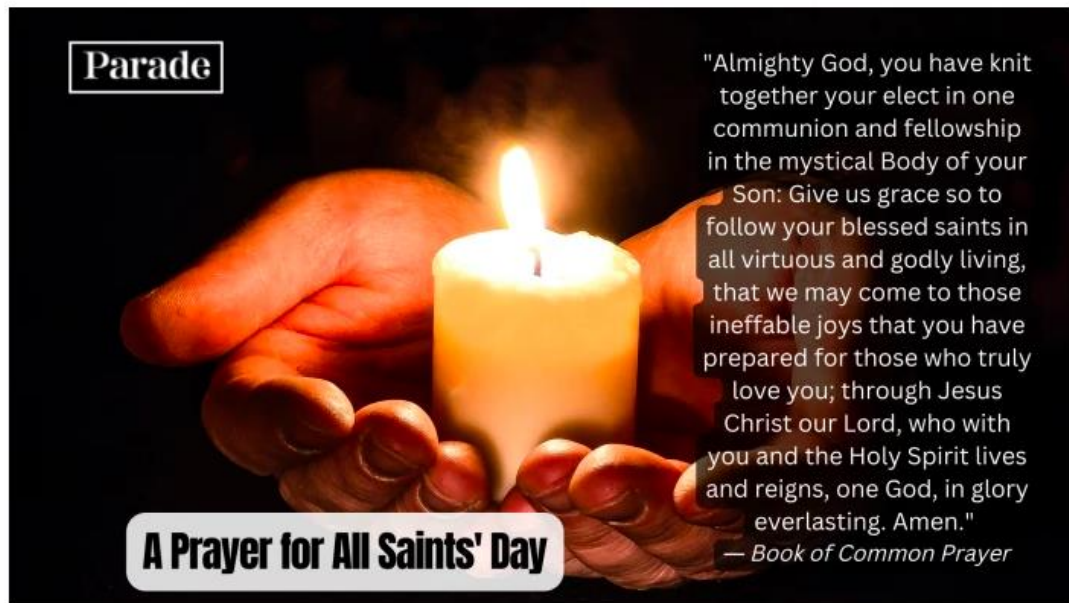
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# High Street Times

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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.*



# All Saints' Day?

(From Parade Magazine)

One significant holiday for many Christians falls at the very start of November—All Saints' Day.

At this time of year Halloween gets all of the press but the holy days surrounding this Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> date get the religious devotion of thousands of Christians worldwide.



Traditionally, the Christian calendar recognizes Oct. 31 as *All Hallows' Eve*, honouring the ancient tradition of celebrating the eve before a major holy day. Holding a vigil the faithful would pray and fast prior to the feast day of All Saints' Day (or All Hallows' Day). But **what is All Saints' Day**, exactly?

All Saints' Day recognizes those who are known to God as saints—not only those canonized by the Catholic church. Therefore, All Saints' Day celebrates all faithful followers of Jesus throughout church history.

It's a feast day remembering those who have gone before us, honouring their lives and faithfulness. Believers come together to celebrate continued communion with saints through the ages, recognizing their continued participation in the body of Christ.

In the Catholic Church, All Saints' Day is considered a holy day of obligation, meaning parishioners are required to attend Mass. If the holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, Mass attendance is not required. It's observed in various ways around the world, with many visiting the gravesides of loved ones.

Using the western church calendar, Christians observe this feast day on Nov. 1 each year. Those in the Eastern Orthodox Church also have an All Saints' Day, but it's observed the first Sunday after Pentecost, usually falling between early June and early July.

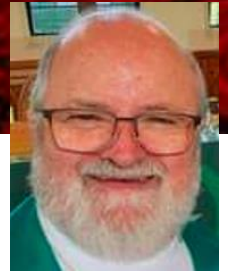
All Saints' Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. It's preceded by All Hallows' Eve on Monday, Oct. 31, and followed by All Souls' Day on Wednesday, Nov. 2

All Saints' Day remembers and celebrates all saints, known and unknown. Catholics also observe All Souls' Day, honouring the faithful who are awaiting full sanctification. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation but praying for and remembering the departed is encouraged

As to the origin of the day Church tradition offers a couple of beginnings for this feast day that predates our modern Halloween traditions. One says All Saints' Day was declared a feast day on May 13 in 609 AD by Pope Boniface IV. On that day, he consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the virgin Mary and all the martyrs. The official date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741 AD), during which he dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, honoring "all saints." One hundred years later, Pope Gregory IV made All Saints' Day an official Holy Day for the entire Church, not just those churches in Rome.

Another story claims formal observation began in Ireland, gradually making its way to Rome, being made official during the 9th century. Informally, celebrations of souls are mentioned as far back as 270 AD.

# From the Minister



The collapse of part of the ceiling in the hall reminded me of a similar occasion at my home church a couple of decades ago. When a part of the ceiling fell in before worship one Sunday, there was an urgent maintenance need! We moved worship to the hall and, to be on the safe side, the gates at the front of the church were taped off to prevent entry and a big sign put up – Danger Do Not Enter. Some of the members of the church were quite concerned about the sign and felt it was embarrassing, and whenever I showed people a photo of the church with the sign on the gates it got a laugh. However, when I was showing the photo, it was usually in a mode of serious reflection – is the church dangerous to enter?

Our tradition's attitude to evangelism has usually been expressed in showing the church to be friendly, welcoming place, a place of fellowship, healing and support. You may remember the Christian Television Association adverts from the 1980s showing friendly people saying how much they loved being at church for the people and the fellowship. We would never put up a sign that declared the church as dangerous to enter. We are encouraged to have a focus on hospitality and a warm welcome for people. Several church communities host Fish and Chip nights on a Friday and welcome any from the local community to come along. They can often get two or three times as many people on a Friday night as they get on a Sunday morning. We wouldn't consider putting up a sign that said Danger, Do Not Enter. But how honest is that to the Gospel? Yes, we are a community of welcome and hospitality and fellowship, but we are also a community of faith. A faith that says, "Do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind", and "Love your enemies and do all the good you can for them". Dangerous stuff indeed!

As friendly, loving, welcoming, and supporting as our church community is, we should also remember that we are carriers of a Gospel that changes lives. Entering the building is safe, experiencing the hospitality and welcome is safe, but entering 'the church' as a baptised member is dangerous stuff. As many communities say in an annual Covenant Service (a Methodist tradition), our lives are no longer our own, they belong to God in Christ. Beyond the welcoming hospitality and friendly concern, we are called to make known the Gospel, the Good News. The Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ that calls us to live the dangerous task of proclaiming that love to a world that doesn't want to know about God. "Danger Do Not Enter" unless you enter with the love of God and the support of the Spirit.

## Psalms

The Psalms have been an important part of Christian worship and theology since the beginning of our faith, however, for many they are locked up in old language and references to Temple worship and sacrifices and priests and kings. So, for the past twelve years I have been on a journey of transforming the Psalms into modern language referencing Christian community and worship.

### Psalms 121

*In my troubles, I look to the strength and majesty of the church.*

*Is that the source of my help?*

*My help comes from God*

*the maker of the church and of everything!*

*God keeps a close watch wherever I walk  
and never takes a rest.*

*God watches the whole church  
with never a break or a distraction.*

*Our God is like an umbrella,  
shading us day and night.*

*Our lives are in the care of the God who walks with us.*

*Wherever we travel in the service of our God  
we are watched over and cared for by the God who is the same  
yesterday, today and tomorrow.*



I have a self-published book of 50 Psalms and have copies left if anyone would like to explore ancient faith in a new way.

Ross



## Pastoral Letter from the Moderator

### *Floods in Victoria and Tasmania*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

After some initial rapid and damaging flooding felt in various parts of Victoria and Tasmania, a slow-moving flood situation continues to evolve in Victoria. In the initial rains, and now more slowly, many homes have been inundated; many roads have been cut and infrastructure damaged; much farmland is or will be underwater and many are facing periods of isolation or of not being able to return to their homes.

There are enormous efforts being undertaken to build levees and to prepare for coming floodwaters, and huge efforts to clean up after floodwaters have passed – with the likelihood of more rainfall to come.

The greatest concern is for the people whose homes have been flooded and providing for basic needs. At this stage, no Uniting AgeWell residential accommodation properties have been directly affected, although many Home Care clients have been impacted and AgeWell staff have helped a number of clients to relocate to safe accommodation. Uniting facilities have not been directly impacted at this stage, and Uniting will be providing important services in many communities in the recovery phase. The church and hall at Rochester have been inundated, and Mooroopna has also been hit; insurance services have been responding quickly as required. Over the next few weeks, longer-term responses that will be needed will become clear.

The Moderator's Emergency Response Fund is open for any individual, congregation or Church Council who would like to contribute towards disaster responses by the Church. Particular needs will be discerned by communities over the weeks ahead, for which the generosity of the wider Church will be greatly appreciated. Further details can be found at <https://victas.uca.org.au/>.

Psalm 69 begins with words about being found in deep waters, with the floods sweeping over. In the centre of the Psalm there is a prayer:

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire...

Please pray with me for all those who are disrupted by the floods and who face losses of home, business and crops that they may find themselves supported by God's love and our prayers and practical support. Please join me in praying also for those who are working hard in the preparation and relief work, and for readiness to respond as needed through the recovery time that still lies ahead for communities across the country.

Grace and Peace,

Rev David Fotheringham. Moderator



## **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 #

## 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.



Also:

For Rev Ross Pearce and wife Carmen, as they begin their journey with us. Also, as they make their big move into our church manse in early November and commence settling into Frankston.

For Debra Gibb, following the loss of her mother, Marilyn Gibb recently, and moving into a new unit.

For the Poole and Pederick families, following the loss of Ruth.

For Ross Huggard's mother who is ill.

For Michelle, daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing, undergoing treatment for cancer. And for Marilyn and Robert Downing, with various health issues.

For Kerrin Hill, as she continues to recover after hospital and rehab.

For all others who have been ill or had treatment.

For all those with mental health needs in our church family and our community.

For the students and teachers going through VCE exams at the moment.

For the people in Victoria affected by the floods, through their anxious wait for the rivers to peak, and through clean up and recovery. We think of the many volunteers and organisations helping them and the resources that are being utilised. For Michael Downing and other staff at the VCC Emergency Services Ministries.

For Ukraine: for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope.

For Tonga, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and the people of Florida, in the aftermath of natural disasters.

For those around Frankston who experience homelessness.

For our church as we move forward under a new leader, 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](mailto:HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com)*

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### VCC Emergencies Ministry National Emergency Medals

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Welsh Church, Melbourne awards were presented to volunteers and staff of the VCC Emergencies Ministry for the work undertaken during the Bushfires of 2019-20.

Members from Frankston who received awards were Michael Downing, Robert Downing, Andries Jooste, Ian Cayzer,

Alan Mathews, Mandy Lake, Linda Harvey and Valmai Scully.

I am very proud of the Frankston team and congratulate them for all their work in supporting our Victorian community with compassion in times of crisis.

Valmai Scully

Area Coordinator Frankston – VCC Emergencies Ministry.

Also honoured on the day were Jay and Bruce Robinson formerly of our parish.



# Frankston Vision Impaired Table Tennis Club

I would like to thank the High Street Uniting Church community for their support of Frankston Vision Impaired Table Tennis Club (Frankston Swish). We have been playing in the back hall of the church for 5 months now and our membership is slowly growing. We have had several guests including Peta Murphy (Local Member for Dunkley), Nathan Conroy (Frankston City Mayor) and President of Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria Maurice Gleeson. We are always happy to have members of the congregation pop in for a chat or even a hit of the ball.

We have been asked to participate in celebrations for International Day of People with a Disability down at Frankston Library on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. We will be very excited to show the wider Frankston Community how we play Swish and possibly having a hit with those interested!

If anyone knows of people with low vision or blindness who they think would enjoy swish, we would love to welcome them to our club! Please contact me at [jenni.forbes@vvitta.org.au](mailto:jenni.forbes@vvitta.org.au) for further information.

Thanks again for all your support!!

Jenni Forbes



## **Vision Impaired Table Tennis (also known as Swish)**

is a fast, invigorating game. It was developed by people who are blind in Australia and has been played here for many years, on both a recreational and competitive level. The game allows people who are blind, vision impaired and sighted to compete on almost equal terms.

Vision Impaired Table Tennis is like playing table tennis, but instead of hitting a ball over the net, the ball is hit under the net and must travel along the surface of the table. The net is at a certain height so that those players with various degrees of sight do not have an advantage over blind players. The ball has bells in it to make it audible and it is about the size of a tennis ball and made of plastic with holes in it. The bat is rectangular with a handle.

Vision Impaired Table Tennis is either played as a doubles or singles competition. It can be played from one game up to the best of five, and the first to eleven or the advantage of 2 after eleven. It can be played as singles (two players) or doubles (four players). It is a great activity for kids as well as adults, no matter what age or ability.

**Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 9 Months to 30th September 2022**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		90000		86426
Rental Income - High St & Manse		33750		32802
Donations		1125		300
Donations: Children's Outreach		375		350
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		3750		10175
Goods and Services Tax				985
Fete		7000		4966
Interest - Cash Management Account		100		89
GST Reimbursement MBA		1500		2540
Atkinson Foundation Income		1500		1282
Guest Foundation Income		1500		1351
Bomar Grant		0		0
Transfer from Wesley Lease		31200		33465
Transfer from Bequest		2250		2250
Transfer from Employment Reserve		28800		28800
Unit Allocation				538
Unit Price Adjustment				-235
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>202850</b>		<b>206084</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Ministerial Costs		128250		102499
Administration Costs		26875		28890
Planned Giving Expenses		500		466
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	375		486	
Cleaning/Maintenance	18750		20331	
Rates: Council/Water	2625		2200	
Gas/Electricity	5250	27000	4345	27362
Insurance		10000		10410
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		750		0
Organ/Choir/Copyright		1500		1759
Goods and Services Tax				2999
Miscellaneous		7500		11794
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>202375</b>		<b>186179</b>
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	12000		12000	
Tom Sutherland	375		0	
Community Support	1125	13500	750	12750
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>215875</b>		<b>198929</b>
Note: Operating surplus for first 9 months is \$7155				

Once again we are indebted to Keith Holmes for his diligence in overseeing the church accounts



# Rosters

## Traditional Worship

Date	Colour	Bible Reader	Preaching	Holy Communion	Bible reading*	STB	Notes
06-Nov-22		Rona Russell	Brenda Cooper	BC	Luke 20:27-38	44	
13-Nov-22		Elaine Kenyon	Joe Rankin		Luke 21:5-19	44	
20-Nov-22		Mac Cleland	Ross Pearce		Luke 23:33-43	44	
27-Nov-22		Ross Huggard	Ross Pearce			45	

*\*NB: For each Sunday there are 4 readings provided by the Revised Common Lectionary. Listed here is the one that the Spill the Beans resources focus on.*

*The other readings can be found listed in Spill the Beans or under the Revised Common Lectionary link on the High Street Uniting website.*

### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Date	Stewards	Morning Tea Helpers	Flowers	Organ
06-Nov-22	Jen & Mick Johnson	Dorothy Bucher, Denise Andrews, Fay Loader	Gill Jenkins	
13-Nov-22	Jen & Mick Johnson	Rona Russell, Harriet Holton, John Upton	Gill Jenkins	
20-Nov-22	Edna Reeves, Marilyn Sheerin	Karin Jooste, Eileen Carolus, Ali Vagenas	Edna Reeves	
27-Nov-22	Edna Reeves, Robert Latimer	Marilyn Sheerin, Stanley & Viola Zhungu	Edna Reeves	

### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (Elders and Communion)

Date	Duty Elder	Communion Setup	Communion Helpers
06-Nov-22	Marlene Thresher and Keith Holmes	Jill Cayzer and Jen Johnson	Erica Hutchinson and Shirley Groves
13-Nov-22			
20-Nov-22			
27-Nov-22			

## Contemporary Worship

Date	Preparing and Leading Worship			Acknowledgement of Country and Call to Worship	Bible Reader	Preaching	Children's Time	Holy Communion	Bible reading*	STB
06-Nov-22	Alan	Gill		Worship Leaders to organise directly with Volunteers willing to do Acknowledgement of Country, Call to Worship, and Bible Readings.		Brenda Cooper	Irene	BC	Luke 20:27-38	44
13-Nov-22	Barb	Valmai	Glenise			Joe Rankin	Meg		Luke 21:5-19	44
20-Nov-22	Fiona	Arthur				Ross Pearce	Irene		Luke 23:33-43	44
27-Nov-22	Alan	Gill				Ross Pearce	Yvonne			45

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### Contemporary Worship

Date	Band Leaders	Singers	Zoom	Sound	Welcome and Offering	Hospitality
06-Nov-22	Russell	Bronwen, Alan	Meg	Tim	Ley, Patti	Joy
13-Nov-22	Mike	Valmai, Fiona	Matthew	Alan	Santhira, Kate	Gill
20-Nov-22	John	Kerry, Mandy	Meg	Tim	Joy, Andi	Santhira
27-Nov-22	Russell	Valmai, Tim	Matthew	Alan	Santhira, Kate	Andi





# CHRISTMAS FETE

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

9am – 12noon

**High Street Uniting Church**

16 – 18 High Street  
Frankston

**All Welcome!**

Christmas raffle, Handmade goods, Morning  
Tea, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee van, Books, Cakes,  
Condiments, Christmas Gifts,  
Children's activities, Trash'n'Treasure and more!



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