

Weekly News



High Street Uniting Church

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

Week of 4th August: *Believing is life*

Coming up

August

Mon 5th: LEGs meeting
at 6:00pm

Tues 6th: Church council
meeting at 7:30pm

Mon 12th: Gardening
Club at 1:00pm

Thurs 15th: Baxter
Village Communion at
2:30pm

Fri 16th: Material for HST
due

Sun 25th: Distribution of
High Street Times

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Rev. Ross Writes...



I have often wished that God would just pull apart the clouds and say, clearly and loudly to everyone, "Here I am, believe in me!" While it's an interesting thought, there are many stories in the Bible that show that it wouldn't work; people are too self-focused for such an event to have an impact for more than a day. "Oh

that! It was just an advertising stunt, or a strange thunderstorm, or sun reflecting off a weather balloon".

God speaks to Jesus and the disciples and people think it was thunder. The people of Israel saw the wonderful acts of God in bringing about their release from slavery, including the wonders at the sea, and yet, as soon as Moses is away up the mountain, they melt all their gold and make an idol! And in today's reading from John's Gospel, we see a similar fading of memory. The crowd chase after Jesus because they experienced the miracle of being fed, and yet, when Jesus starts talking about believing in the One sent by God, the first thing they say is, "What sign are you going to give to us, so that we may see it and believe in you?" Short term memory problem? Or a sample of human nature; it's hard for us to hold onto something that isn't immediately in front of us.

We remember great experiences, a camp or a worship service where we felt close to God, and call them 'mountain top experiences', because we notice how quickly they fade when we get back to real life, the bottom of the mountain. But if we acknowledge this quirk of being human, we can start working on the 'faith muscles' that can keep us connected to our memories of God's presence and blessing. We can hold onto the mountaintops as a way to help us navigate life. And, if we hold onto faith and hope and love, we can see and experience mountaintops all around us as we walk with God.

Temporary Closure of Church Office

The physical church office will be temporarily closed until the end of August - but our virtual office is still open! Please feel free to leave a voicemail or send an email!

Walkie Talkies this week

9:30am start

For more information,
contact Ley on 0408 355 622



Presbytery Prayers

This week we ask you to join us in prayer for St Mark's Mornington, including Rev. Joy Blamires, and Chair Ray Budd; and The Village Church Mt Eliza, including Rev. Cameron McAdam, Leticia Wishart (Youth Engagement Leader), and Chair Andrew Stork.

Rosters & Volunteers!

A gentle reminder that if you are unavailable for a duty or date you've been rostered, **please arrange with someone to fill your place**, then let Esther in the office know so that the roster can be updated.

If anyone is available to oversee the "Stewards" roster for the Traditional service, please let Rev. Ross know.

Invitation for Communion Sundays

Beginning this month (for those who received the request in time) and continuing each month on Communion Sunday, everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to bring an item of non-perishable food so it can be passed on to those in need via Operation Larder and Community Support Frankston.

As we are all aware, times are incredibly tough at the moment, but a tin of soup, a block of shelf-stable cheese, or a jar of coffee could make the world of difference for those who are struggling.

If you're unable to give this week (4th August), the Operation Larder donation box is in the foyer and always open - please feel free to contribute when you can!

Safe Church Training

Please note that the Safe Church Training which was scheduled to be held on August 4th has been postponed to **August 18th starting from 11.45am hosted by the Village Church in Mt Eliza (93 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza)**. Cameron McAdam and Kaye de Wijn will facilitate the training. Please follow the link for registration and more details. <https://events.humanitix.com/safe-church-training-2024>

"There's so much of the life of Jesus we can learn from"

Listen in as our new UCA President. Rev Charissa Suli, features on Pacific Soul, a podcast of ABC Pacific which explores the beliefs, spirit, lives and stories of Pasifika peoples. Charissa speaks with host Melissa Maykin about what's high on her agenda for her time as UCA President.

The podcast can be found here: <https://www.abc.net.au/pacific/programs/pacific-soul/pacific-soul/104126894>



Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 4th August 2024

Bible reader: Keith H.

Prayers of the People: Mac C.

Stewards: Aubrey M, Mick J.

Morning tea: Brenda C, Vilma L.

Sunday, 11th August 2024

Bible reader: Jill C.

Prayers of the People: Marlene T.

Stewards: Cheryle W, Rona R.

Morning tea: Jill C, Marilyn S.

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

More Information

Prayer team: Phone 5971 2840

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Offerings:

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On a tablet or laptop computer

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<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 #