

# Weekly News



# High Street Uniting Church

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

**Week of 13th October: After Pentecost 21 - The Uncontrolled Tongue**

## Coming up

### October:

**Mon 14th:** Gardening club at 1:00pm

**Thurs 17th:** Baxter Communion at 2:30pm

**Fri 18th:** Material for Nov HST due

**Fri 25th - Sun 27th:** LEGs trip away

**Sun 27th:** All Saints combined service at 10:00am led by Rev. David F.

And then it's November. How?!?!?

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## Rev. Ross Writes...



While we will skip James Chapter 2 this week, with worship focussing on Chapter 3, there is an important lesson in James talking about favouritism.

**For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say**

**to the poor man, "You stand over there," or "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?**

There is a clear connection to Jesus' ministry; born amongst the animals in Bethlehem and not in a fine house in Jerusalem, healing and feeding the poor and the destitute, not dining with the wealthy. But there is also a lesson about the true nature of God's blessings. There is a deeply imbedded myth in the human heart; wealth and health are signs of God's blessing. That is at the heart of the favouritism that James is writing about. To counter it, James writes, "Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith?" A clear reminder of Jesus' ministry, and God's real blessings, right back to releasing the people from Egyptian slavery. And to drive the lesson home, in a more subversive way, he adds "Is it not the rich who oppress you?" Wealth maybe a blessing from God, but the wealthy quickly forget God and focus on their wealth, believing it to be deserved. Another tie in James to the teachings of Jesus; "You cannot serve two masters; you cannot serve both God and wealth."

How timeless is this lesson in this era of Prosperity Gospel and the Prayer of Jabez, of churches that operate on respectability and others that run on opulence. How easy it is to forget that God has chosen the poor to be rich in faith, and that our mission is not to accumulate wealth but to use our resources for the poor, for the ill, and for those in need. The very practical James offers lessons that are not to be relegated to the first century.

## Presbytery Prayers



This week we ask you to join us in prayer for Uniting Agewell, including Rev. Clare Brockett as the Director of Mission, Mr. Andrew Kinnersley as CEO; and Ms. Victoria Jacques, as GM Victoria.

## SWISH Fundraiser for November

As a part of its "Local Matters" initiative, Grill'd Frankston is once again raising funds for our very own SWISH group! To participate, enjoy a burger at Grill'd and put your token in the "Frankston Vision Impaired Table Tennis Club" jar. For more info, visit: [grilld.com.au/local-matters](http://grilld.com.au/local-matters)

## Worship at HSUC

The Contemporary Oversight Group is organising a worship planning event on October 20 for all the worship leaders and those who are interested in helping to plan worship. We will be discussing what it means to be an Intergenerational Church. Please talk to Rev Ross if you are interested.

For the Traditional Congregation, worship would be enhanced by more people volunteering to read the scriptures or lead the Prayers of the People. Please talk to Rev Ross if you are interested.

## Bible Study Group

The fortnightly group will continue meeting again after our winter break on **Tuesday 15th October 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 ( 97892575) or Emma Lindenburg for further information.

## LEGs Fundraiser

The most recent LEGs fundraiser was held last Saturday, 5th October. The event was enjoyed by all and \$1,225.00 was raised. Highlights included the opportunity to "boot scoot" to "The Nutbush".

Thank you to everyone who attended and had fun! A big thank you to Rob Foenander who provided the music, and has so generously donated his time and talent to LEGs events for the past several years. And thank you to Alan M. for taking photos of the event!

An extra big and special thank you to the lovely ladies of LEGs, led by Marg S and Ley M, who worked so hard to host the fundraiser. We appreciate you all so much!



## Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 13th October

**Bible reader:** Elaine K.

**Prayers of the People:** Ross P.

**Stewards:** Jill C, Heather R.

**Morning tea:** Mick & Jen J.

Sunday, 20th October

**Bible reader:** Aubrey M.

**Prayers of the People:** Mac C.

**Stewards:** Robert L. Cheryle W.

**Morning tea:** Rona R, Marilyn Sheerin

*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

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

**Password:** 3199

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**Meeting ID:** 954 6849 3260 #

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