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HIGH STREET TIMES

Connecting Younger Generations IN GOD'S LOVE
Embracing All People WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION
Strengthening Community THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT



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16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON



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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather: the Bunarong people and we pay respect to their past present and emerging elders and their ancestors.



WALKING GROUP JULY - DECEMBER 2022



TUESDAY

1. Flora & fauna Reserve main entrance in McClelland Drive
2. Pearcedale Football Ground Baxter/ Tooradin Rd
3. Conservation Reserve Jeremy Way off Waterways
4. Mornington Pier
5. Overport Park
6. Gateway Shopping Centre Meet in the back carpark near the Council Office
7. Frankston Pier
8. Norman Ave for Yamala/Gulls way walk
9. Hastings Pier coffee in High St.
10. Sweetwater Creek Liddesdale Ave Entrance

THURSDAY

1. Pentland Gardens Williams Street.
2. Softball Ground Robinsons Rd for Manor Drive walk
3. Ballam Park Cranbourne Rd
4. Eden Gardens Nepean Hwy. Mt Eliza
5. Baxter Safeway Baxter/Tooradin Rd
6. Lloyd Park off Cranbourne /Frankston Rd Langwarrin
7. St Thomas' Langwarrin North Rd
8. Brompton Estate Cnr. Frankston/Cranbourne Rd & Westernport Hwy.
Turn left at the traffic lights and follow Encore Ave
9. P.O at Karingal Hub
10. Power Centre Frankston/Cranbourne Rd

WALK						
1	July 5	July 7	Sept 13	Sept 15	Nov 22	Nov 24
2	12	14	20	22	29	Dec 1
3	19	21	27	29	Dec 6	8
4	26	28	Oct 4	Oct 6	13	15
5	Aug 2	Aug 4	11	13	20	22
6	9	11	18	20	27	29
7	16	18	25	27		
8	23	25	Nov 1	Nov 3		
9	30	Sept 1	8	10		
10	Sept 6	8	15	17		

We gather at 9.30am on Tuesday and Thursday and walk for about an hour

SPECIAL WALKS

1. 9:30 Guided walk at Coolart. *Further details later*
September 27th
2. Mt Martha Wetland walk
November 17th



If you're interested in coming along, phone LeyMcIntosh on 0408 355 622. She can give you more information. There is also a monthly breakfast and walk on a Saturday.

From the Minister



We are currently living through one of the most troubling times in our lifetimes. Covid affected us all. Some caught the disease. Some died. Lockdowns led to psychological issues.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to be distressing – even at the safe distance we are from the violence, destruction and death. The invasion has led to sanctions against Russia.

Covid in China led to total lockdowns and lowered production. Strained relationships with the West have led to shortages of Chinese produced goods. Movements of containers around the world have been affected. Containers to move goods are in short supply.

Global Warming has led to bushfires and floods. Food production has suffered globally. Prices have soared.

Is a global recession on the way?

We know of the cost pressures here. But what of those who live in Third World countries where poverty and hunger are ever present?

Is that an accurate picture of conditions? Maybe I've made things sound grimmer than they are!

How should we as followers react?

Christians have always been leaders in helping those in need. Look back across the centuries and you'll discover how often such things as schools, hospitals, and charities have been Christian initiatives.

Basil of Caesarea, for instance, founded the first public hospital back in the Fourth Century. His example inspired the First Council of Nicaea in 325 to promote the founding of public hospitals in every cathedral town.

Martin Rinkart was the author of 'Now thank we all our God,' Hymn 106 in *Together in Song*. During the Thirty Years War which embroiled the whole of Europe, he was a Lutheran pastor in the small walled city of Eilenberg. Destruction, death and famine existed everywhere. Thousands fled to Eilenberg for sanctuary. The Plague followed them. 5,000 died, including Martin's wife. As the only pastor left alive in the town, he performed up to 50 funerals a day. A Swedish army besieged Eilenberg and demanded what amounted to an unpayable ransom. Martin was the only person brave enough to leave the city and negotiate the payment of a reasonable sum instead. In the midst of those troubles, he wrote:

*"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."*

Even in the midst of troubles and anxieties as followers of Jesus we need to see ourselves – and set ourselves – in the long tradition of love for others. We need to offer whatever help we can: 'being there' for others, helping neighbours through their troubles, or giving ourselves and our resources for others whether they are suffering in Australia or around the world.

Think about it. Do something about it!

John Connan

WORSHIP ON ZOOM AND PHONES

All services will be available for participation through **Zoom** and phones using the following links: Phone: **(03) 7018 2005**

Meeting ID: **954 6849 3260** Password: 3199

On zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199

We pray...

For those within our church family who find it difficult or are unable to attend worship, including:

Sheila Knoop, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith,

Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara, Effie Tilley, Ruth Poole, and Barbara Yates.



Also

- + For the family and friends of Eileen McCarty and Barbara Trewartha.
- + For Michelle, daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing, and for Kerrin Hill.
- + For all those with mental health needs in our church family and our community.
- + For Ukraine: for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope.
- + For Tonga, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh, in the aftermath of natural disasters.
- + For those around Frankston who experience homelessness.
- + For our church as we proceed through a time of transition, and for our whole community that we serve in the love of God.
- + For all those who support the church in ministry and mission.
- + For David Fotheringham as he is installed as Moderator on Thursday 30th June, and his leading of the Synod Meeting from Friday 1st July to Sunday 3rd July.

The prayer chain regularly and continuously keeps particular needs in prayer. You can ask for prayers through the prayer chain by contacting Marlene, phone 5971 2840 or emailing directly to HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com



After a great start last month, we are looking forward to meeting number two. Why not join us? Come along on the first Sunday of each month to "Chat and Chew". We will be meeting in the Foyer from 4.00pm to discuss a book, a movie, an article or a video. No need to commit to coming

to every session. Just join in when you can. For more information talk to Fiona or Arthur.

This month, (July 3rd) we will be discussing a book called "Take this bread" by Sara Miles. We have 10 copies of the book to share around so let us know if you would like to read this and we will get a copy to you as soon as possible. This is the blurb on the back of the book.

"Early one morning, for no earthly reason, Sara Miles, raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and found herself transformed—embracing a faith she'd once scorned. A lesbian left-wing journalist who'd covered revolutions around the world, Miles didn't discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on real hunger, real food, and real bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away. Within a few years, she and the people she served had started nearly a dozen food pantries in the poorest parts of their city."

Fiona Ryan, Arthur Poole



At our Pentecost service the newly formed Social Justice Group challenged us to come up with the finance for a banner proclaiming our Social Justice message. \$650 was needed and was collected in a very short time. Further donations have swelled the coffers to \$900. The balance will be used for Social Justice activities.



A shot of the banner currently in production

As you can see from the illustration the banner is simple in format because those passing by may only give it a glance and we want the message to be clear. The Social Justice Committee is so grateful for the generosity of the congregation in contributing to its cost and to 'Simply Red Signs' for creating the banner. Typical of the High Street Uniting congregation is their ready response to actively support situations of need locally and in the wider world.

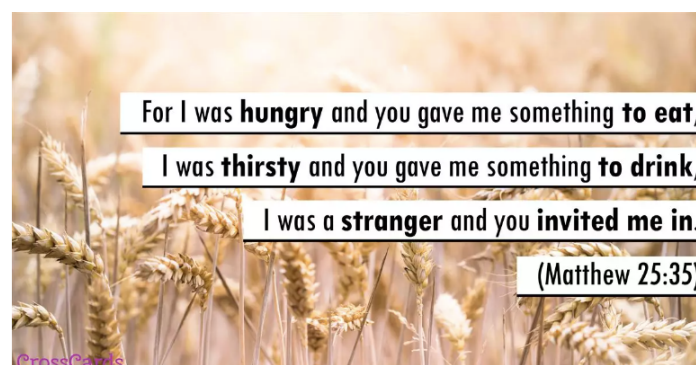
HOW DOES AUSTRALIA TREAT PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM?

If you seek to come by boat to Australia, you are sent to Nauru or Papua New Guinea to be 'processed' for years and are left to languish there with little prospect of living safely. For many decades Australia has been a leader in bringing some of the most vulnerable refugees in the world and supporting them to settle in Australia. However, Australia is now leading the world with the most punitive policies aimed to deter vulnerable people from seeking safety. But there is some good news whereby the Commonwealth Government, before the recent election, made some welcome decisions in agreeing to settle 450 refugees in New Zealand over three years. Priority will be given to the 112 people still on Nauru, but 104 still remain in Papua New Guinea. The Refugee Council of Australia advocates scrapping the inhumane policy of Offshore Detention.

The Social Justice Committee at HSUC will continue to share with you their activities on your behalf and bring you further information about refugees and asylum seekers, and explore options for action/advocacy.

Social Justice Group

Matthew 25:35



Greetings High Street UC friends! Even though we are now without our now departed permanent minister and friend, David, rest assured the work of Church Council is continuing unimpeded. We are so fortunate that Rev John Connan, assisted by his energetic and effusive wife Ann, is so capably acting as our Supply Minister whilst we await the induction of our new minister, Rev Ross Pearce, in October. Church Council has extended its thanks on your behalf.



At our most recent meeting (7th June), some key matters were discussed and decisions made, which I would like to share with you herewith:

Sale of Wesley site: Following our face-to-face meeting with key members of Synod and Presbytery (2 March) to explore the many facets and dimensions of the sale of the Wesley site, much has been going on behind the scenes. Our major payment from the sale of \$1,200,000 will be invested in the Synod Money for Mission Program to maximise our annual return on this money, hopefully resulting in \$48,000 p.a. accruing to us, as interest. In addition, some \$459,307 will be retained by Synod Accounting Services to be progressively used for building upgrades and works to our complex of buildings. As always, our indefatigable and very astute Treasurer, Keith Holmes, has been working consistently with a Synod contact to ensure that all their accounting requirements and processes are met, and Church Council unanimously thanked Keith for all his ongoing work on this complex matter.

Manse: Our church manse, which was last used by a HSUC minister when Rev Jay Robinson was with us, has been the home of a current Presbytery minister and his wife for some time, having previously being leased. Our Maintenance Committee, led by Michael Guest, has been working for some time to ensure that it is ready for our next minister, Rev Ross Pearce and his wife Carmen, to move in after their arrival. This, however is a complex process and with all the tradesmen and supply challenges presented by our volatile world, may regrettably be somewhat delayed.

National Christian Life Survey: Thank you to so many of you completing this important survey recently. The complex data generated by this survey will be examined in detail to assist us in planning for the future needs and directions of our congregation. Church Council recognised the importance of involving Rev Ross Pearce in these deliberations and we have made plans to ensure that this can occur. Watch this space!

Budget: As you will no doubt be aware, our fete raised a healthy \$5,159, despite the challenges posed by many being unwell. Most importantly, it was another wonderful opportunity for our Christian community to reach out into the wider Frankston area. Thank you one and all. Keith Holmes also noted that we are all continuing to contribute our offering gifts as planned which is most helpful. Offering in person via circulated offering plates will recommence on 19th June, in alignment with changing COVID requirements.

Leave: Please note that our wonderful Pastoral Care Associate and Monash Chaplain, Mandy Lake, will be on leave from 20th August until 1st October, to accompany Tim on LSL.

Administration: With the departure of David, and no fulltime minister in place for several months, much responsibility has fallen upon our very capable and proficient Office Administrator, Esther Galvin. Esther demonstrates her commitment in skills continually, as shown in the first ever Administration report to Church Council, which she instigated. Church Council gratefully acknowledged her ever reliable efforts.

Social Justice: As you will hopefully be well aware, our newly established Social Justice Group, has now met several times, to explore ways in which we can ensure greater awareness of key matters of social justice and promote this cause. Members of the congregation generously donated over \$800 to enable the first banner to be created and displayed at the front of our main church building, emblazoned with the words, 'Justice for Refugees'. Keep watching for the appearance of the banner!

As always, thank you for your supportive trust and prayers in our work on your behalf.

Ross Huggard, *Chairperson*

MONASH UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

Semester 1 is nearly completed, with exams period beginning on 24th June. It's been a great return to campus life this year with students, staff, educational programs and social activities back face to face again. This was warmly embraced, with staff saying how wonderful it was to see students back, students saying how wonderful it was to be back, and orientation programs attracting numbers similar to pre-COVID times. Staff were keenly aware that 1st year students had spent the last two years of their high school education heavily impacted by lockdowns. Also, for many 2nd and 3rd year students, it was like they were on campus for the first time this year, and were remarking on how different it felt, and how good to see people face to face.

Pancakes quickly became popular, and were attracting 150-180 eager munchers for most of semester; dropping in the last couple of weeks to around 100 with the cold weather and end of semester workload.

Common issues for young people at this time, including at university are mental health and connecting with others after the last couple of years. Support staff are very aware of those struggling with the demands of "business as usual" when they are still dealing with these stresses. Your prayers for all involved in final assessments and exams would be very much appreciated.



PASTORAL CARE

I've been privileged to be getting around and visiting or talking on the phone with many different people from our church family. It's been great sharing some of the joys and celebrations, and also some of the more difficult and challenging times. It's been really lovely to attend each month at Baxter Village, where around 20 people have been gathering for a communion service, and fellowship over afternoon tea. I've really enjoyed getting to know these wonderful people a bit better! I've also been attending Elders meetings, and I'm aware of the great care and support the Elders offer their people. I'm very happy to be a part of it, and welcome calls about pastoral concerns on 0438 715 029.

Mandy Lake.



Celebrating 45 years of the Uniting Church

Dear friends

The Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), founded 45 years ago 22 June 2022.

The international legacy of our church goes far beyond that though to the 1850s. The Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists who united to form our church, each brought their own rich relationships and historic links with overseas churches.

As UnitingWorld, we carry these links in our work today. It's a joy and a privilege to have been trusted with the vital ministry of connecting the people of the Uniting Church to God's work in the global church. We are proud ambassadors for the UCA.

Many of you served as missionaries or worked in partner churches and we are so grateful that you continue to support the partnerships in prayer, giving and keeping important bonds of friendship alive.

In the years since, many others of you have come to Australia from our partner churches and strengthened our bonds of partnership with your rich heritage and ongoing support. When I moved to Australia almost thirty years ago, despite being born Anglican and raised Baptist, I chose to join the UCA because I fell in love with a church that was brave enough to speak out for those on the margins and get its hands dirty with the real work of justice.

A lot has changed since the early days of union, but our mission and commitments remain the same. I love re-reading the **Statement to the Nation** that was made at the Inaugural Assembly, as a reminder of the promises we made as a community following Christ. I love that I am part of a church with such courage and vision:

We pledge ourselves to seek the correction of injustices wherever they occur. We will work for the eradication of poverty and racism within our society and beyond. We affirm the rights of all people to equal educational opportunities, adequate health care, freedom of speech, employment or dignity in unemployment if work is not available. We will oppose all forms of discrimination which infringe basic rights and freedoms.

We will challenge values which emphasise acquisitiveness and greed in disregard of the needs of others and which encourage a higher standard of living for the privileged in the face of the daily widening gap between the rich and poor.

We pledge ourselves to hope and work for a nation whose goals are not guided by self-interest alone, but by concern for the welfare of all persons everywhere — the family of the One God — the God made known in Jesus of Nazareth the One who gave His life for others.

In the spirit of His self-giving love we seek to go forward

Dr Sureka Goringe, National Director, UnitingWorld

A fascinating pictorial history of the Uniting Church is available at
<https://uniting.church/45thanniversary/>

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (See also other side of page)							
Date	Colour	Bible Reader	Preaching	Holy Communion	Bible reading*	STB	Notes
03-Jul-22		Marlene Thresher	John Connan	JC	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	43	
10-Jul-22		Rona Russell	John Connan		Luke 10:25-37	43	
17-Jul-22		Elaine Kenyon	John Connan		Luke 10:38-42	43	
24-Jul-22		Mac Cleland	John Connan		Luke 11:1-13	43	
31-Jul-22		Ross Huggard	John Connan		Luke 12:13-21	43	

*NB: For each Sunday there are 4 readings provided by the Revised Common Lectionary. Listed here is the one that the Spill the Beans resources focus on.

The other readings can be found listed in Spill the Beans or under the Revised Common Lectionary link on the High Street Uniting website.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP						
Date	Stewards	Morning Tea Helpers			Flowers	Organ
03-Jul-22	Jen & Mick Johnson	Dorothy Bucher, Robert Latimer, Fay Loader			Beryl and Marg	
10-Jul-22	Jen & Mick Johnson	Marilyn Sheerin, Harriet Holton, John Upton			Beryl and Marg	
17-Jul-22	Edna Reeves, Marilyn Sheerin	Michael and Jen Johnson, Alistair Munro			Edna Reeves	
24-Jul-22	Edna Reeves, Marilyn Sheerin	Edna Runciman, Stanley and Viola Zhungu			Edna Reeves	
31-Jul-22	Rona Russell, Heather Rawson	Vilma Labrooy, Sue Baker, Carol Calderbank			Beryl and Marg	

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (Elders and Communion)				
Date	Duty Elder	Communion Setup		Communion Helpers
03-Jul-22	Jill Cayzer & Marlene Thresher	Rona Russell and Jen Johnson		Arthur Poole and Keith Holmes
10-Jul-22				
17-Jul-22				
24-Jul-22				
31-Jul-22				

CONTEMPORARY

Preparing & Leading worship				Ackn. of Country & Call to Worship	Bible reading	Preaching	Children's Time	Communion	Bible readings		STB Set Up	Band Leaders				Singers		Zoom	Sound	Welcomers [and offering]		Hospitality
Date																						
3-Jul	Barb	Valmai	Glenise	Worship Leaders to organise directly with volunteers willing to do Acknowledgement of Country and Call to Worship						Luke 10:1-11,16-20	43		Mike	John	Valmai	Karin	Matthew	Ley	Patti	Joy		
10-Jul	Fiona	Arthur	Yvonne	Worship Leaders to organise directly with volunteers willing to do Bible Readings						Luke 10:25-37	43		John	Kerry	Mandy	Russell	Tim	Marg	Beryl	Santhira		
17-Jul	John	Jackie								Luke 10:38-42	43		Russell	Yvonne	Fiona	Meg	Tim	Kate	Santhira	Barb		
24-Jul	Mandy	Kerry								Luke 11:1-13	43		Mike	Russell	Kerry	Karin	Matthew	Joy	Valmai	Valmai		
31-Jul	Barb	Valmai	Glenise							Luke 12:13-21	43		John	Yvonne	Valmai	Russell	Tim	Ley	Patti	Joy		
7-Aug	Barb	Valmai	Glenise							Luke 12:32-40	43		Russell	Mandy	John	Karin	Michael	Marg	Beryl	Santhira		
14-Aug	Arthur	Yvonne								Luke 12:49-56	43		Mike	Kerry	John	Russell	Alan	Santhira	Barb	Barb		
21-Aug	Mandy	Kerry								Luke 13:10-17	43		John	Russell	Yvonne	Karin	Alan	Kate	Joy	Valmai		
28-Aug	John	Jackie								Luke 14:1,7-14	43		Mike	John	Valmai	Meg	Alan	Ley	Patti	Joy		
4-Sep	Barb	Valmai	Glenise								44		John	Bronwen	Alan	Matthew	Alan	Marg	Beryl	Santhira		
11-Sep	Alan	Gill									44		John	Yvonne	Valmai	Meg	Alan	Barb	Santhira	Barb		
18-Sep	Fiona	Arthur	Yvonne								44		Mike	Bronwen	Alan	Karin	Alan	Kate	Joy	Gill		
25-Sep	Alan	Gill									44		Mike	Valmai	Fiona	Meg	Alan	Ley	Patti	Joy		
2-Oct	Juli	Valmai	Glenise								44		Mike	Yvonne	John	Matthew	Alan	Marg	Beryl	Santhira		
9-Oct	John	Jackie									44		Russell	Valmai	Mandy	Karin	Tim	Kate	Joy	Valmai		
16-Oct	Mandy	Kerry									44		John	Fiona	Valmai	Matthew	Tim	Marg	Beryl	Gill		
23-Oct	Fiona	Arthur	Yvonne								44		John	Kerry	Tim	Meg	Alan	Ley	Patti	Joy		
30-Oct	John	Jackie									44		Mike	Tim	Fiona	Karin	Alan	Joy	Kate	Santhira		