

Weekly News



High Street Uniting Church

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

Week of 1st september: Pentecost 15 - Look within

Coming up

September

Mon 2nd: L.E.Gs
meeting at 6:00pm

Mon 9th: Gardening club
at 1:00pm

Tues 10th: COG meeting
at 7:30pm

Sat 14th: Working Bee at
9:00am

Tues 17th: Elders
meeting at 1:30pm

Thurs 19th: Baxter
Communion at 2:30pm

Fri 20th: Material for HST
due

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Rev. Ross Writes...



One of the sad realities of the last 1000 years has been the persecution of Jewish people in all the European nations. And a lot of the blame for that persecution rests on the scriptures. John's Gospel is one example, with John's use of the term 'the Jews' for the opponents of Jesus. An ironic term given that John, and all the Apostles, and most of John's community were all Jewish. The term may have had a particular resonance in the early life of the church as followers of Jesus were being thrown out the synagogues and persecuted, but the consequences through the centuries have been painful for a whole race. It is not just John, for the other Gospels show similar stories that can be taken as labelling and prejudice against Jews and Judaism. Today's story from Mark has been heavily edited by the compilers of the Lectionary to try to mitigate such prejudice, with 10 of the 23 verses left out. This story of the conflict between laws of religion and faith in the grace of God was probably meant as a lesson to Mark's community about not allowing Jesus' teaching to become hardened into restrictive rules, not as a condemnation of a whole way of living in faithful obedience to God's Laws.

While the Apostle Paul was strong in condemning obedience to the Law that cut across sharing the Gospel with the world, he was also strong in reminding communities of the importance of the law and Prophets to our understanding of the faith. He was reconciling the Jewish and non-Jewish parts of the early church by pointing to the on-going story of God's dealing with people, that in Christ all people are gathered in as the people of God. Paul was also sure that Jewish people still had a special place in the unfolding of God's salvation. While this was a reassurance to Jewish Christians about their friends and families, it is also a reminder to all that, if we are held in the grace of God, who are we to condemn others who have a place in the grace of God.

The dominant story in our scripture is one that applies in world events right now; connection with God and living the right way are not about race or nation. We cannot condemn or judge people just for their racial origin, no more can we turn a blind eye to bad behaviour because of racial origin. God has taught us what is right for all people – act with justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Presbytery Prayers



This week we ask you to join us in prayer for St Luke's, Mt Waverley congregation, including Rev.

James Douglas, and Chair Eunice Magee; and the Murrumbeena congregation, including Rev. Andreana Reale, and Chair Alison Campbell Rate.

Offering Envelopes

There are still some spare boxes of offering envelopes for anyone who would like to use them. Please see Keith Holmes.



Help Wanted

Tom (Esther's son), is hoping to apply for a carpentry apprenticeship in the next 12mths - his dream is to build affordable and sustainable housing! Before he can apply he needs to have his driving license, and is looking for people to supervise his driving hours. He's been on the L 2 P waiting list for over 12 months and doesn't expect to hear from them soon. He has learnt manual transmission with a qualified instructor, but is able to continue in either manual or automatic. If you can help in any way, please let Esther in the office know on 9783 3400 or email frankstonuc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance from both Tom and Esther!

Bible Study Group

The fortnightly group will start meeting again after our winter break on **Tuesday 3rd September at 10.30 am at the church in the Green Room.**

We will be using the study booklet "Spiritual Gifts" for the remainder of this year. New members are very welcome to join.

Please contact Keith Holmes (9789 2575) or Emma Lindenburg for further information.

Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 1st September

Bible reader: Edna R.

Prayers of the People: Aubrey M.

Stewards: Heather R, Neville P.

Sunday, 8th September

Bible reader: Elaine K.

Prayers of the People: Keith H.

Stewards: Robert L, Cheryle W.

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

Frankston VIC 3199

Notices: Please send any items to

frankstonuc@gmail.com by midday on Thursday.

HST: Please send material to

johnnannable@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 #

Working Bee

Saturday, 14th September
9:00am - 12:00noon

It has been quite some time since the last working bee, so we are asking for some volunteers, especially a few fit men, to help with pruning of trees and cleaning up around the back of the church, etc.
As the saying goes: "Many hands make light work".

Anyone who thinks they can help out for an hour or two on that morning, please add your name to the list of volunteers! The list will be available on Sundays, or you can call the office!

CONTEMPORARY ROSTERS FOR SEPT 2024

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP					
Date	Preparing and leading worship	Preaching	Day	Bible reading	Psalm
September 2024 - RCL Year "B"					
01-Sep-24	Ross		Pentecost 15	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Ps 41:1-2, 6-9
08-Sep-24	Valmai		Pentecost 16	Mark 7: 24-37	Ps 125
15-Sep-24	Kerry & Mandy		Pentecost 17	Mark 8: 27-38	Ps 19
22-Sep-24	John & Jackie		Pentecost 18	Mark 9: 30-37	Ps 1
29-Sep-24	Alan & Gill J.		Pentecost 19	Mark 9: 38-50	Ps 124

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP						
Date	Notes	Children's Time	Band Leaders	Singers	Zoom	Sound
September 2024 - RCL Year "B"						
01-Sep-24		Irene	Russell	Tim & Steph	Meg	Alan
08-Sep-24		Meg	Mike	Valmai & Skylah	Matthew	Bruce
15-Sep-24		Meg	Russell	Jenni & Steph	Karin	Alan
22-Sep-24		Irene	John	Tim & Valmai	Russell	Alan
29-Sep-24	AFL Grand Final public holiday 5th Sunday combined		Mike	Alan & Bronwen	Meg	Bruce

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 you'd like to be included on the roster, let us know!
You can tell Valmai or Irene!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
Date	Welcome and Offering	Hospitality
September 2024 - RCL Year "B"		
01-Sep-24	Ley & Beryl	Valmai
08-Sep-24	Irene & Kate	Irene
15-Sep-24	Juli & Santhira	Gill
22-Sep-24	Marg & Beryl	Marg L.
29-Sep-24	Irene	Gill

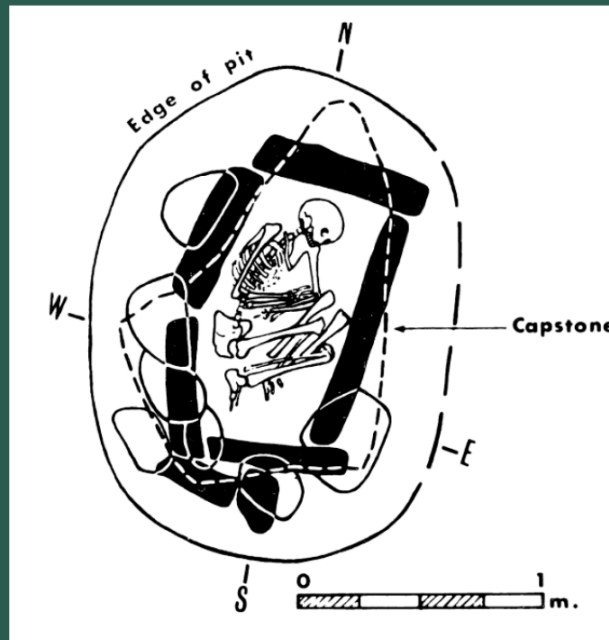
HSUC PRESENTS



5TH SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP

Stories from the Dead

THE BIOARCHAEOLOGY OF EARLY
BRONZE AGE IRELAND
BY DR. STEPHANIE ROBINSON



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER FOR A COMBINED
SERVICE AT 10:00AM, FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA AND THIS
AMAZING PRESENTATION.