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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.



Federal Election Resource



The Uniting Church Assembly has produced an election resource to stimulate thinking about particular issues of significance. It is titled “Our Vision for Just Australia”. There are brief pages on:

- **A First People’s Heart** – Voice, Treaty, Truth;
 - **Renewal of the Whole Creation** – action on climate change;
 - **A Welcoming, Compassionate and Diverse Nation** – safety for refugees and asylum seekers
 - **An Economy for Life** – economic participation for all
 - **An Inclusive and Equal Society** – ageing to our full potential
 - **Flourishing Communities, Regional, Remote and Urban** – housing and mental health in the bush
 - **Contributing to a Just and Peaceful World** – humanitarian assistance and foreign policy
- There will be some copies available in the foyer, and it can also be accessed on our website under the RESOURCES tab.



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



An Apology

Last issue a tribute was paid to the wonderful life of Jim Devine who sadly passed recently. An error was made in transcription and it was stated that Jim succumbed to liver failure. This was **totally incorrect**. It was **kidney** failure which took Jim from us.

As Editor I accept that the error was totally mine and resulted from the need to retype the text in an effort to do Jim justice with a better-quality tribute. Unfortunately, this has resulted in exactly the opposite effect to that intended. The correct paragraph is appended. Once again, I apologise unreservedly.



John Annable Editor

During the lockdown Jim’s health deteriorated and he bravely dealt with kidney failure. Profound sympathy on behalf of High St Uniting on the loss of a long and faithful servant has been extended to Chris and the family. He will be sadly missed.

FROM THE MINISTER



Dear friends,

Almost exactly six years ago I wrote my first article for High Street Times. At that time, I was looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time at the coming Fete. I remember that on the morning of the 2016 Fete in I was running late because my new washing machine was misbehaving. When I arrived, everything was in full swing, with a wonderful atmosphere and great music! I bought some lovely native plants which have delighted me ever since - one is flourishing outside my office window at the church. Wandering around at that fete I could see the easy conversations between visitors and stallholders and everyone else. People with different skills contributed together in a wide range of different ways. It was a great introduction to the church and community in Frankston.

I'll have other opportunities to reflect on the ministry that I've enjoyed sharing with everyone over the six years since then, but I'll mention a little here.

The greatest highlights for me have been the friendships and sharing with individuals across the congregations and the community. Whether in sad times or celebrations, each person has been a reflection of God to me, and the moments shared have been privileges.

I have loved worshipping in both Traditional and Contemporary styles, as we have listened for God and shared in faith and hope together. I have been delighted that we've launched a playgroup, and that Voices of Frankston has come through significant transitions to be going strong still now. I love that we share with the community in care and generosity through activities like the Wednesday BBQ and Larder; that we support ministry at Monash Uni and through local and overseas projects; and that we've maintained pastoral care and connection even through the lockdowns of the pandemic.

I'm sorry that I'm missing my "six-year anniversary" Fete this year, because as part of preparing for my coming role I'll be attending the national Uniting Church Assembly meeting in Queensland. I will be smiling as I think about it though, as I've no doubt that the atmosphere and welcome there will be the same as I found it when I first came.

We are in the season of Easter: death is conquered, and Christ comes with new life breathing the Spirit upon us, so that our ministry and sharing can reflect Christ's own, and we can share in Christ's faith and love. We are witnesses to that, at the Fete and always.

May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the stirring of the Holy Spirit be with you all, always.

David

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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, 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 and Barbara Yates.

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

Pray for Cheryl Wilson and for Noel. Pray for Maureen Beens.

Pray for those with mental health needs

Pray for Ukraine: for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope

Pray for Tonga

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

Pray for those around Frankston who experience homelessness.



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.

Pray for David, Robyn, Matthew and Cameron through this time of transition and for David's new role.

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



News from Church Council

At our most recent full meeting of Church Council on 5 April, we had hoped to acknowledge and recognise the wonderful leadership and oversight that our minister, Rev David Fotheringham, has exercised in his time with us. Regrettably, he was unable to attend due to ill-health but still our heartfelt thanks and appreciation were still conveyed.

Some key items which were explored include:

- Sale of former Wesley Frankston site: The financial implications of this sale and the distribution of funds were further discussed, and it was resolved that further clarification of details would be sought both from Synod (via Rev Dr Mark Lawrence, who addressed the congregation on 27 March, as most would recall) and Presbytery (via Rev Duncan Macleod). We will be assisted in aspects of the process by Siobhan Reed, on behalf of Synod.
- We resolved that one ongoing minister would be our decided preferred option acting as Supply Minister, after David's departure on 15 May. Such a person would hopefully be supported by our group of ever-loyal retired ministers in our midst.
- Subsequent to our meeting on 5 April, Church Council more recently has warmly endorsed the plan to have Rev John Connan, the former minister of Wesley UC in Frankston whom many will know, to act as our Supply Minister. We are most grateful to John for agreeing to act in this capacity, one which he undertaken in recent times in several other congregations, in addition to his work with the UC Mission Liaison Group and as Treasurer of the UCAF National Committee.



- Social Justice Group: As recently introduced to both worshipping groups, this new group has now met twice and is planning to commence heightening awareness of key social justice issues via a large external banner, which would be periodically changed. It intends to meet monthly to oversee its work.
- A formal 3-month review of the performance of our recently appointed Office Administrator, Esther Galvin, has been conducted, based upon key elements of the position description. Esther has shown herself to be an ideal person for this position and is continually exploring more efficient ways of undertaking tasks. We were unanimous in our endorsement of Esther as the permanent Office Administrator.
- It was acknowledged that once David departs, Church Council and Church Council Executive, supported by Esther, will need to assume responsibility for more aspects of church operations and plans whilst we do not have a permanent and ongoing minister.

JNC Update

As previously indicated, the JNC (Joint Nominating Committee) which enacts all processes to call our next minister, as chaired by Rev Joy Blamires, has been meeting quite regularly and working steadfastly since December last year.

We have recently been in conversation with two potential ministers and more conversations are planned in the very near future. We developed six conversation points based on our official placement profile for High Street UC and have ensured that these guide our explorations.

This is a complex process, which requires careful deliberation and sensitive and mutually respectful confidential conversations. Please be assured that the JNC has been very determined in its efforts!

The process is complex and once we are in the happy position of being able to recommend a prospective minister, the congregation will be informed and asked for its approval before the name of the person is forwarded to Presbytery (PRC) and the Synod Placements Committee for final approval.

Shalom

Ross Huggard, Chairperson : Church Council

DOROTHY BUCHER

At the April meeting of the Council of Elders a letter of resignation was received from Dorothy Bucher. Dorothy's resignation, after forty years of wonderful service as an Elder to St Andrews and then High Street Uniting Church, was accepted with regret.

Dorothy has been a hardworking, constant and loyal worker for Christ's work during her long and active Church role as an Elder; she was secretary of the Elders for ten years and also minute secretary of Westernport Presbytery for five years, carrying out these important roles whilst caring for her three teen age sons.

Dorothy also acted as Recorder for at least two of the triennial Planned Giving Programs which were a feature of the Christian commitment of our members many years ago.

In addition she readily undertook the role of cook for the annual Somers Camp for ten years, for nine of which she was the head cook, catering for up to 175 young folk and volunteers.

Dorothy will continue preparing and circulating the morning tea roster which she has so capably carried out over recent years.

The Council of Elders acknowledges with grateful appreciation Dorothy's very substantial contribution to our Church over so many years and wishes her well as she continues to serve our Lord in other ways.



Chaos looks back to the 60's

Our monthly social get-together "Chaos" (don't ask) recently celebrated Tim Lake's 60th birthday. Costumes and food were 60's themed and an interesting number of hairstyles emerged as well as some genuine psychedelia. *(Editor's note "I was there in the 60's and I don't remember anything like this!")*



If, even after having viewed the above, you are still keen to join us at Chaos each month. We meet in members' homes for shared food and chat. (usually dressed quite normally) Talk to us at the Contemporary Service and make yourself known.

To David and Robyn,

You are very special new friends of ours since our arrival down in Australia in September of 2019. This was after meeting John on a Cruise to Alaska in May of that year.

Driving around Frankston we located High Street Uniting and decided to give your Church a visit. The sign out front said Contemporary service at 10:45 and it was an Animal Blessing Service. Having no idea what that was about, we headed off on Sunday to see!

You, David, made us feel so welcome as we sat out in the open-air garden with animals of all descriptions and colours waiting to be blessed.

Since that time, we have become friends with many of the Traditional group attending services a 9am. While back in Canada in 2020 (for the entire year) we started working on my sponsored Visa application after being married.

David, you supplied the final missing reference that was needed to finalize the lodging of my application to become a resident of Australia! Grateful for that! It is in final months of completion now.

Truly blessed and thankful for all your kindness and welcoming support to us and trusting that you and Robyn will find continued happiness and fulfilment in your new venture.

With love,

Harriet Holton and John Upton

Dear David & Robyn,

Leavin' the Old an' Greetin' the New

It's kind o' tough t' have t' leave so many folks you've learned t' know

And have 'em grip yer hand and tell how much they hate t' see you go!

It's kind o' tough t' say goodbye to friends you've seen day after day

It's hard t' break the happy bonds o' comradeship an' move away.

It's hard to pack up all yer things an' leave a cozy home behind

The place where joy have come t' you, where neighbours all have been so kind.

And when at last your dearest pal is tryin' hard to make a bluff

At bein' brave an' breaks right down. It's kind o' tough, it's kind o' tough!

But say! It's great to find new friends just waiting for a chance t' show

How glad they are t' have you come and live with them! It's great t' know

That folks're just about the same no matter where you chance t' roam

And if you let 'em have their way you'll soon be feelin' right at home.

So, it's a long farewell old friends may God be mighty good t' you!

Across the miles and down the years you'll find our friendship always true.

LOVE from your High Street Uniting Church Family



INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		30000		34786
Rental Income - High St & Manse		11250		6602
Donations		375		250
Donations: Children's Outreach		125		90
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		1250		2122
Goods and Services Tax				631
Fete		0		0
Interest - Cash Management Account		100		89
GST Reimbursement MBA		500		2540
Atkinson Foundation Income		1000		1282
Guest Foundation Income		1000		1351
Bomar Grant		0		0
Transfer from Wesley Lease		9200		9708
Transfer from Bequest		750		750
Transfer from Employment Reserve		9600		9600
Unit Price Adjustment				-197
TOTAL INCOME		65150		69604
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		42750		42435
Administration Costs		10750		9448
Planned Giving Expenses		0		0
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	125		0	
Cleaning/Maintenance	6125		7208	
Rates: Council/Water	875		661	
Gas/Electricity	1750	8875	824	8693
Insurance		0		0
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		250		0
Organ/Choir/Copyright		500		649
Goods and Services Tax				973
Miscellaneous		2500		5087
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		65625		67285
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	6000		6000	
Tom Sutherland	125		0	
Community Support	375	6500	0	6000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		72125		73285

Note: Operating deficit for first 3 months is \$3681

Thankyou once again to our ever vigilant and hard-working treasurer Keith Holmes

HSUC Church Leaders 2022



Elders: usually 5 year term

Elder	Year Elected	Year due for re-election
John Coulson	Life Elder	
Mac Cleland	Life Elder	
Dawn Peacock	Life Elder	
Marlene Thresher	2018	2023
Keith Holmes	2018	2023
Jen Johnson	2019	2024
Daryl Groves	2019	2024
Shirley Groves	2019	2024
Stanley Zhungu	2020	2025
Erica Hutchinson	2020	2025
Arthur Poole	2020	2025
Jill Cayzer	2021	2026
Rona Russell	2021	2026

Contemporary Oversight Group: Usually 3 year term

COG Member	Year Elected	Year due for re-election
Jackie Annable	2020	2023
Barb Conner	2020	2023
Michael Downing	2020	2023
Tim Lake	2020	2023
Kerry Pederick	2020	2023
Meg Ryan	2020	2023
Marg Scarlett	2020	2023

Church Council: usually 3 year term (may be 1 – 5yrs)

Church Councillor	Year Elected	Year due for re-election
Ross Huggard (Chair)	2022	2027
Kerry Pederick (Secretary)	2021	2024
Keith Holmes	2022	2027
Marg Scarlett	2021	2024
Dawn Peacock	2021	2024
John Coulson	2020	2023
Karin Jooste	2020	2023
Alan Jenkins	2022	2025
Mike Guest	2020	2023
John Annable	2020	2023
Meg Ryan	2020	2023
Mandy Lake	Co-opted	



MAY FETE

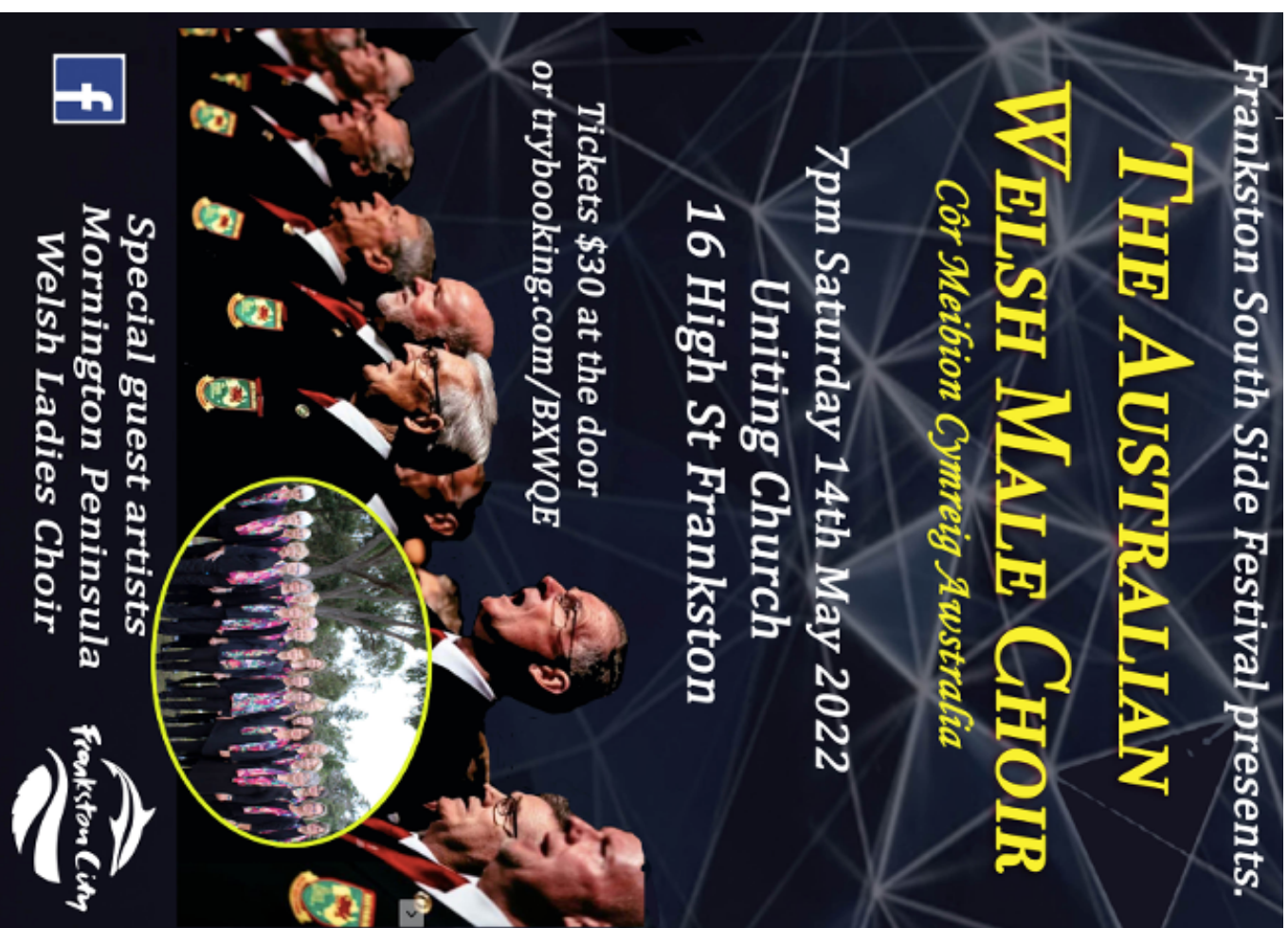
• DAY •
SATURDAY 7TH MAY

• TIME •
9:00am – 1:00pm

• PLACE •
16-18 High Street Frankston

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Handmade goods, Food stalls, Coffee van, Books, Cakes, Condiments, Plants, Mother's Day Gifts, Children's Activities, Trash and Treasure, entertainment and much more!

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WELSH MALE CHOIR**

Côr Meibion Cymreig Awstralia

7pm Saturday 14th May 2022
Uniting Church
16 High St Frankston

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Welsh Ladies Choir

