

MAY 2021

# 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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## MAY FETE!

*High Street Uniting Church*

SATURDAY 8TH MAY

9 AM - 2 PM

Handmade Goods, Food Stalls,  
Coffee Van, Book Stall, Children's activities, Plant Stall, Cake stall, Mother's Day gifts, live entertainment and much more.....  
All Welcome!!!

16-18 HIGH ST, FRANKSTON

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HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH,  
16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON

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# FROM THE MINISTER



Dear friends in Christ,

This time last year there was little that we could do in terms of social sharing and physical fellowship. This year, things are warming up again, even as the protection of the vaccine is still being gradually extended.

We have lots of activities happening in May. The Fete makes its welcome return on the second weekend of May, just before Mothers Day. On the following weekend, Dr Alma Ram from the JBK Society in India will be joining us during worship over zoom. High Street Uniting has supported the work of JBKS in enabling women and girls in social enterprise for many years, including through the sale of items at our Fete. Dr Alma is retiring, and we will get to speak with her directly using the zoom link.

Then on the fourth Sunday in May we celebrate Pentecost! We will have a combined service at 10:00am. While we won't be able to combine with the Chinese congregation this time, we will still come together as one, across the cultures and styles of both the Traditional and Contemporary services.

The season of Easter, in the lead-up to Pentecost, is a good time to read through the book of Acts. Acts is full of stories of the life of the church and the movement of the gospel under the direction of the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to pray for Holy Spirit's guidance for us in all of our engagement in the community, and for the Spirit at work in all of the world, bringing renewal and hope.

Peace and grace,  
David

Our purpose statement:

**Strengthening Community** because that's God's nature  
**Embracing All People** because that's God's love  
**Connecting Younger Generations** because that's God's blessing



# For Our Prayers.....



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, Glad Thuraisingha, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Eileen McCarty, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson and Margaret Snyder.

Pray for Heather Rawson and her family after the passing away of Bob.

Pray for Maureen Beens, Shirley Groves and Monica Dick, who have all recently had operations.

Pray for Rona Russell's sister Roberta.

Pray for the people of Myanmar, for a swift return to democracy and for an inclusive and generous society.

Pray for India and all places deeply impacted by COVID, and for swiftness and safety in the sharing of vaccines.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend ourselves and all those whom we love, trusting in your love and grace for us in Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.



## Robert and Marilyn Downing's 50th wedding anniversary

Congratulations to Robert and Marilyn, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 24 April.

## APOLOGY

In the last edition of High Street Times, some Haiku poetry was printed but the attribution was unintentionally omitted. The poetry was by Rev Jeff Shrowder and printed by his permission. There was a reference in one verse to Jesus hanging “like a scarecrow”; the image there is from Brian Wren’s song, “Here hangs a man discarded”.

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## CONTEMPORARY SERVICES – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

We will continue to look for opportunities to explore faith and community further with specific visits and excursions on the first Sunday of the month, but particularly with the colder weather setting in we will be “in the church” unless otherwise advertised.

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**Pentecost  
Sunday 23 May  
combined  
service 10am**

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## SECOND HAND MARKET

This year’s May Fete is being organised at short notice and with attention to COVID conditions, and so some things are not going to be quite the same as usual. One of the things that will be missing in May will be the Trash and Treasure sale in the back hall. Plans are beginning for a separate Second Hand Market (working title), incorporating Trash and Treasure and also a Second-hand Clothing Swap. If you have been saving up some good quality treasures or clothing, or you’re looking for some bargains, pencil in the date of Saturday 24 July.



# WORSHIP LINKS

New phone/zoom details:

The church has purchased a new zoom license and is now transitioning to a single meeting number for both Traditional and Contemporary services. Our new zoom link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>  
with the password 3199.

(Or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) and use the Meeting number 954 6849 3260)

To join on a phone without video, call (03) 7018 2005

The meeting ID is 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID – just press #

We will use these numbers for all services and church meetings for the foreseeable future.

## WEBSITE:

Reflections accessible in text format.

<https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>

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## 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: 800128

Description: OFFERING

Alternatively, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to the church office.

# Church Council Report – April 2021 Meeting

Your Church Council again met, on 13 April, with our two re-elected members present, Kerry Pederick and Marg Scarlett. We also acknowledged the valuable contribution of Juli Lincoln, who chose not to seek re-election.

In keeping with more efficient meeting practice, as recommended by Presbytery, we distributed key reports prior to the meeting so that these could be read and considered, but not spoken about directly unless there were key decisions to be made. This enhanced process enables more time for discussion about important matters requiring careful discernment. In addition, we have now instigated the recommended UCA practice of using orange (support for a proposal), yellow (a question to be posed) and blue (cool on a proposal) cards to assist with inclusive decision-making and a more effective consensual approach to decision-making.

## Covid Oversight Group recommendations

At its most recent meeting (13 April), reflected on the implications of the most recent Presbytery and government advice. It will be a requirement, as of 25 April, for QR registration to be used by all people using our buildings, including worshippers and outside groups. Recognising that not all people have a smart phone, or are confident in using the necessary App, a person will be on hand to assist everyone to register before worship.

Another key area is that of food handling in a Post-COVID environment. There will be new signage in the kitchens to clarify the rules relating to handing and serving food. In addition, there will be strict limitations about the number of people who can be located in these spaces at any one time. All facility hirers are also being notified of these regulations.

At this stage, there will still need to be physical distancing which will prevent passing the peace, sharing offering bowls or communion, and shaking hands at the door.

The Group will continue to monitor this important area of concern to ensure safety for all!

## Other groups

It is wonderful that so many of the community groups and organisations, including the Chinese congregation who have typically used our suite of buildings are now able to return, albeit with strict COVID-safe protocols in place. Jacqui is continuing to liaise with these groups to ensure compliance as required.

## Pipe Organ Repair Update

At last, the essential repairs to the wind chest of our historic Aeolian organ are scheduled to commence this month. This has been possible thanks to donations from congregational members, a generous \$10,000 grant by the Collier foundation and some of our own funds. We can now look forward to completion of these and being able to hear its clear, strong and inspiring tones resonate once more in the near future!

### 2021 Fete: Saturday 8 May !

As a real sign that the worst of the pandemic is- hopefully- now behind us, Church Council happily could warmly endorse the plan to hold a pre- Mother's Day fete on 8 May (after a year of no such events in 2020). For this to occur, we do need to ensure it is a COVID-safe event and so some special arrangements will need to be made. Again, we are indebted to Marg Scarlett and her team for overseeing this complex organisational event. No doubt, you will want to participate and mention this event to all your friends and family.

### Sale of the former Wesley buildings

Under the lease agreement made with the Brotherhood of St Laurence, following the amalgamation of the former St Andrews and Wesley congregations into one entity we know as High Street UC, there was an option for BSL to purchase the whole site after 20 years in 2023. BSL has indicated that it wishes to bring forward this date as soon as possible, given that it has been developing the site extensively and has established the David Scott School. After careful consideration, Church Council authorised Keith Holmes, as Treasurer, to begin this complex process. It was recognised that the leasing arrangement has been critical to our finances since 2003 and we must be able to fund major future projects including essential maintenance works to our halls, which are so important to our missional activities. Therefore, we are hopeful that funds from this projected sale, will underpin our future.

### Chaplaincy.

The current Synod funding for the important role of Chaplain will end later this year. While we have reserves that can be put towards extending the role into 2021, we are unsure whether there will be potential Synod funding to apply for in the future. It was recognised that Synod Standing Committee will be meeting soon to determine the availability of funding. We endorsed the importance of this position and agreed that it may need to operate with a reduced time fraction in the future.

### Preparing to look for a new Minister

Following Rev David Fotheringham's appointment as Moderator Elect, and his subsequent departure from our midst in the first part of 2022, it was recognised that we need to commence the considerable and lengthy process of looking for a new minister. We will write to Presbytery to initiate this process, which will commence with undertaking a mission study. Then a Joint Nominating Committee will need to be established, with 4-6 congregational members and 2 Presbytery representatives (one of whom will be the Chair).

Shalom

Ross Huggard , Chairperson

# Treasurer's Report

Keith Holmes - HSUC Treasurer

## Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 3 Months to 31st March 2021

INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		30000		32321
Rental Income - High St & Manse		10000		6260
Donations		375		0
Donations: Children's Outreach		125		540
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		1250		624
Goods and Services Tax				1225
Fete				0
Interest - Cash Management		250		0
GST Reimbursement MBA		500		0
Atkinson Foundation Income		750		524
Guest Foundation Income		750		533
Bomar Grant		27600		27627
Transfer from Wesley Lease		14000		6137
JobKeeper Payments		20000		29256
Unit Price Adjustment				350
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>105600</b>		<b>105397</b>
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		57250		46920
Administration Costs		14125		11132
Planned Giving Expenses				
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	125		131	
Cleaning/Maintenance	7500		3637	
Rates: Council/Water	1125		892	
Gas/Electricity	2000	10750	869	5529
Insurance				
Sunday School/Children's		250		473
Organ/Choir/Copyright		500		290
Goods and Services Tax				1013
Miscellaneous		2500		2371
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>85375</b>		<b>67728</b>
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	8100		8102	
Tom Sutherland	125			
Community Support	375	8600	693	8795
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>93975</b>		<b>76523</b>



**‘Mpower Youth Group is back!**  
**Here’s the Term 2 youth program..**

**May 9 - Baking for Mum!**

**May 23 - Shopping challenge!**

**June 6 - Jackbox Games!**

**June 20 - Somers Prep!**

*Open to students grade 4-year 12.*

*More info, contact Hannah D: 0422628028*

**BUT WAIT, THERES MORE:**

**W☒ #SonderCollective Camp, June 11-14! (Teens/young adults)**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BQSKE>**

**Somers Camp, June 28-July 4! (Grade 3 - Year 9s):**

**<https://www.somerscamp.com.au>**

*Youth group week 1 was jumpin'!*

After a year off from gathering due to covid 19, youth group restarted with a bounce, with fourteen 10-16 year olds showing up for trampolining at “Gravity Zone” indoor adventure centre, in Seaford!

Eight of our older youth/ young adults have applied as leaders on Somers camp! Please pray for these young leaders as they attend leadership training together with 40 others on the weekend of May 14-16, at Merricks campsite.



**25/04/2021**

# News from East Timor



By John & Marion Coulson

Several people have been asking how our student houses and students fared with the big floods in Dili.

We are glad to report that our houses were not damaged, and our students are all ok, but this is a picture of the flood from our back yard. It would have been exciting. The students took their belongings to Sabino's two story house.

In the photo the water from the big river is right up to the back fence, it washed out all the foundations of our fence, (which will be quite expensive to replace), and the very productive vegetable garden that the students had grown on the other side of the fence.

Dili is in a bad way at the moment. They are in strict lockdown with the virus spreading. Schools and shops are closed, there is no work and people are hungry. Our students are working on zoom.

But five of our university students have now graduated, . We were not able to go to see them or join in the parties., but we are very proud of them.



*Joao and Elias's  
Graduation*

Students outside the Student house last year. They are now adults! Five of them graduated last the end of last year. But because of the employment situation, a hung parliament and the covert virus, they are still living in our student houses.

We were very disappointed that we could not be at their graduations, or the great parties that we saw in the photos.



These are some of the graduating students, Joao is on the left and Elias has the red shirt. Joao graduated in Finance, and he is the best English speaker and very bright and hard working. He wants to be a diplomat. He is doing some post graduate study. He will go far. Elias is our most unlikely student, a real wild man! And rather to our surprise he has done well and graduated in minimum time as an engineer, and his widowed mother is very proud of him and we are too. Almost all of the students have great personalities, but his is one of the most appealing.

*Party guests in our back yard*



*Candida's graduation party*



# Organ

## UPDATE



The work we are carrying out at Frankston Uniting involves restoring the Swell windchest, the original Aeolian organ dating from 1913, made for a house in Mt Eliza called Manyung. It was moved to the Church in 1939.

This windchest has a very complex design, and is very hard to repair anything because access is very difficult.

Each note on the organ has a round leather pouch about 2" round, and the leather is the original from 1913.

As you could imagine after 108 years, the leather has developed holes, tears and has started to perish. Notes have also stopped working, and this is because the pouch for that note has failed.

There are around 1000 pouches to replace in the windchest, and we will be sure to take lots of photos to share.

Tomorrow we are removing the windchest from the organ chamber, we have had to bring in lifting equipment.



### ORGAN DETAILS:

B 1914 Aeolian Company, New York (opus1285); inst. present loc. 1939 Hill, Norman & Beard (o/n V121) from 'Manyung', Mount Eliza, residence of

Dr McKeddie; reb 1958 Stephen Laurie; tonal altns 1972 Laurie Pipe Organs.

2m, 20spst, 6c, elpn. Gt:8.8.4.4.2.III.8.carillon.

Sw: 8.8.8.8.8.4.8.8. Ped:

16.8.4.II.

[ Source: GAZETTEER OF VICTORIAN PIPE ORGANS

by John Maidment revised January 2019 ]

# HSUE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Amitie

CRAFT GROUP

Meets the second Thursday in the month.  
from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

No special skill set required. Come and enjoy a chat, a "cuppa", share craft projects and learn.

Contact Patti Scully: Ph. 97662253  
for more information.

Amitie Dates for 2021:

13th May  
10th June  
8th July  
12th August  
9th September  
14th October  
11th November  
9th December

## COMMUNITY BBQ

FREE BBQ LUNCH  
Every Wednesday!!

12-1pm

ALL WELCOME!!!!

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WELCOMES ALL TO

## PLAY GROUP

A WELCOMING SPACE FOR BABIES TO  
PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND THEIR  
FAMILIES TO SHARE IN PLAY, CRAFT,  
MUSIC, STORIES & SNACK.

When:  
Every Friday

Time:  
9:15AM -  
11:15AM

Where:  
16-18 High St,  
Frankston

WANT MORE INFO?

CONTACT EMMA: 0433667271 OR  
CHURCH OFFICE: 97833400



FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

# LEGS

7:30PM - BLUE ROOM



A choir from diverse  
backgrounds who  
love singing  
together!

## VOICES OF FRANKSTON

Want to join the Choir?

We meet every Wednesday at 9:30am during school terms. Free lunch provided.  
All levels of singing ability are Welcome to join.

