



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



SIGNS WE CAN READ
WHAT ABOUT GOD'S ?

SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

SUNDAY AUGUST 18 2019

We welcome you to today's service at Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet August 18th 2019 –10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Rosemary Elder

Church Council

those with special needs:

Sympathy:

To Dorothy and John Matthews on the recent death of Dorothy's brother Geoffrey Meek.

Birthdays:

Miriam Nation 21st

Felicity Harper 22nd

Isaac Morgan 23rd

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways and because of privacy protocols, names are not included for prayer unless we have received your permission.

Uniting Barwon

Items that would be appreciated this week include toothpaste, toiletries, washing powder, QB sheets, blankets. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

He that plants trees loves others besides himself.

English Proverb

Diary for This Week

Sunday 18th	10.00a.m.	Worship – Janet Pavlakis & Rev. Jan Taylor - Communion
	12.00pm	Casserole Luncheon
Tuesday 20th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 22nd	8.00p.m.	Singers & Musicians Practice

Next Week's Services

Sunday 25th 10.00a.m. Worship – Karen Morgan
4.00pm Messy Church

Refugee Support

A family of 6 newly arrived from Syria are in need of some extra bedding – single bed blankets, single or queen sized sheets or doona covers. Please talk to Heather Rooked if you are able to assist this family.

Strategic Plan for 2020

During the second half of this year we will be engaging in a process to develop our strategic plan for next year. In preparation, please consider what directions you feel our church congregation should be moving in.

Membership Role & Directory Update

During August we will be updating the church's membership role and the church directory. A letter will be made available for each person/family to check their details, provide any updates and consider whether they would like to be included in the next directory. Please keep an eye out for this and return the attached slip to the office as soon as possible. Thanks, from the Leadership Advisory Team.

Uniting Book Sale

Friday 30th August 10am – 2pm
272 Torquay Road Grovedale

Building Bridges Through Story

(Connecting Communities)

12th October 10.30am to 5.30pm
Ajani Living & Learning Centre, 284 Thompsons Rd Templestowe Lower
(For further information see information board)

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Tasks people are doing today **18th August 2019**

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Michele Hardy

Stewards: Glen Chidzey, Bruce Rookes,
Janine Demko

Greeter: Jean Thompson

Morning Tea: Jean Payne, Catherine Van
Zetten, Heather Rookes

McKellar Centre: Graeme Hardy, Colin
Rookes

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Les Oliver, Tom
Morgan

Singers: Bill Fleming, Handel Uy, Lynda
Scott, Velma Oliver, Lyn Lyn Uy

PA/Data: Gil Green, Allister Coots

**Tasks people are doing next week
25th August 2019**

Vestry Steward: Michelle Hardy

Reader: Catherine Van Zetten

Stewards: Val Bray, Graeme Hardy, Colin Rookes

Greeter: Leila Green

Morning Tea: Doreen Holroyd, Loris Taylor

Musicians: Daniel Payne, Geoff Coots, Les Oliver, Tom Morgan

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Handel Uy, Joan Walker, Joanna Hayman

PA/Data: Tim Hunt, Allister Coots

LUKE 12: 49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were already
kindled! I have a baptism with which
to be baptized, and what stress I am
under until it is completed! Do you
think that I have come to bring
peace to the earth? No, I tell you,
but rather division! From now on,
five in one household will be
divided, three against two and two
against
three; they will be divided:
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her
daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against
mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When
you see a cloud rising in the west,
you immediately say, "It is going to
rain"; and so it happens. And when
you see the south wind blowing, you
say, "There will be scorching heat";
and it happens. You hypocrites! You
know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but
why do you not know how to
interpret the present time?

REFLECTION

Fire. Stress. Division. Harsh words from a man of peace.

Father against son. Strange words from a man of God.

Cloud. Rain. Wind. Unexpected words from a man of the earth.

Hypocrites. Dangerous words from a man on thin ice.

And still they did not understand
That these were words not of the then times
or the might be times or the end times
but of the now times.

And so the words and the message and the man were cast aside
For who could believe that God might deign to enter a divided world
Or that a son would suffer at the hands of his own father?