

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

23 October 2020

Dear friends,

During our Sunday morning services we will be taking time to remember those we love who have died. We especially welcome those who are joining us especially for this service. The words from 1 Thessalonians are a comfort and strength:

We do not grieve as those who have no hope,
for since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died.

I invite you to have a candle with you, to light during the service when we come to the time of remembrance. During the 9am service, those who connect using video links will be able to see images of those whose funerals we have held over the last year, as we name them. There will be a space for all to remember those you love. We treat this as a special time of remembering each year, in the lead up to All Saints and All Souls days at the beginning of November.

Restrictions update:

By Sunday we will be able to confirm whether the Soup Kitchen will be able to begin next weekend – calls to various government agencies have not yet yielded an answer. After we have heard the Premier's announcements on Sunday we will have a greater idea about the parameters around other small-to-medium sized activities, like the Wednesday BBQ and fellowship gatherings. This coming week's edition of High Street Times will include the plans that we anticipate being able to put in place for November and December, including Christmas, and for January.

God's peace,
David

SOUP KITCHEN

We are ready to go ahead this weekend, if we can obtain confirmation that it is permissible. Volunteers are still welcome to join the roster – go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99HBZBN> or phone Brenda Cooper on 5976 7150. We are hopeful of cooking the first batches of soup on Friday lunchtime this week, and serving on Sunday evening at 6pm.

Thank you to those who have prepared some Care Packages to have available. 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. *I will confirm if these dates are possible at worship on Sunday.*

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS

Port Phillip East Presbytery encourages congregations this week to pray for Wesley College, including staff, students and families associated with the school campuses in St Kilda, Elsternwick and Glen Waverley. Remember in your prayers principal Nick Evans, President Marianne Stillwell, VP Sunny Chen, chaplains Graeme Bartley and Kaylea Fearn.

HEALTHY CHURCH COUNCILS

On Friday and Saturday the Presbytery had 150 people attending the second session of our healthy church council training series. The second session explored setting an environment for generous and effective conversation, the use of behaviour covenants and the 2016 UCA Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders, and growing church councils as learning communities. An edited version of the video, incorporating conversation from both sessions, is now available on the Presbytery YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/OIW-V-11zVI>. The next session will cover consensus decision making, and discernment for selecting church leaders. If you've missed the first two, register for the series at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLSCO> to receive the links for the next Zoom meetings and the online resources.

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. **Nominations close on 31 October.**

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 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 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

Thursday 29 October, 1:30pm – Ministry Team Meeting

Friday 30 October, 10:00am – Healthy Church Councils seminar (repeated on Saturday)

Friday 30 October, 4:00pm – Open (meeting using the "Contemporary" zoom link)