

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

6 November 2020

Vision statement:

**Connecting Younger Generations** *in God's love*  
**Embracing All People** *with Christ's compassion*  
**Strengthening Community** *through the Holy Spirit*

Dear friends,

Through the period of lockdown and into the near future, most of our normal programs and activities have not proceeded in their previous way. We are now starting to tentatively take a few steps back towards physical gatherings. The coming Larder AGM on Tuesday week (17 November) will be one of the first face-to-face meetings held at the church – and it will require adherence to limits, face-masks and keeping records for contact tracing, and it won't be able to include sharing tea or coffee, but it looks like we will meet the targets to allow it to proceed, and it will be a good start.

It's good that this should be one of our first meetings, with its focus on how we continue to serve the community. Some of the other activities that we are able to get started, outdoors and with lots of care, are the Soup Kitchen and the Wednesday BBQ.

Worshipping together as a big community is continuing to work well over zoom and phones. Pastoral care over the phones continues to be very important. Any pastoral care visits are limited to at most one per day. The Elders are meeting this week to discuss pastoral care among the Traditional Congregation; the Contemporary Oversight Group meets again on 17 November. One of the biggest challenges has been maintaining or developing contact with children and youth. Please pray for our young people and for this whole area of ministry.

In the meantime, I'm getting excited about planning for Christmas Carols together in The George Pentland Botanic Gardens on Sunday 20 December (focused on the Traditional congregation), and Carol singing on the streets on Christmas Eve with the Contemporary Congregation! In this strange year, we're starting to get close to Christmas!!!

God's peace, David

COMMUNITY BBQ  
Every Wednesday  
12pm-1pm



SOUP KITCHEN  
Every Sunday  
6pm-7pm

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYERS**

Port Phillip East Presbytery encourages congregations this week to pray for Wheelers Hill Uniting Church. Pray for minister Charles Sundaresan Bakhtar and members of the congregation as they stay connected using online media.

## **LARDER AGM**

The Larder AGM is scheduled for 2:00pm on Tuesday 17 November in the Blue Room at the church. Please let Nylma know if you intent to be there. Limited numbers are allowed in the room, face-masks must be worn, and you must not attend if you have any cold or fly symptoms.

## **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=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](mailto:HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com)

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 10 November, 1:30pm – Team meeting (Contemporary zoom link)

Wednesday 11 November, 7:30pm – Presbytery meeting (Over zoom)

Thursday 12 November, 1:00pm – Elders meeting (Traditional zoom link)

Friday 13 November, 4:00pm – Open (outdoor location or zoom - to be confirmed)