

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

14 August 2020

Dear friends,

I've just completed a first round of parent-teacher-student interviews for my kids using video-conferencing. As a parent I'd have to say there were a number of advantages in not having to traipse around finding different classrooms at the school! Teachers are continuing to do a remarkable job at adapting as best they can in the current conditions, as are we all.

For many people this lockdown is harder than the one earlier in the year, both because we had hoped not to need it and because it is more restrictive, impacting even more people in their work and social connections. It's important to keep reaching out to each other in the ways that was can. Being able to use phones is a great benefit for us all.

In the midst of it, I hope that you are starting to find some rhythms for life: some patterns of times for connection (including Sunday worship); times for solitude and prayer; times for exercise; times for making contact with others. One of my favourite Biblical passages is where Jeremiah writes to the people who have been exiled to Babylon, encouraging them to make the most of where they are and to bring blessing there, such as they can.

Pray for all who support the community, and pray that the lockdown will be effective. And as the first early signs of spring are starting to show, I hope that you find gifts to be thankful for in the rhythms of life in this time.

Peace and grace,  
David

## CROSSLIGHT

There is a bumper edition of the Synod's CROSSLIGHT magazine available on the website, [crosslight.org.au](https://crosslight.org.au). You can also get to it under the NEWS tab on the High Street Uniting Church website.

## 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 church office, 16-18 High Street, Frankston 3199.

**\*\*\*UPDATE: Given the restrictions on going to the church at the moment, offering cheques can be mailed directly to the Treasurer, Keith Holmes, at 31 Lucerne Crescent, Frankston 3199.**

## PAWGUST

Jenni Forbes and her best mate Gretel are walking for 30 minutes a day for 30 days to raise money for Guide Dogs Australia. She's aiming to raise \$290. Please consider sponsoring her! You can do so by going to <https://www.pawgust.com.au/>, clicking on the DONATE button, and searching for JENNI FORBES as the individual you are sponsoring. At the time of writing, she has over \$100 donated already!

## Climate Change Community Survey – have your say!

We are already experiencing the impacts of climate change.

In a move highlighting our commitment to work with our community in responding urgently to the threats of climate change, Frankston City Council declared a climate emergency in November last year. We now want to hear your ideas and concerns regarding climate change so that we can direct these efforts to the areas they are most needed.

We'd love to hear from individuals, groups, businesses, education and health providers, volunteer groups and other organisations across the Frankston City municipality. The more people who complete the survey, the better picture we will have of our community's ideas, priorities and ways to work together to meet the challenges of climate change at a local level.

You can find the online survey at

[https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Your\\_Council/Have\\_Your\\_Say/Climate\\_Change\\_Community\\_Survey](https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Your_Council/Have_Your_Say/Climate_Change_Community_Survey)

It closes on **Wednesday 26 August** 2020

There is also a 'Big Ideas' online forum that allows everyone to share and vote on ideas:

<https://oursay.org/frankston-city-council/climate-change-big-ideas-forum-take-action>

## HIGH STREET TIMES

Articles are invited for the next edition of High Street Times. They will be due by 28 August. Please email articles to Jacqui at [frankstonuc@gmail.com](mailto:frankstonuc@gmail.com)

## 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://zoom.us) 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://zoom.us) or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUVV0NldGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09>

or phone **(03) 7018 2005**.

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

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11 August, 12:00pm – Retired Ministers' Zoom Lunch

Tuesday 11 August, 4:00pm – Ministry Team Meeting

Friday 21 August, 4:00pm - Open