



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

March 2021. 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.

March at a Glance

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| Sunday 7th | 10.00am | Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron |
| Friday 12th | 7.00pm | Friday Night Fun |
| Sunday 14th | 10.00am | Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron Annual General Congregational Meeting to follow |
| Tuesday 16th | 6.00pm | Tuesday Friendship |
| Saturday 20th | 9.00am | Working Bee at the Manse |
| | 3.00pm | Women of the Bible Study & Quilt-A-Long |
| Sunday 21st | 10.00am | Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron—Communion |
| Sunday 28th | 10.00am | Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron |
| | 4.00pm | Messy Church |

EASTER IS COMING

Easter is coming. What are you doing?

I like the idea that Easter motivates us to put time aside, to get our spirit in sync with God. That takes time and how we use our time tells us a lot about our priorities.

So, I hope you can prioritise your spirit needs in Lent. Put some time aside to do the Lent Studies with someone. Put some time aside to go to the **Holy Week Services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights**. Cut some flowers for the blossoming of the Cross on Easter Morning. Maybe get up early to see the sun rise on Easter Morning, and think of those women, at sunrise, at the empty tomb, or Mary, meeting Jesus in the garden just after dawn. Please, make time, in whatever way helps you build your intimacy with God.

March 11th, at 11am Sound the Alarm.

Faith communities all over the world will be doing something on **March 11th** to "Sound the Alarm", marking our distress at what is happening to this beautiful earth. This marks the beginning of a movement called Sacred People-Sacred Earth. St Lukes will be ringing bells. Drol Kar Buddhist Centre are supporting a gathering of people at **10.45am** outside Libby Coker's Office in Waurin Ponds. Find out all about it at <https://www.arrcc.org.au/global> or go to the Sacred People-Sacred Earth Facebook Page.

2021 Annual General Meeting— March 14

The 2021 Western Heights AGM will be held after the service on **Sunday 14th March**. Copies of the 2020 Annual Report will be distributed at church on **Sunday 7th March** or emailed to those who are normally contacted in this way.

Yours in Christ

Lynda Scott (Congregational Secretary)

Tuesday Friendship

Plan to meet outside

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 6.30pm

You will be contacted if there is any change

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

Gardening Working Bee

We will be having a gardening working bee at the Manse on **Saturday 20th March** to “tidy up” the property for our prospective new minister. We will be careful to follow distancing protocols, but it will all be outdoors (safer). BYO clippers, snippers and gloves. Come at **9am** for an hour or more. We will be happy to see you anytime between 9-12 for any time you have to give. Cold bottled water will be available or bring your own drink. (The address is 4 Royal Crescent, Hamlyn Heights, just up the hill from the old HH church Helen’s place).

Graeme & the Resources Team

Summary of Church Council (CC) Minutes of Meeting

17 February, 2021.

- In order for the singers to be Covid-safe, 10 foam microphone covers have been purchased, with each singer receiving one cover for their personal use.
- CC made its annual commitment to Safe Church:
“The Western Heights Uniting Church Council is committed to providing safe places where people are cared for, nurtured and sustained. We have today reaffirmed the Keeping Children Safe Statement of Commitment.
Through it, we recommit ourselves to the care, protection and safety of all people, particularly those who are vulnerable.”
- An O.H. & S team is being formed to create protocols when someone is unwell at church.
- Church Groups that report to CC are asked to do so in the months of **March, May, July, September and November**, using the reporting pro-forma for the group.
- A huge thank-you to all who have in any way assisted in the refurbishment of the manse.
- Thank-you to Bruce Rookes for the work he has just completed in creating more office space for our tenants in the eastern buildings. A huge effort!!
- Rev. Narelle Collas and Rev. Craig Collas have been accepted into the membership of Western Heights. A warm Western Heights welcome to both!
- Sharn Waldron has been nominated and endorsed by CC as our representative on the PRC (Pastoral Relations Committee). Approval for this appointment will be sought from the congregation at the AGM. Sharn is currently a member of the PRC.
- “Geelong Pentecost” is supported by the CC. See separate notice in this newsletter.
- The PRC has approved the extension of supply of Rev. Bruce Waldron to 23 May, 2021.
- A reminder to all of a CC recommendation which was accepted by consensus at the CC Meeting on the 18 March, 2020:

That any feedback or concerns from the members of the congregation be provided in writing for consideration by CC as a group.

Velma Oliver, Chairperson of CC.



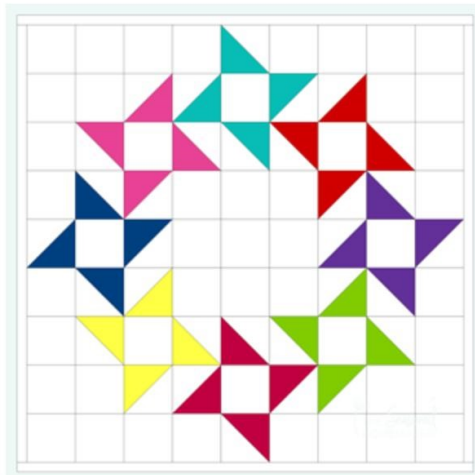
Friday Night Fun

Friday 12th March 2021

7.00—9.00pm

Newspaper night

Women of the Bible



Study & Quilt-A-Long

FUN-FRIENDSHIP-ALL AGE-LAUGHTER-ACTIVITIES-STORIES-LEARNING-GROWING

Friday Night Fun @ WHUC 2021

LOVING GOD-GROWING TOGETHER-PARTNERING COMMUNITY-SHARING FAITH

newspaper night!!

12th march, 7pm -9pm

31 douglass street, herne hill

everyone's invited!!!



for more information contact Karen - 0404435261

Sunday March 28th

4.00pm—6.00pm

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

Join Us...

Each third Saturday, 3:00-4:40 pm
March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 17th,
July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October
16th, November 20th

@WHUC, 31 Douglass St, Herne Hill

contact Karen on...
0404435261 or karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com

Greater Geelong Combined Pentecost Evening Service

Date: May 23, 2021

Where: TBA - possibly one of the schools??

When: 4pm Messy Pentecost
5.30pm Shared Dinner
6.30pm Service
8.00pm Finish

Who: All the Uniting Church Congregations in Greater Geelong and the Bellarine
We would like a small group of people 6 - 10 to organise this event and all churches to attend. It would be great for all the church councils to support this venture.

What: A wonderful and inspiring time to be the body of Christ together to celebrate the beginnings of the Christian church.

There will be a combined Choir and Band which will practice for 6 weeks between Easter and Pentecost and who will lead the music for the service.

The service will be inclusive, interactive and FUN.

Will you be involved?

If you would like to be involved in the Planning Team for this exciting event then please contact Rev Narelle Collas 0481563882 or narelle.collas@ppw.victas.uca.org.au



Contact Details

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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: **Thursday 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**

Milk Bottle Tops

We are now collecting plastic bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your bottle tops in the bucket in the foyer for recycling.

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.