

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

11 September 2020

Dear friends,

A lot has happened since last week, and at the same time, not very much! Since I wrote for High Street Times, the roadmap for Victoria has been published. Our Community Outreach Team and Covid Safety Oversight Groups are both meeting this week, which will give us a chance to review boundaries and possibilities.

We're getting close to the September school holidays, in what has been a term with a whole lot of schooling from home. I will be taking a week of leave on the week after next (21-27 September), with our Presbytery Ministry Team Leader, Rev Duncan McLeod, leading the Traditional worship and preaching at both services on 27 September.

Last week's Bible reading talked about forgiveness, and linked it with truth-telling and accountability. Forgiveness does not involve denial. When you forgive, you don't so much release the other person from their fault, but release yourself from the grip of resentment. Jesus answers a question from Peter, saying that he should forgive without measure, and then tells a way over-the-top story about a servant owing a king billions (how??), and then being forgiven it all, and then throwing a fellow servant in jail over a minor debt, completely failing to live forgiveness and grace himself. Jesus means for forgiveness to be transformative for us, and links our ability to receive God's grace with our ability to share it - hence our prayer: "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us".

God's peace and grace be with you,
David

MEDITATION COURSE

Clare Boyd-Macrae recently hosted a short meditation course over zoom, that Arthur attended. She is going to be running another one soon. If you would like to join in, or find out more, please contact Arthur Poole on 0448 326 971.

PRESBYTERY SEMINARS AVAILABLE TO WATCH

The Presbytery Youtube channel now hosts the videos from Anneke's Catching the Sleep Train webinar, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLL4gsHBL0Q>, and Sharonne Price's Pastoral Care in Challenging Times webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGtYMihl7MA>. You can download Sharonne's PowerPoint presentation as a PDF file.

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS

In our prayers for others around our region, this week we pray for Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church. Pray for minister Ian Stewart, community relationships manager Samantha Menzies, chairperson Jill Fearon, and the team preparing Murray Anderson Place for occupancy once COVID19 restrictions are relaxed. See more on their website: unitingchurchatrosebud.org

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 **00800128** Description **OFFERING**. Alternatively, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to **the Treasurer, Keith Holmes**, at 31 Lucerne Crescent, Frankston 3199.



- High Street Uniting Church, Frankston -
-Community Outreach -

CARE KITS

The Community Outreach Team (COT) at the High Street Uniting Church have put together the concept of "Care Kits" as a part of our outreach strategy. These kits will be distributed to people in need at our new Soup Kitchen that is expected to start operating from the church once COVID-19 restrictions are eased.



How you can help?

1. **CHOOSE** - Male or Female Care Kit
2. **PREPARE** - We are asking for people to purchase items and put together a kit over the next month - see listed items
3. **WAIT** - A date will be advised when we are permitted to accept donations of the care kits.

For further information you can email us at:
frankstonuc@gmail.com

Care Kit - List

MALE CARE KIT

- New Reusable Shopping Bag
> Green = Male
- 1 Bar Soap
- 1 Deodorant
- Masks > 10pk
- Hand sanitiser > pocket size
- Tissues > pocket size
- Sunscreen > small tube
- Tooth Brush
- Tooth Paste
- Shampoo
- 1 pair of woollen socks

FEMALE CARE KIT

- New Reusable Shopping Bag
> any colour except green
- 1 Bar Soap
- 1 Deodorant
- Masks > 10pk
- Hand sanitiser > pocket size
- Tissues > pocket size
- Sunscreen > small tube
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- 1 pair of warm woollen Socks
- Pads/Tampons
- Lip Balm
- Comb/Brush

SUNDAY WORSHIP LINKS

TRADITIONAL (9:00am)

Phone (03) 7018 2005; Meeting ID 616 254 006; Participant ID (none); Password 3199.

If you want to join on a computer or iPad, go to [zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBzSURqUT09) and "join meeting" using the Meeting ID details above, or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBzSURqUT09>

CONTEMPORARY (children from 10:25, main worship from 10:40)

Zoom Meeting ID 556 610 676; Password 3199. Join meeting from [zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUVONIdGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09) or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUVONIdGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09>

or phone (03) 7018 2005.

WEBSITE: Reflections accessible in text format at <https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>

PRAYER TEAM: The Prayer Team can be contacted on 9781 5351 (Marlene) or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 15 Sept, 11:00 – Community Outreach Team

Tuesday 15 Sept, 7:30 – Contemporary Oversight Group

Wednesday 16 September, 7:00 – Covid Safety Oversight Group

Friday 18 September, 4:00 - Open