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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.





Sunday 6 March is Clean Up Australia Day, and once again the Contemporary Congregation will be meeting at the Frankston Pier to join in the community clean-up. If you aren't able to attend at Frankston Pier, please consider what you can do to (safely) clean-up in the area around you. There will be tongs and bags provided but you can bring your own tongs if you prefer. NOTE there will be no Contemporary service at the church that day.

Deakin University Study

Deakin University is running a study on "Exploring hope, grace, and resilience in parish communities in Covid-19 times" in the South-eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The project is funded by the Australian Research Theology Foundation incorporated (ARTFine) and has ethical approval from the University (HAE-21-161). The aim of the project is to:

- Investigate how parishioners have experienced moments of hope and grace in their faith communities during the pandemic
- Investigate how those moments have contributed to build their sense of resilience and wellbeing.

If you are interested in participating, there is an anonymous online survey that you can take (which takes about 15 minutes). There may also be an opportunity to take part in a focus group if you wish. Details for the link, if you wish to contribute to the survey, are on the accompanying flyer.



Exploring Hope, Grace, and Resilience in Parish Communities in Covid-19 times

WE NEED YOU!

Are you over the age of 18?

We invite you to share experiences of hope, grace, and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project involves your willingness to:

1. complete an anonymous online survey
2. participate in a focus group interview (optional)

This study has received Deakin University ethics approval (reference number: HAE-21-161)

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Grace and Faith

Copy the link

https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/ife/form/SV_b2tSilIkV4uUoAq

to:

1. read about the project which includes sample questions
2. respond to the survey
3. be a part of the focus group interview.

Thank you in advance for participating in our exciting project

Dr Brendan Hyde & Associate Professor Dawn Joseph

deakin.edu.au

FROM THE MINISTER



Over the last month, our readings from Luke's gospel have challenged us to consider how we care for our neighbours. Jesus challenged the people in Nazareth by pointing out that God's care extends beyond the 'local' culture, to people from across the nations.

In consideration of that, we are starting a new initiative of a Social Justice group at the church, spurred particularly by the recent attention drawn to people in long-term detention in Melbourne's Park Hotel. The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre has the following comments on their website, where there is a petition you can sign (<https://action.asrc.org.au/>)

...For the past seven years, successive governments have enacted harmful policies against people seeking asylum, including the indefinite detention of everyone who arrived by boat after 19 July 2013.

Today, there are still 200 people held against their will in Papua New Guinea and Nauru. Over 1000 women, men and children have been transferred to Australia for critical medical treatment and now live in 'transitory' visa limbo.

75 of those people are held in locked immigration detention centres and so-called 'alternative places of detention', such as the Park hotel prison.

Countless Parliamentary and Departmental inquiries, UN investigations, reports by the Australian Human Rights Commission, and numerous whistleblowers, including the government's own doctors have repeatedly told us the same story of systematic abuse, violence and medical neglect of people held in detention facilities. Tragically, 13 people have died in these centres.

If you would like to join the Social Justice group to help us to make a response to this situation, please contact me or go the first meeting of the group, which will be on **Thursday 3 March at 7:30pm** in the Blue Room at the church.

More locally, StableOne is working on bringing the Winter Shelter initiative to Frankston. Winter Shelter involves arranging for 7 churches to provide accommodation for homeless people, one night a week each, over the three months of winter. To support this, a number of volunteers are required on a regular basis to assist with the provision of meals (dinner and breakfast), with set-up and pack-up, and with supervision. While our church and hall may not meet the requirements for safely housing people overnight, we can still assist with the provision of volunteers. If you would like to assist in this initiative, please let David know. To find out more about Winter Shelter, look up <https://stableone.org/winter-shelters/>

Peace and grace,
David

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Don't Forget to use our website for Service reflection in text, rosters & worship Resources etc. <https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>





Each month, High Street Times publishes the names of some of the people who are associated with our congregation, but who find it difficult or are not able to attend on Sunday mornings.

We particularly include in our prayers:

Shiela Knoop, Barbara O'Malley, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Eileen McCarty, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara, Effie Tilley, Ruth Poole, Barbara Trewartha, Tom and Barbara Yates.

Pray for Kerrin Hill, Julie Holmes, and Michelle (daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing)

Pray for those who are awaiting surgery, and those who are recuperating (Including Elaine Kenyon)

Pray for those who are sick with COVID, or isolated.

Pray for the families of Barbara O'Malley and Jim Devine.

Pray for all who struggle with mental health at this time

Pray for the people of Tonga

Pray for Ukraine

Pray for those around Frankston who experience homelessness.

Pray for those who are displaced from or within Afghanistan and Myanmar

Pray for our church, for our ministry and care with each other, young and old, and for the whole community that we serve in the love of God.

Pray for the Joint Nominating Committee, and all those who support the church in ministry and mission.

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



World Day of Prayer

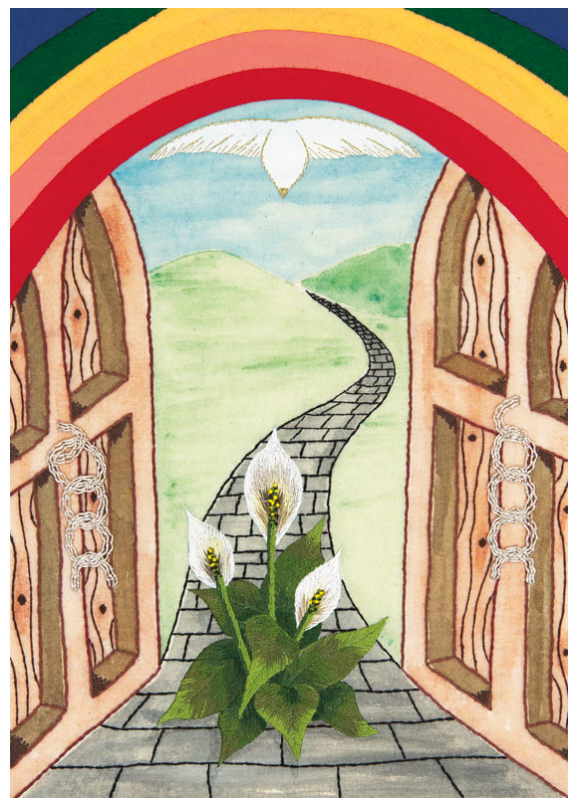
This year's service will be held on FRIDAY 4th MARCH at 10.30am at High Street Uniting Church.

The countries this year are England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Theme is "I know the plans I have for you."

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical prayer event held each year all around the world. Each year a different country prepares the service,

ALL are invited to come and share in this service to hear of the joys, concerns and needs of other people and to pray for them.



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Last Christmas we raised just under \$2500 for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Act for Peace have the following goals:



1. Safety in exile

Ensuring people live in safety, with dignity, while displaced.

The programs we support aim to ensure displaced people:

- Access critical physical and emotional support.
- Have control over their lives, leading activities that ensure their safety, dignity and rights.
- Advocate for change and help fix systems that cause violence, exclusion or abuse.

2. A place to belong

Helping uprooted people find a permanent place to belong.

The programs and advocacy initiatives we support aim to ensure:

- Uprooted people lead initiatives that help build a safe, permanent future.
- Countries fairly share responsibility for supporting survivors of displacement.

3. Reduced displacement

Working to reduce the number of people forced to flee their homes.

The programs and advocacy initiatives we support aim to ensure:

- Communities lead initiatives to reduce the impact of disasters and other displacement drivers.
- Governments and the public take strong action to reduce conflict and climate-driven displacement.

You can find out more about Act for Peace's strategies at <https://actforpeace.org.au/>



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





High Street Uniting Church, Frankston

**Children and Youth Worker (0.5)
and
Somers Camp Chaplain (0.1)***

Applications for either or both positions close 15 March 2022
by email to
ApplyUnitingFrankston@gmail.com

For full positions descriptions see the JOBS page at

<https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>
or call (03) 9783 3400

High Street Uniting Church is an active congregation in the
Frankston Community, with a vision of Connecting Younger
Generations in God's love,
Strengthening Community through the Holy Spirit, and
Embracing All People with Christ's compassion

*Somers Camp is a July school holiday event of the Presbytery
of Port Phillip East;
the role includes networking and pastoral care through the year.

ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

	Colour	Bible Reader	Preaching	Holy Communion	Bible reading*	STB	Notes
06-Mar-22	P	Marlene Thresher	DF	DF	Luke 4:1-11	42	
13-Mar-22	P	Elaine Kenyon	Chris Cohen		Luke 13:31-35	42	long weekend
20-Mar-22	P	Rona Russell	DF		Luke 13:1-9	42	
27-Mar-22	P	Mac Cleland	DF		Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	42	
	Stewards	Morning Tea Helpers	Flowers	Organ	Duty Elders	Communion Setup	Communion Helpers
06-Mar-22	Cheryl Wilson, Marilyn Sheerin	Edna Runciman, Sue Baker, Ali Vagstad	Edna Reeves	Nylma Carruthers		Stanley Zhungu and Erica Hutchinson	Dawn Peacock and Rona Russell
13-Mar-22	Cheryl Wilson, Marilyn Sheerin	Dorothy Bucher, Virgil Snyder, Vilma LaBrooy		Nylma Carruthers			
20-Mar-22	Rona Russell, Neville Parker	Marilyn Sheerin, Carol Calderbank	Marion Coulson	Nylma Carruthers	Dorothea Bucher and Jen Johnson		
27-Mar-22	Rona Russell, Neville Parker	Michael & Jen Johnston, Robert Latimer	Marion Coulson	Nylma Carruthers			

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

	Preparing and leading worship*	Acknowled Country & Call to Worship	Bible readings	Preaching	Children's focus	Holy Communion	Bible reading*	STB
06-Mar-22	David	n/a	n/a	DF	n/a		Luke 4:1-11	42
13-Mar-22	Alan & Gill	Alan & Gill	Alan & Gill	Chris Cohen	Irene		Luke 13:31-35	42
20-Mar-22	David	Joy & Tayla	Ley	DF	Yvonne	DF	Luke 13:1-9	42
27-Mar-22	Mandy & Kerry	TBA	TBA	DF	Meg		Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	42
	Notes	Band leader	Singers	Zoom	Sound	Welcomers (and offering)	Hospitality	
06-Mar-22	CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	
13-Mar-22	long weekend	Russell	Fiona & Yvonne	Robert	Alan	Lindy & Joy	Santhira & Andi	
20-Mar-22		Russell	Jenni & Valmai	Matthew	Alan	Patti & Ley	Valmai & Barb	
27-Mar-22		TBA	Bronwen & Alan	Russell	?	Santhira & Kate	Gill & Joy	