

# HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH NEWS

10 July 2020

Dear Friends,

We are back in a period of having to stay home to stay safe, and to help keep our whole community safe. It looks like I'll be back to having one child at home doing remote learning, and the other (in year 10) back on campus but with even more stringent care around social distancing.

As I mentioned in the update earlier this week, this means that some of the small gains we were making for small groups physically meeting (like "Open" and the walking group) are wound back again for now.

Just over a fortnight ago, the Church Council established a working group which now goes by the name of the Community Outreach Team. The Team has met twice already, with the following purpose:

*In Christ's Love, to draw together the High Street Uniting Church community and the wider City of Frankston community through active and ongoing support. To initiate and oversee activities that are valuable, sustainable and safe with flexibility to accommodate changing restriction.*

The Community Outreach Team is now working on three strands:

1. Promotion of the **free hot lunches that are being provided at Community Support Frankston**, five days a week (take away only).
2. Promotion of the **drop-off points for food donations**, which are distributed by Community Support Frankston. There are bins for the collection of packaged food and long-life food at the following locations:
  - Coles (inside Karingal Village Shopping Centre 110 Ashley Avenue, Frankston)
  - Coles (inside Gateway Shopping Centre) 230 Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Langwarrin
  - Ritchies IGA 280 Seaford Road, Seaford Cnr Seaford Rd & Frankston-Dandenong Highway
  - Coles (Carrum Downs Plaza) 335 Ballarto Road, Seaford Cnr Ballarto & McCormicks Road
3. Developing our own initiative for providing hot soup for those in need, at a time when other services are less available. We had hoped to say more about that this week, but with a return to lockdown the Covid Safety Oversight Group will be reviewing the timing of what we can do so as not to increase risk among vulnerable people.

This week's gospel reading is of the Parable of the Sower and the Seeds. The Sower just kept sowing, and some initiatives worked and some didn't; some took time to develop, and some produced wonderful fruit. We'll continue to sow the seeds of prayer and thought, and continue to keep up care for one another in whatever ways we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Elders, the members of the Contemporary Oversight Group, Pastoral Carers, me, or the church office, if you need support or even just a conversation. As we continue to look out for one another, may God's presence and steadfast love be with us and keep us.

God's peace,  
David

## SUNDAY WORSHIP LINKS

### TRADITIONAL (9:00am)

Phone **(03) 7018 2005**; Meeting ID **616 254 006**; Participant ID (none); Password **3199**.

If you want to join on a computer or ipad, go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and “join meeting” using the Meeting ID details above, or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/616254006?pwd=MkhoWjdXemFiUjAyVmN3bXBzSURqUT09>

### CONTEMPORARY (children from 10:25, main worship from 10:40)

Zoom Meeting ID **556 610 676**; Password **3199**. Join meeting from [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) or use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/556610676?pwd=T3k4RmVUV0NldGR2eEswZVlvVUIXUT09>

or phone **(03) 7018 2005**.

**WEBSITE:** Reflections accessible in text format at <https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>

## OFFERINGS

If you are not connected to regular direct debit, one-off or regular offerings can be made to the church by transfer to FRANKSTON UNITING CHURCH BSB **063 133** Account **00800128** Description **OFFERING**. Alternatively, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to the church office, 16-18 High Street, Frankston 3199.

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14 July, 11:00 – Ministry Team meeting

Wednesday 15 July, 5:00 – Covid Safety Oversight Group

Thursday 16 July, 11:00 - Community Outreach Team

Thursday 16 July, 7:30pm – Thursday night Bible Study Group (on Zoom)