

Weekly News



High Street Uniting Church

We acknowledge the traditional custodianship of the
Bunurong people in this region

Week of 14th July: Extravagant Worship

Coming up

July:

**All services in July are
combined at 10:00am**

No C.O.G. meeting in July

Tues 16th: Elders
meeting at 1:30pm

Thurs 18th: Baxter
Communion at 2:30pm

Fri 19th: August HST
material due

Sat 20th: Christmas in
July at 1:00pm

Sun 28th: Distribution of
August HST

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Rev. Ross Writes...

The great story we look at today is David bringing the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. The Lectionary edits the story a bit by leaving out the dramatic story of Uzzah being struck dead because he put his hand on the Ark. I don't think the story is edited out because it's difficult and casts God in a strange light. I think it's been edited out because of all the popular mythology surrounding ancient artifacts of power – the Indiana Jones effect. Rather than ascribing power to God, people can easily fall into the trap of thinking the power is in the artifact itself. That is certainly the mythology behind the Indiana Jones story and the tales of people looking for the spear that killed Jesus, the Holy Grail, and other relics from Biblical stories. Instead of praising God, people look for magic or supernatural power.

The Ark was said to contain the tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written – the second set as Moses had already broken the first set – a sample of manna, the rod of Aaron. Not magical items or even items of power, but symbols of the presence of God. Carrying the Ark with them, the people knew the presence of God was with them. The story of Uzzah being struck down is not about the Ark having power, it's about Uzzah not respecting the presence of God. Some scholars say it is because Uzzah was not ritually prepared, but that is almost the same thing. He did not respect that this was God's presence and God was quite able to look after the Ark, given all the Ark had been through, a little oxen stumble wasn't a threat. No magic, no need for Indiana Jones to go searching, just a lesson in respecting the presence of God.

No one knows what happened to the Ark, it was presumably taken by the Babylonians when they ransacked Jerusalem, but after that there is no trace. And that is a good thing, because it stops people looking for magical items as a distraction from looking to God in faith.



Presbytery Prayers

This week we ask you to join us in prayer for the Karingal congregation, including Rev. Reg Davies (Supply), and Chair Margaret Higgs.

Walkie Talkies this week

9:30am start

For more information, contact
Ley on 0408 355 622



Pastoral Care

Mandy Lake will be away on leave for the next 6 weeks, returning on 30th July 2024.

Please contact Rev Ross Pearce for pastoral care needs during this time.

Christmas in July!

When: 20th July at 1pm.

Book a table for 8 people for \$240
(individual price \$30 per person)



Sign up sheet is in the foyer after worship.

Please see Rev. Ross if you have any questions. If you miss him on Sunday morning, his email address is rgpearce.au@gmail.com

UCA Online Course

'Understanding the UCA' is an online unit, consisting of four tutorials, starting on August 13 and is suitable for pastors, lay preachers, and those new to Church Council, Presbytery or Synod roles.

For more information and to register, visit:

<https://events.humanitix.com/understanding-the-uca-9bl5ka23>

Registrations close **strictly** on Monday 5 August 2024

Thank you!

Operation Larder Month (June):

During the Larder Appeal period, the following has been forwarded to Larder via the church bank account:

\$2057.20 through envelope donations,

\$718.67 from the Fred Renouf bequest, and

\$500 which is a church budget allocation.

There have also been other amounts which were sent directly to the Larder treasurer.

Frankston Vision Impaired Table Tennis Club (SWISH):

\$286.45 was forwarded to Swish after the presentation made by Jenni Forbes on Sunday, 30th June.

Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Traditional Rosters

Combined services for the month - if you are usually rostered on the Traditional roster, you get a rest!

Further details can be found on our website or on the noticeboard in the Church

More Information

Prayer team: Phone 5971 2840 (Marlene) or email HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com

Offerings:

Account name: Frankston Uniting Church

BSB: 063 133

Account #: 00800128

Please use **OFFERING** as the description

OR

Mail Cheque to:

31 Lucerne Cres

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Notices: Please send any items to frankstonuc@gmail.com by midday on Thursday.

HST: Please send material to johnannable@bigpond.com

Zoom/Phone Details

On a tablet or laptop computer

Go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>

Password: 3199

(or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and use the meeting number below)

On a phone without video:

Call: (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID: #

Password: 3199 #