

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

16 October 2020

Dear friends,

The Blessing of the Animals service last week was a fun variation on what we can do together! It was great to have some extra visitors to the Contemporary service to share a blessing with their companions.

Please feel free to continue to invite people to join with us for worship on Sunday mornings. At this stage there aren't many activities that we can do physically face-to-face, but hopefully we can continue to make the Sunday morning times of worship welcoming spaces for people to come and spend time with each other and with God, with all of the blessing and challenge that that entails. For those who are wary about technology, be assured that connecting through a phone-call is pretty effective and not too difficult.

As noted below, we have the Service of Remembrance coming up on 25 October; feel free to invite those who might particularly appreciate the service to come along. And I'd also like to highlight the notice about the Soup Kitchen, as it's looking like we will finally be able to start re-connecting with the wider community in a meaningful (and practical) way.

God's peace,  
David

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday 25 October, we will take special time in the services to remember those who we miss who have died. At the 9am service, we will be naming those who have died in the last 12 months, including those who have had funerals at High Street Uniting. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months and want to make sure that they are named, please contact me ([davidfoth7@gmail.com](mailto:davidfoth7@gmail.com) or 0407 861 092). There will also be a time in the service for remembering those we especially love and miss, not limited to those who have died in the last year. For this purpose, please have a candle with you, that you will be invited to light at the appropriate time. Sunday 25 October.

## SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers wanted! We are looking for volunteers to **help prepare soup** on Fridays between 11am and 1pm, and/or to **serve soup and provide hospitality** among those who come on Sunday nights, with serving between 6 and 7pm. We are planning to start on the first Sunday in November, when we anticipate that it will be OK to have a circle of 10 chairs, and freedom to serve take-away to other who come. We would love to help build a community of people in this way on Sunday nights in Frankston when there are no other meal services available. To register your interest, please go to this link to register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99HBZBN> or phone Brenda Cooper on 5976 7150.

Some of you have prepared some Care Packages for those who might appreciate them. We will have someone at the church to receive them (at the doorway, rather than have a lot of people coming into the church), on Friday 30 October between 11am and 1pm, and on Sunday 1 November between 1 and 2pm. If you can't make it then, don't worry – we won't need them all on the first night, and will gladly collect more in the future.

## PRESBYTERY PRAYERS

Port Phillip East Presbytery encourages congregations this week to pray for Toorak Uniting Church. Remember in your prayers minister Christopher Page, associate ministers Wal Baker, John Edwards, Peter Beale, and church council chair Barbara McKinnon.

## SYNOD MEMBERSHIP

The Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania will be meeting, “virtually”, on 26 – 28 February, 2021. Numbers of members from each Presbytery are limited because of the style of meeting, but if you are interested in being nominated to go to Synod please speak with one of our members of Presbytery – Robert Latimer, Karin Jooste or David Fotheringham.

## 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.

## 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=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBxSURqUT09>

### 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=T3k4RmVUV0NidGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09>

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](mailto:HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com)

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20 October, 1:30pm – Ministry team meeting

Tuesday 20 October, 2:00pm – Community Outreach Team

Tuesday 20 October, 4:00pm – Sacred Places, Digital Spaces Seminar *(See the Presbytery website for details. You can get to the Presbytery website from the LINKS page on our own website)*

Thursday 22 October, 7:30pm – Thursday night Bible Study group

Friday 23 October - **High Street Times articles due**