



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

April 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.

April at a Glance

Wednesday 31st	7.30pm	Holy Week
Thursday 1st	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday 2nd	7.30pm	Good Friday
Sunday 4th	10.00am	Easter Sunday—Rev. Bruce Waldron
		Daylight Savings finishes
Friday 9th	7.00pm	Friday Night Fun
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
Saturday 17th	3.00pm	Women of the Bible Study & Quilt-A-Long
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron—Communion
Tuesday 20th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
	3.00pm	Messy Church



Sunday 4th April
Daylight Savings finishes.
Turn back your clock 1 hour

From the Minister

Easter is upon us.

This week is like no other; our Holy Week offers us opportunity to walk with Jesus and the disciples on the road to Calvary, and then to the Garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

Wednesday night. 7.30. We go to that guest room with Jesus and his disciples, where he washes their feet.



You probably feel a bit like Peter! No one washes my feet!!!! You probably feel that way because we keep our feet covered up with socks and shoes, and anyway, in Jesus day, the feet were the symbol of work and travel. When you came home at night, someone washed your feet, someone you paid, if you had the money, a domestic employee.

Hands are the symbols of work and being in our world. So when you come in, there will be a bowl of water, and a towel. We wash each other's hands. It says "I serve you in the name of Christ!" It says "I accept your gift, in the name of Christ, and I pass it on to another!" The grace of Christ is given that we might give.

And all through the service, that feel of washing, the cool of the water, rests in your hands, and as you leave. Christ be with you, we say, and He is.

Thursday night. 7.30



In that same room, in the intimacy that only great moments and great love can generate, Christ tells his disciples, I share my very life, my body, my blood with you, for soon it will be shed and broken.

Sit with Jesus, and his disciples as we remember, experience, explore that last night, like no other, when Christ makes a new covenant with all who will follow, a covenant we keep even today, and remember how the disciples, just a few days later, on the road to Emmaus, knew him when he broke the bread.

Friday night. 7.30

We enter by the cross, laid before us. And then the cross is carried in, instrument of brutality and death, and laid before us. What would you bring to this cross? What would you say to Him who carried it for you? Jesus words of Thursday night ring out: "Remember me!"



Easter Sunday 10am



Bring Flowers. We journey with the women to the tomb, but find it empty. And then, weaving it's way into their minds and the minds of the disciples, 'He is not here! He is Risen.' Bring your flowers. Immerse the cross in floods of colour and celebration. Death is conquered. Darkness has not overcome. And then in joy we carry the cross out onto the street where it stands as proclamation to the world. Rejoice, He is alive.

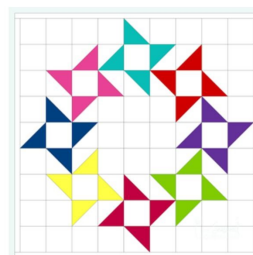
And so, this is our theme for April: "He IS alive!" I hope you enjoy it. See you at Easter

OOOOooo! I nearly forgot. Easter Egg hunt after the Easter Service!

Friday Night Fun

Big Games
Friday 9th March 2021
7.00—9.00pm

Women of the Bible



Study & Quilt-A-Long

Join Us...

Each third Saturday, 3.00—4.40pm

April 17th, May 15th, June 19th,
July 17th, August 21st, September
18th, October 16th, November 20th

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Contact Karen 0404 435 261

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th April 2021
at 6.30pm
Speaker: Rev Bruce Waldron
All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy
Phone 0438 722 035



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday March 25th

4.00pm—6.00pm

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

Combined Pentecost Worship Service

All the Uniting Churches across
the Greater Geelong area are
joining together in a celebration
service for Pentecost.

May 23rd, 2021

3 pm



If you like to sing, you are invited to join the combined choir for this event. You will need to register through this trybooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVSP> or phone Rev Amanda Nicholas on 0413 617 469

Summary of Church Council (CC) Minutes Of Wednesday, 17 March, 2021.

- For Covid-19 safety reasons, 10 foam microphone covers were purchased for the individual use of singers.
- An O.H.& S. Team has been formed to look after the physical safety of the congregation when using the church building.
- A fund-raising program is to be undertaken to raise funds for the purchase of a defibrillator. Donations and /or ideas from the congregation are welcome.
- Rev. Bruce Waldron will take 2 weeks' leave in May.
- Sharn Waldron is now officially our Presbytery Representative. Thank you, Sharn.
- A new church organ has been ordered, at nil-expense to the church. This gesture is much appreciated.
- Rev. Bruce Waldron and Sharn Waldron have requested and have been accepted as members of Western Heights. Welcome!!
- The Congregational Roll and the Church Directory are being up-dated. Each member has received, either by snail-mail or hand-mail, an individual copy of their details that the Church Office has at this moment in time.
- The congregation is asked to check these details very carefully, correct them if necessary, and complete the rest of the form, before returning it to Jan Grigg at the Church Office. **Your form needs to be returned for your name to appear in the Church Directory.** For privacy reasons, only those whose name appears in the Church Directory, will have access to the Church Directory. Please see Jan Grigg if you have not received the letter with your personal details from her.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated and valued.

Velma Oliver, Chair of Church Council.

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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.

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.



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.

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.

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**