



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

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.

April at a Glance

Wednesday 3rd	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Sunday 7th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall—"Gentleness"
Tuesday 9th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Friday 12th	7.00pm	KFG—Partnering Community—Hygiene Packing
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Café Church—Rev. Isabel Greenall
		Palm Sunday—"Faithfulness"
Tuesday 16th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Thursday 18th	7.00pm	Holy Thursday
Friday 19th	10.00am	Good Friday—Rev. Isabel Greenall—"Self Control"
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
		Easter Day Communion
Tuesday 23rd	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Wednesday 24th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church

Easter Services

Join us at Western Heights Uniting Church this Easter. Come and explore.

Palm Sunday "Faithfulness" café church	10-11:15am Sun 14 th April
Holy Thursday...a quiet service	7-7:30pm Thurs 18 th April
Good Friday Morning Reflections	10-10:45am Fri 19 th April
Easter Day Communion Celebration	10-11am Sun 21 st April

Staff Leave

All Ministers in placement are entitled to 28 days annual leave, at least 14 days study leave and an extra 4 Sundays off per year. This year our Minister, Isabel, is taking the following leave:

Annual leave: 15/2-10/3, 29/3

Study leave: 4/5-5/5, 18/1, 7/2

Sundays off: 31/3, 19/5, 15/9, 8/12

Further plans will unfold during the year as needed.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 3rd April 2019
An Afternoon with Jan Taylor

Contact

Dorothy Matthews—5278 9491

Val Bray—5221 3396

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 16th April, 2019

Easter Theme

6.30pm—Meal provided - Cost \$7

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 28th April 4pm

Contact: Karen (0404435261) for more info or if you'd like to help!

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Partnering Community—Hygiene Packing

Friday 12th April, 2019

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 10th April 2019

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Church Groups Reporting to Church Council (CC) in 2019

CC meets every month of the year, except in January. The following Church Groups report to CC every second month viz. **February, April, June, August, October, December**. These Church Groups are: **Safe Church, Pastoral Care, Worship and Music, Messy Church, With Intention, Resources inclu. Hospitality, Leadership Advisory Team (LAT), Small Groups, as well as the Minister of the Word and the Treasurer**. Peter Morgan has created new Reporting Pro-formas for each group in line with the 3rd Year of the Strategic Plan. The next reports are **due on Thursday, 18 April, 2019** on the new report Pro-Formas. Please e-mail to Velma Oliver:

lv.oliver@iinet.net.au

Thanks to all. Velma Oliver.

Summary of CC Minutes of Meeting held on 20 March, 2019

1. Isabel Greenall led devotions on the topic of Partnering Community. Isabel reflected on the partnering of the community by WHUC, when, along with many people in the community, support and respect was shown to the local Muslim community in the aftermath of the shootings in Christchurch.
2. Long-Term Planning: CC is up-to-date with February actions. A task group will be formed to review our present 3-year Strategic Plan and to start on the next 3-year plan.
3. CC has invited the Fund-Raising Group to raise money towards any one or more of the following projects: A data projector for the church, a defibrillator, new heating system in the worship space, a split-system air-conditioner for the brick hall, refurbishment of the Tennis Room. The Fund-Raising Group still needs at least one more member in order to function effectively. Please see Velma if you are able to assist.
4. CC members have visited 3 of the church groups thus far this year. Each visit was enlightening, informative and enjoyable.
5. Tenancy Update: Work is proceeding to refurbish the tennis room for the use of 4GR from 9 to 5 from Mondays to Fridays. 4GR will be paying an increased amount of rental. Many thanks to all involved in the ongoing negotiations, maths involved, carpentry and work in getting the best prices for materials. A lot of work has gone into this project, is still ongoing, and is all done quietly by volunteers from our congregation. Well done and thank you.
6. The next CC meeting is on the 24 April., 2019 and reports from Church Groups need to be e-mailed to Velma by Thursday, 18 April. Please note that CC meets a week later during April.

Velma Oliver, Chair of CC. lv.oliver@iinet.net.au

Sacrededge

Sacrededge is the festival of arts, music and ideas held each year at the Uniting Church in Queenscliff. This year it's on from 3 to 5 May. There will be over 30 presenters, artists and performers, with representation of Indigenous, refugee, LGBTIQ people, environmental perspectives. They are the voices from the edge who are not normally heard.

Find out more [here](#) or ring Kerrie on 0425 736 805.

Principles for Child Safe Organisations

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has endorsed the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. National Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement as a new benchmark for organisations working with children and young people.

The great news for the Uniting Church and for the children in our midst is that we have pre-emptively endorsed the National Principles. We are already well on the way to implementing them through the:

- UCA [National Child Safe Policy Framework](#), which applies to all entities of the Church
- And in Vic/Tas, by adopting the [Keeping Children Safe policy](#) and practices.

Thanks to everyone who is working towards ensuring the Church is safe for children and **for all**.

Introducing U Ethical

In April UCA Funds Management is changing its name to U Ethical and rolling out an accompanying new logo and website.

The changes are being made to attract new investors which will allow the not-for-profit social enterprise to grow its annual grant back to the Synod and increase its ethical investing impact. This is just the first step in broadcasting the Uniting Church's ethical investment values to the Australian market.

From April you can visit UEthical.com. If you'd like to talk to someone about investing ethically, please call 1800 996 888.

Bi-monthly Crosslight

This is a reminder for any who might be wondering why the March issue of *Crosslight* hasn't arrived after they got a taste of the new-look magazine in February. The simple reason is that *Crosslight* is now bi-monthly. So look out for the April *Crosslight* from all good UCA congregations and agencies. Those feeling a bit of *Crosslight* withdrawal can always check out what is being published [online](#).

Culture, Beliefs and Theology

Now is a good time to enrol in the Culture, Beliefs and Theology two-day intensive unit being held on May 10 and 11 as well as on May 13 and 14 at the Centre of Theology and Ministry.

Pilgrim Co-ordinator of Studies – Systematic Theology Geoff Thompson will lead the exploration of how Christianity is represented in contemporary intellectual and popular cultures. Participants will investigate how and in what ways Christian theology responds to its context in Australia and elsewhere. The unit will also draw historical links with the birth of Christian theology in the religiously and philosophically diverse world of antiquity.

To enrol in this unit or find out more information about the range of Pilgrim Theological College courses on offer please contact Registrar Erlinda Loverseed at registrar@pilgrim.edu.au, or call (03) 9340 8892.

Children's Home reunion

Uniting Church agencies have been providing out-of-home care services for children for over a century.

The Uniting Heritage Service supports individuals who (along with their families) are seeking records and other information about their time in care.


The Heritage Service is planning a reunion for past residents of the Methodist Children's Home and Orana on 25 April.

Any past residents or family members interested in attending the reunion, or anyone seeking more information should contact Uniting Heritage Service Manager Catriona Milne on (03) 8644 1531 or catriona.milne@vt.uniting.org.

WALK for 2019

JUSTICE for REFUGEES

For a Fair & Welcoming Society
Close Manus & Nauru - Bring Them Here




JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

Palm Sunday, April 14

2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network, endorsed by:



call Marie Hapke 0409 252 673 or Chris Breen 0403 013 183 or visit www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org for more info

Shepparton Settlement Hub Opening

Uniting Vic.Tas recently joined with the Shepparton community to celebrate the opening of its new Settlement Hub. The Hub will provide a base for clients from newly arrived communities to access coordinated support including intake and assessment, case work, access to mainstream services, and the opportunity to participate in needs-based group activities.

Activities will be available to improve English, help people prepare for education and employment readiness, with a specific focus on disengaged women and youth.

Almost 1300 new arrivals settled in Greater Shepparton between 2013 and 2017.

This facility would not have been possible without the Shepparton Uniting Church, the Church Council who provided the space to run this vital service and the broader churches who give to the Mission & Service Fund each year. We at Western Heights currently contribute \$12,000 per year to this fund.



JUSTICE DAY

Sunday April 28th 2019

@ St Andrew's Uniting Church, Portarlington

*** 12.30pm ~ Authentic Iraqi buffet style 2 course meal**

@ St Andrew's Church Hall. Prepared, cooked and served by Siham & Abdul:- Geelong Residents

*** Speaker on refugee issues**

*** Our special guests, Melbourne musicians, Suzette Herft & Kathryn Clements will provide uplifting music during the afternoon; their CDs will be available for sale**

Cost \$25 per head

Bookings essential ~ Limited seats!

Call Joy Porter 5291 8177

or Merylyn Bertram 0439 966 370

**Profits to Lentara Uniting Care
Asylum Seeker Project**



Kathryn Clements
Suzette Herft

www.kathrynclements.com <https://suzetteherft.com/home>

ROSE BYGRAVE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SINGERS

Belinda McArdle, Deb Elea and Lucy Jones

QUEENSLIFF UNITING CHURCH

7.30 Saturday 6th April

Bookings @ www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au

\$25

Including Supper
Bar Available



Featuring songs from her New CD

The Yabby Catcher

www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au
contemplation creativity compassion

Dog Toy Drive

In early May a small team of Australian volunteers will be travelling to South Korea to assist **dog-meat trade rescue** work in their shelter. The dogs at the shelter are saved from the dog-meat trade where many would have ended up beaten and boiled alive as this is believed to make their meat more tender.

Across Korea the number of people eating dogs is slowly decreasing, but it is an ongoing problem. Dogs are farmed and also end up in the trade from being stolen from their homes. It is estimated 1 million dogs are eaten every year. 70% of the population do not eat dogs and 40% want to see the consumption of dogs banned according to a 2017 poll.

Money is tight in terms of vet bills and food, so toys are seen as an unaffordable luxury for these dogs. Our volunteer team are going to take as many toys as possible for the dogs as these are often the only toys the dogs have access to unless they are lucky enough to be found by their distraught owners or rehomed.

We are seeking toys in reasonable condition and balls that are appropriate for the dogs. Used toys will be washed by the volunteers prior to being sent.

Toys can be left in the box in the foyer. Thanks!

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

Minister: Rev. Isabel Greenall **minister@whuc.com.au** 0419 602 006
Isabel's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

LAT Administrator: Roger Dingle **roger.dingle@gmail.com** 0407 528 533

Children & Families Co-ordinator: Karen Morgan **karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com**
0404 435 261

Church Council Chair: Velma Oliver **lv.oliver@iinet.net.au** 0421 271 946

Property Co-ordinator Graeme Hardy **graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com** 0408 630 391

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Postage stamps

Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.



Playgroups are held in the Horizons Room on: **Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings 9:30-11.30am.**

Light Globes & Batteries

Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at **office@whuc.com.au**

Pew Sheet

If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

Aluminium Foil

The Leprosy Mission is able to raise funds from the sale of aluminium cans and foil pie plates. Please assist this worthy cause by leaving your used foil in the appropriate box in the foyer.