

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

18 September 2020

Dear friends,

As I write this, it is another beautiful spring morning. There has been time for an early walk, and there will be an opportunity for more exercise again later today. It's good to be grateful for small things!

This morning's Bible reading from Matthew picks up a variety of themes, including that of jealousy. Are those of us still in "stage 4" lockdown jealous of those who have reached the next step before us? In the reading, labourers are chosen to work in the vineyard; some get started in the early morning, some later, and some near the end of the day; but they are all paid the same, and those who started early begin to grumble. If we in greater Melbourne work hard through a great length of lockdown and receive the same reward as those who have had a much shorter lock-down time, how do we respond?

The Bible reading is deliberately provocative. It's appropriate to have a range of reactions, and explore them. May you find some nice sunshine in which to reflect.

God's peace and grace be with you,
David

HIGH STREET TIMES ARTICLES

Articles for the next edition of High Street Times are due on Friday. Please send to frankstonuc@gmail.com. Thank you!

CLOTHES SWAP

If you've been cleaning out your wardrobe, don't throw your clothes away. See more information in last week's news sheet or the coming High Street Times.

CARE KITS

The Community Outreach Team are asking people to prepare "Care Kits" for distribution once the Soup Kitchen is able to start. More details in last week's news sheet, or the coming High Street Times.

KNIT FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Join in a creative campaign for climate action by knitting scarves based on the climate data. Information in last week's news sheet or the coming High Street Times, or at https://www.commongrace.org.au/knit_for_climate_action

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS

This week we pray for the Presbytery leadership team. Pray for Presbytery Minister: Team Leader Duncan Macleod, Presbytery Minister Church Development Craig Mitchell, Presbytery Minister Pastoral Care Anneke Oppewal, Presbytery Chair Tom Spurling, Presbytery Secretary Ian Firth and Presbytery Treasurer Jeff Gardner. Special prayers for Craig Mitchell as he re-enters work after taking bereavement leave.

THIS WEEK

Thursday 24 Sept 7:30pm – Bible study group
Friday 25 September – High Street Times articles due

DAVID ON LEAVE

David will be taking a week of leave this coming week (21-27 September). Our Presbytery Ministry Team Leader, Rev Duncan McLeod, will lead the Traditional worship and preach at both services on 27 September.

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.

RESEARCH PROJECT

The Resilience Centre, in cooperation with the Mental Health and Pastoral Care Institute at Mary Andrew College, have initiated a research project to explore the changes in resilience and wellbeing of adults due to the COVID19 pandemic in 2020. The Director of the Resilience Centre, Lyn Worsley approached the pastoral team to invite the church to join in this research project.

Due to the lock down of services and social distancing, people are disconnected from their regular and stable connections. It is well known that disconnection can affect the mental health of many people, and over time can affect the resilience of whole communities. However, some people with religious affiliations and community connections have alternative ways to connect through online services. The Resilience Centre, in cooperation with the Mental Health and Pastoral Care Institute at Mary Andrew College, have initiated a research project to explore the changes in resilience and wellbeing of adults due to the COVID19 pandemic in 2020.

The study is supported by ethics approval with the Australian College of Theology and involves completing three questionnaires in the on-line Resilience Report each 4 weeks over the period of the pandemic (approximately 6 months). The time taken will be 30 minutes. Participants will have access to their own individual results at the completion of the test and can track their own changes over time. If you would like to be involved, please click on the following link to access the study:

<https://c19.resiliencereport.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 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 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