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High Street

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



Welcome Ross & Carmen Pearce

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH,
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.



Sunday 16th October 2:30

What's
Happening

Join us for afternoon tea

St Mark's Uniting Church
50 Barkly St, Mornington

Support Ukrainian families.

Entertainment
by Ukrainian Accordionist



Devonshire tea \$10 donation.

The Uluru Statement

John Rickard is leading studies on the Uluru statement on Sunday afternoons at David's Uniting Church Oakleigh Oct 2, 16, Nov 6 and Dec 4.



The Uluru Statement was made in 2017 and not much progress has been made until this year when there has been a much more interest across the nation and in the national parliament. In Victoria the government is working towards a treaty with aboriginal people.

If you would like to know more about the Uluru Statement, what it means and how we can work towards greater reconciliation with our First Nations people through its principles please contact:

Robert Johnson 0418 998 561

From the



Dear friends,

Thank you everyone at High St for your wonderful welcome, not just in the service on Sunday but in every greeting. Allow me now to introduce myself and Carmen.

Although this is only my second placement since I was ordained in 2014, I have almost 40 years of experience as a Lay Preacher throughout the old Presbytery of Barwon that also included doing Supply Ministry for 5 different congregations. I am a product of a Methodist family and church and certainly feel 'at home' in worship. By profession, I was trained as an engineer and worked for three different automotive companies in design and development, until the death of my first wife, and our daughter, led me to being a single parent of our two sons. I had a few years running a craft shop before becoming a caretaker for Wesley Uniting Church in Geelong. The undeniable call to ordained ministry came late in my life but not unwelcome and it was at college (United Faculty of Theology) that I met Carmen, who was in administration there.

Carmen comes from a German background and a Baptist heritage which just goes to show that the words I said about ecumenism and wider church at my Induction are ones that I live. Since our marriage, which was just before my Ordination, Carmen has trained as a Remedial Massage Therapist which she practises from home and intends to move her practice with us. Carmen has three daughters, all now into adulthood and independent living, and my two sons are now married and have given us three delightful grandchildren.

Outside of church, I have a long experience in non-professional theatre, beginning with Gilbert and Sullivan and progressing to dramas and comedies and directing. I am well aware of the similarities between theatre and church, but also respectful of the differences – a congregation is much more than an audience.

At my age I could be thinking of retiring but there are always new things to learn and share and I follow the adage that I'm not old, just 26 with 40 years' experience!

As a preacher and worship leader, I have a keen interest in wordsmithing and offer the following as an example of what I believe and what I will share with you in the coming years:

I AM

The eternal will of the Father
is new life.
Life from death,
new life from failure,
people from dry bones.
Empty tombs,
freed slaves,
released captives.

The always I AM
is the resurrection
and the life.

Rev Ross

The Induction of Rev Ross Pearce 2nd October 2022







Photographs by Rod Carruthers.

Thankyou, thankyou



It was at a weekend away with the Burke Road Methodist young people well over 60 years ago. Our minister, Rev. Teddy Vercoe, took aside each of the young men in the group to challenge them: "Have you considered the Ministry?" When he asked me that question, I almost laughed in his face. "I couldn't get up in front of people and preach week after week" was something like the reply I must have given. I wasn't a public speaker. I had no confidence. I was too shy.

How things change!

On Sunday I was very conscious of how long the Traditional Service was. My sermon was longer than normal. I added in a meditation. Then Ross Huggard got up to thank Ann and me for filling the gap from Pentecost till Ross Pearce's Induction. I said no more than "Thank you" for his words and the gifts. Nor did I open the wrapped gifts or the envelopes. Time was on my mind – with the first person for the Contemporary Service already in the narthex!

Ann and I both want to say thank you for the opportunity to lead worship over the 15 weeks. I have come to love preaching and the opportunity to help people hear what God has been saying through the Scriptures. I certainly enjoy the chance. The preparation helps me gain insights. The actual preaching helps me share what I believe God wants his people to hear, understand and be challenged by. And, by the way, we were delighted by the choice of gifts. You saw the yellow roses. You may not know that in her time at Geelong High School Ann was able to present the school with dozens of rose bushes she had won at the Geelong Rose Show! She loves roses – and our native garden. Equally she loved the two blocks of dark chocolate!

Not only did we receive those gifts and a carefully written card of appreciation, but a cheque for \$500 7

made out to the Mission Liaison Group.

We couldn't have been more delighted! Someone must have known what the MLG means to us. Already we had received renewed friendship – and more than enough for the time we spent with you. When I retired from 'active ministry' in 2005 and we returned to the house we'd purchased in South Frankston in 1995, it was not appropriate to come back to High Street. We joined The Village Uniting Church in Mount Eliza. Today it's our home congregation. But having seen many former friends here in High Street during this Interim Ministry – and having made new friends – we'll be back when it seems appropriate! Thank you all for the opportunity to have briefly been your minister. Now you can look forward to a much longer, younger and more creative ministry!

John (& Ann)

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 as he begins his journey with us.

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

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

For the Poole and Pederick families.

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 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



Kids Hope is Australia's largest early intervention, school-based mentoring program for children experiencing vulnerability. Since 2004, Kids Hope has impacted thousands of children who, through care and support, have seen their lives transformed and now experience increased confidence, resilience, and joy.

Kids hope needs mentor volunteers at local primary schools: Kingsley Park, Frankston PS and Cranbourne West PS.

Kids Hope's formula is **One adult. One child. One hour per week.**

What do Kids Hope mentors do?

- Chat with their student.
- Tell or read stories
- Play games
- Go for a walk around the school yard.
- Talk about life
- Make jokes
- Do a puzzle together.

For more information see their website: <https://kidshope.org.au/>

Or contact

Kids Hope PO Box 34 Surrey Hills, VIC 3127 Australia
03 9780 4823 admin@kidshope.org.au

VCC Emergencies Ministry

Now is the time to consider being involved and completing training. VCC Emergencies Ministry has continued to support people affected by numerous events during Covid and is now looking to make our service more resilient by retraining current volunteers and recruiting new volunteers.

The work done by volunteers during the 2019-20 bushfires was the most extensive undertaken and at one stage there were 14 relief centres requiring volunteers extending from Corryong region to Mallacoota. Many volunteers from our congregations were involved and did wonderful work helping to support those affected.

In 2021 there were floods and storms which affected our local community as well as Yarra Ranges, Traralgon and Mornington Peninsula.

VCC Emergencies Ministry will be conducting training at Frankston on Saturday 5th November and if you feel able to respond with compassion to people affected by disasters or times of crisis, please consider registering for training at www.vccem.org.au/training or speaking with Valmai Scully, Alan Mathews, Mandy Lake, Ian Cayzer, Juli Lincoln, Michael, Robert and Marilyn Downing.

Valmai Scully



VALE RUTH POOLE

As we go to press we are saddened with the news that our dear friend Ruth Poole passed away after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers go with Arthur, Kerry, Russell and their families at this time.

The funeral will be at 11:00 am on Monday 10th October at the church.



The work of the Woman and Child Community Health Project (JBKS) in North India continues

As India is now in the 'moderate' category level for COVID-19 (according to the CDC) Dr Alma Ram and her team have returned to sharing their community health advice and knowledge in the Punjabi villages.

First was a meeting in Majitha with the widows and single women teaching on widows' pensions and noting the amount and also about caring for each other.

Alma says: "I shared the newspaper article of an abducted girl on the way home from school during the last two weeks. Discussed how it happened and what to watch out for with daughters and granddaughters.

Then we discussed the death of children through diarrhoea. I explained death happened due to dehydration. Fluid is important. Clean water, salt and sugar. Advised to feed the child each time and when morning comes take to doctor. Lastly, we discussed the need to learn from each other."



The second meeting was at Shikaar Masiar. The meeting was at 2pm. Unfortunately three routes to the area had a traffic jam so we arrived at 3.30pm. Only two women were still there. Still the other ladies returned. The meeting was for widows and older women and we shared on the latest abductions. Then due to so many diarrhoea deaths explained this can help if this happens when Dr or money is unavailable - teaspoon of sugar and 3 finger pinches of salt in boiled cool water (I brought things to demonstrate). The ladies began whispering that doctors give this in hospital. So a good month for JBKS.

Helen Beeby



Alma, left, and her team worker Teena, far right, discuss gender and health issues with the women in the village

ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

| Date | Colour | Bible Reader | Preaching | Holy Communion | Bible reading* | STB | Notes |
|-----------|--------|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 09-Oct-22 | | Dawn Peacock | | | Luke 17:11-19 | 44 | |
| 16-Oct-22 | | Erica Hutchinson | | | Luke 18:1-8 | 44 | |
| 23-Oct-22 | | Ian Cayzer | | | Luke 18:9-14 | 44 | |
| 30-Oct-22 | | Marlene Thresher | | | Luke 19:1-10 | 44 | All Saints Remembrance Day ?combined? |

| Date | Duty Elder | Communion Setup | Communion Helpers |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 09-Oct-22 | Mac Cleland | | |
| 16-Oct-22 | | | |
| 23-Oct-22 | | | |
| 30-Oct-22 | | | |

| Date | Stewards | Morning Tea Helpers | Flowers | Organ |
|-----------|------------------------|--|--------------|-------|
| 09-Oct-22 | Daryl & Shirley Groves | Carol Calderbank, Michael & Jen Johnson | Gill Jenkins | |
| 16-Oct-22 | Daryl & Shirley Groves | Wilma LaBrooy, Brenda Cooper, Greit Hofer | Gill Jenkins | |
| 23-Oct-22 | Daryl & Shirley Groves | Jill Cayzer, Virgil Snyder, Eileen Carolus | Gill Jenkins | |
| 30-Oct-22 | Robert Latimer | Bev Fowler, Karin Jooste, Enid Churcher | Gill Jenkins | |

| Date | Preparing and leading worship* | Acknow! Country & Call to Worship | Bible readings | Preaching | Children's focus | Holy Communion | Bible reading* | STB |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----|
| 09-Oct-22 | John, Jackie | | | | Irene | | Luke 17:11-19 | 44 |
| 16-Oct-22 | Mandy, Kerry | | | | Meg | | Luke 18:1-8 | 44 |
| 23-Oct-22 | Fiona, Arthur, Yvonne | | | | Irene | | Luke 18:9-14 | 44 |
| 30-Oct-22 | John, Jackie | | | | Meg | | Luke 19:1-10 | 44 |

| Date | Notes | Band leader | Singers | Zoom | Sound | Welcomers (and offering) | Hospitality |
|-----------|-------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 09-Oct-22 | | Russell | Valmai, Mandy | Karin | Tim | Kate, Joy | Valmai |
| 16-Oct-22 | | John | Fiona, Valmai | Matthew | Tim | Marg, Beryl | Gill |
| 23-Oct-22 | | John | Kerry, Tim | Meg | Alan | Lev, Patti | Joy |



WORSHIP ON ZOOM AND PHONES

All services will be available for participation through **Zoom** andphones 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