



Western Heights Uniting Church

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WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

December 2019 / January 2020 Newsletter

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.

December at a Glance

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship—Rev Isabel Greenall
		Congregational Meeting
	12.00 pm	Congregational Luncheon
Wednesday 4th	11.00am	LAT
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship—Velma Oliver
Tuesday 10th	9.30am	Playgroup Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 11th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday 13th	9.30am	Playgroup Christmas Celebrations
	7.00pm	KFG—Bollard Walk
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall—Communion
	1.30pm	Messy Church—Murray Hostel, Kalkee
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
		A reflective service
Tuesday 24th	7.00pm	“Carols for Everyone”
	11.30pm	“Welcoming Christmas....Quietly”
Wednesday 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. David Walker

January at a Glance

Sunday 5th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall—Communion
	2.00pm	Messy Church Volunteers Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 21st	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship—Sphinx Hotel
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship

Congregational Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, 1 December, 2019

At 12 noon in the Horizon's Room

The Fund-Raising Group has planned a Congregational Christmas Lunch for Sunday, 1 Dec.

All members of the congregation, their families and friends are invited. The meal will cost \$10 per person, with special prices for families with children. You are invited to a very special, festive, sit-down meal consisting of bbq'd chicken, salads, breadsticks, followed by delicious sweet treats with tea and coffee. A list on which attendees can write their names will be placed on the back table every week until Sunday, 24 November. Please pay your \$10 to Barb Everett, Colleen Douglas, or Velma Oliver at the time of adding your name to the list. One of us should be around. Donations of salads and/or slices will be asked for. We thank you in anticipation of your participation in this event. Funds raised will go towards the repair of the church heater a few months ago.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2019

Christmas Breakup with the Senior Afternoon

1.30pm Horizons Room

Monday 2nd December 2019

Contact

Dorothy Matthews—5278 9491

Val Bray—5221 3396



Senior Afternoon Christmas Function

Our wonderful friends from the Mission Group have kindly arranged another special day for our Seniors' on **Monday 2nd December** starting at **1:30 PM** in the Horizons Room. Pick up will

be at **1PM** as usual. We will have lots of surprises as usual with the special "Men's Choir" being part of the program. Please keep this date free on your calendars.

Graeme & Michele Hardy

Playgroup

Christmas Celebrations

Tuesday 10th December & Friday 13th December

9.30 am—11.30 am

Jumping Castle, Christmas craft and special morning tea.

Playgroup starts back Tuesday 4th February and Friday 7th February 2020

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Bollard Walk

Friday 13th December, 2019

7pm—8.30pm

Meet at the Eastern Beach playground, near the pool. Pick up at Rippleside Park

Bring \$5 for chips or icecream

RSVP to Karen by

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261



Messy Church @ WHUC

Christmas Edition

at Murray Lodge, Kalkee

Sunday 15th December

2.30pm—3.30pm

Meet at church beforehand at 1.30pm

Messy Church 2020—23rd February

Contact: Karen (0404 435 261) for more info or if you'd like to help!

Tennis Club Fundraiser

Once again the Tennis Club is looking for volunteers to help with marshalling at the Bike Ride on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of February**. Please see Bruce Rookes or call 0402 135 313.

Church Office Hours & Staff Leave over December-January

The office will be closed from **Wednesday 26th December** and re-open on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020**.

Taking into account annual leave, time in lieu and public holidays, staff members will be away as follows:

Karen Morgan from Christmas until January 3rd inclusive

Jan Grigg from Christmas until January 3rd inclusive

There will be no pew sheet until **Sunday 26th January 2020** and the monthly newsletter for February will be available on **Sunday 26th January**. Please make sure all notices are in before the **20th January 2020**.

Messy Church Volunteers

Afternoon Tea

You're invited to come along if you have volunteered at Messy Church or if you'd like to learn more about Messy Church. **Sunday January 19th 2020 at 2.00pm**, at the back of the worship space.

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 6.30pm

First meeting for 2020

We will meet at the Sphinx Hotel

Any ladies who would like to join us are welcome.

RSVP 19th January for booking

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

Opportunities for reflection this Festive Season with the Western Heights Uniting Church community All welcome!

**"Walk the Labyrinth" anytime during December
Beside Barwon River, end of Craigie rd, Newtown**

**Sunday 22nd December
10am A reflective service**

**Tuesday 24th December
7pm "Carols for Everyone"
Carols for all ages
11:30pm "Welcoming Christmas...Quietly"
A gentle candlelit service**

**Wednesday 25th December
9am "Christmas Day Celebration"
A service for all ages**

UnitingWorld

Every Christmas, we release a catalogue of gifts that represent many of our projects with overseas partners. It's called Everything in Common.

In it you can find great poverty-fighting gifts like goats, pigs, clean water, education and livelihood opportunities, as well as gifts that support peacebuilding gender equality and climate action.

[Check out our new gifts and shop online!](#)

www.unitingworld.org.au

Family Fun Night

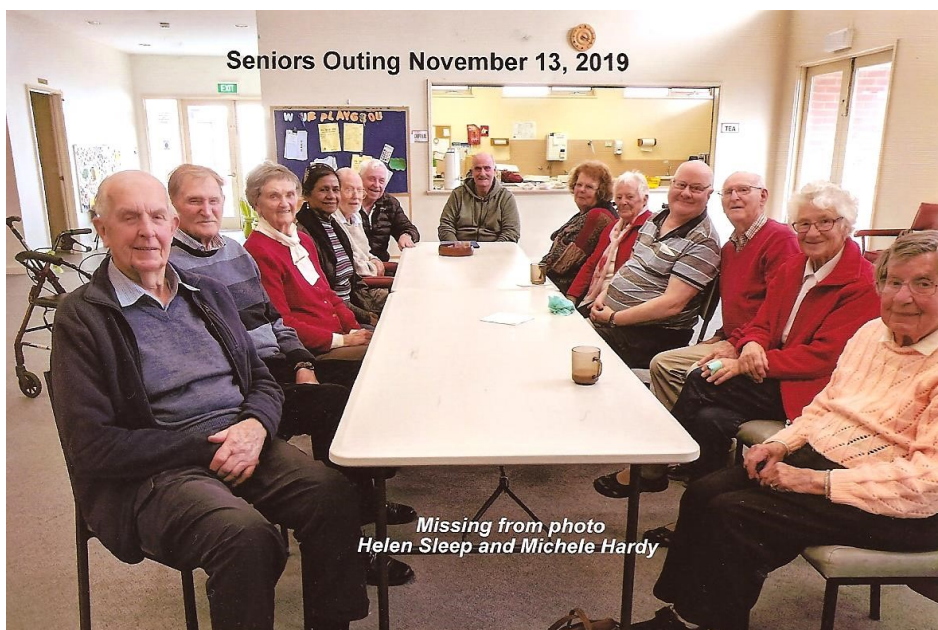
Friday 14th February

7.00—8.30 pm

Games and Planning

Isabel Concluding Placement

On **Sunday 20th of October** Isabel announced that she will be concluding her Placement with the congregation early next year. She will be taking a break from Ministry in order to focus on her Psychology studies at Deakin University. Her last working day will be **Sunday 9th of February** and then she will be on annual leave until **29th of March** when the Placement will formally conclude.



Our Gardens

The wonderful caretakers of our church gardens, Eve and Ian Wood are “retiring” after 15 years of faithful and dedicated service. We must now try to fill their huge shoes. The Resources Group is asking for anyone interested in taking on this mammoth task. Unlikely as that is, we are then looking for a group of interested “greenthumbs” who would be willing to take on the task for one month of the year (or two if you’re willing). Quite a compliment that it takes so many people to replace our doyens!!

A roster is on display in the foyer near our calendar with spaces for a name(s) for each month of 2020. If interested, please place your name on a month that would work for you. (or 2 if you are keen). Thanks in anticipation.

WHUC Resources Committee

P.S. This does not include the lawns but we are looking for help with these as well!!

2020 SacredEdge Festival

Early Bird tickets are available until 31st December.

For “Diving Deep into Diversity”

(art, music, stories) May 1st—3rd

See Noticeboard for more details

Uniting Food for Families

Every year **Uniting Barwon** organises distribution of food hampers for the Christmas holiday season. Staple foods such as pasta and pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, rice, tuna, long life milk, cereal, tea and coffee provide the basis for daily meals.

Christmas treats such as puddings and cakes, custard, tinned ham, sweets and chocolates, juices and drinks are bonus items we offer for selection as well.

Donations can be delivered to our Grovedale office at 272 Torquay Rd by Friday December 13th.

Uniting Barwon

Uniting Barwon (formerly UnitingCare Geelong) Op Shops need more volunteers to join the retail teams based at our Op Shops in Point Lonsdale, Drysdale, East Geelong, Hamlyn Heights, Corio, Norlane and Highton, and our welfare teams in Grovedale, Norlane and Winchelsea.

If you—or someone you know—would enjoy being part of a can-do volunteer team, please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on **4210 1113** or email Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org

Summary of Combined CC and LAT Meeting 20 November 2019

1. Devotions by Lynda Scott - From Crosslight, by Robyn J Whittaker. Why do we allow images of a white Jesus to predominate in Australia? How might it change our attitudes to ethnically diverse people, refugees or our indigenous brothers and sisters if Jesus were depicted as being a brown middle-eastern man? Prayer.
2. Six nominations have been received to the Joint Nominating Committee. (JNC)
3. A Congregational Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, 1 December, 2019, in which the congregation will be asked to accept the nominations to the JNC.
4. Criteria or a Position Description has been developed for a half-time Supply Minister.
5. This Supply Minister is to take up duties from 10 February, 2020. The contract will be for 3 months, at the end of which, a new contract is negotiated, hopefully with the same supply minister, if that is what we wish.
6. Jan Taylor will provide continuous supervision of Karen M and Jan G during this period.
7. The tenants of our manse will be issued, on 15 January 2020, with a formal letter of notice to vacate, effective within 90 days. This will allow time for the manse to be renovated before a new minister is appointed.
8. A **Special Farewell Morning Tea** for Isabel will be held in the Horizons Room after worship on Sunday, 9 February, 2020. Congregation members are asked to bring a plate.
9. The Congregation is asked to contribute towards a **Farewell Gift** for Isabel. Donations in an envelope marked “Gift for Isabel” are to be placed in the offering plate or handed to Geoff Coots or Graeme Hardy.
10. Next CC Meeting on Weds., 11 Dec., 2019, in the Minya Room. It is a Reporting Meeting.
11. The meeting closed with prayer by Roger Dingle at 8:57 p.m.

Planet Saving Products Recipes

HOUSEHOLD MIRACLE SPRAY

INGREDIENTS

1.5 ltrs of water, 250 mls of this hot
3 Tablespoons of Lectric soda powder
300 mLs of white vinegar
60 mLs of phosphate free detergent (Earth Choice brand is good or any phosphate free product)
30 mLs of eucalyptus oil

METHOD

Dissolve Lectric soda powder in the 250 mLs of hot water
Add rest of ingredients, mix well.
Store in Vinegar bottle; place required amount into spray bottle

USES

Spray SHOWER liberally, leave for a few minutes and with shower rose rinse. I often wipe with a microfibre cloth.

Place about 1/4 cup in bucket of hot water to wash FLOORS or tiles.

Spray warm OVEN with mixture, close door, leave for 15 minutes and wipe clean with a microfibre cloth wrung out in hot water.

Spray BENCH TOPS with mixture and wipe with cloth.

Remove odours from TOILET by spraying into bowl then flushing.

N.B. Do not use on woodwork

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

INGREDIENTS

1 bar of pure soap, Velvet or Homebrand. Finely GRATED (can grate in food processor)
1 cup bicarbonate of soda
1 cup Lectric soda powder

METHOD

Mix all ingredients and store in air tight container.

USE

1 teaspoon for front loaders
3 teaspoons for top loader washing machines.

GENERAL PRE-WASH SPRAY

Mix equal parts - cloudy ammonia, water and dishwashing liquid. (not concentrated – or use less)

Add 1-2 teaspoons of lemon or eucalyptus oil.

Pour into spray bottle.
Shake mixture every time you use it.

Source: Green Cleaner - by Barbara Lord.

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
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Congregational Member Janet Pavlakis
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Church Council Chair: Velma Oliver
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Property Co-ordinator Graeme Hardy
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Communications

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Pastoral Care Referrals Group

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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.