



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



Pentecost

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 MAY 23 2021

We welcome you to today's service at
Western Heights Uniting Church
Notice Sheet Sunday 23rd May, 2021 –10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Rosemary Elder

Messy Church Community

those with special needs:

Sympathy: To Joan & David Walker on the death of their brother-in-law Colin Jones.

Birthdays: Annette Chidzey 27th

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways; 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

There are two kinds of fools; those who can't change their opinions and those who won't.

Josh Billings

Diary for This Week

Sunday 23rd	10:00am	Sunday Worship - Michele Hardy - Pentecost
	3.00pm	Combined Presbytery Pentecost Service
Thursday 27th	8:00pm	Musicians & Singers Practise

Next Week's Service

Sunday 30th	10:00am	Sunday Worship – Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale
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Combined Pentecost Worship Service



- When:** May 23rd 3pm
Where: Western Heights Uniting Church.
Who: All the Uniting Churches in the region
What: Great Music, inspirational speakers, quiet meditation allowing the Spirit to speak to us, fun activities for all ages, Mission Expo.
Why: We love to gather as one people of God, as the body of Christ in this region. We want to worship our amazing, creative God, three in one.

Due to covid restrictions we would like people to register for this worship service.

You can register through this link
<https://www.trybooking.com/BRFDA>

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Covid-Compliant Morning Tea at Western Heights

This is an invitation to all Morning Tea
Volunteers and Would-Be Volunteers:

A meeting of all morning tea volunteers (as well as those who might be interested in becoming a morning tea volunteer) will be held immediately after church, under the balcony, on Sunday 23 May. The purpose of this short meeting is to inform and discuss the Victorian Government protocols for the serving of food and morning tea/coffee at church.

As you would have noticed, the latest Church Roster for June, July and August, 2021, is now available, but the Morning Tea column has been left blank. This meeting is to enable all volunteers to become familiar with the protocols and to understand fully the importance of adhering strictly to these protocols, before volunteering for morning tea duty. The protocols are all do-able and not difficult, but are mandatory and very important for the health and safety of all. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times we will have to do this in the 3-month period.

Covid-19 Task Group.

Tasks people are doing today.

23rd May 2021

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Glen Chidzey, Ian Wood

Greeters: Velma Oliver, Janet Pavlakis

COVID Cleaning: Jan Taylor

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Geoff Coots, Les Oliver, Tom Morgan, Dudley Holroyd

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bill Fleming, Velma Oliver

PA / Data: Peter Morgan, Allister Coots

Karen's Resignation as our Children and Families Lay Ministry Worker

It is with great regret but with our very deep gratitude for her service that the Church Council has accepted Karen Morgan's resignation as our Children & Families Lay ministry Worker. We are all aware of Karen's commitment to her ministry at our church, and how she has used her skills and talents in this role. We wish Karen well, every success and God's abundant blessings as she continues on her journey.

Velma Oliver, on behalf of the CC.

Tasks people are doing next week.
30th May 2021

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Stewards: Velma Oliver, Bruce Rookes

Greeters: Heather Rookes, Bev Hunt

COVID Cleaning: Heather Rookes

Musicians: Geoff Coots, Les Oliver, Dudley Holroyd, Tom Morgan

Singers: Lynda Scott, Catherine Van Zetten, Joan Walker

PA / Data: Tim Hunt, Allister Coots

Dorothy's Thanksgiving Service

Could I express my deep gratitude and that of the families for the wonderful thanksgiving service on Wednesday.

We were so grateful that Isabel who knew Dorothy so well, was able to conduct the service.

The participation of the choir and the music would have greatly pleased Dorothy.

It was extremely satisfying to be able to use the whole WHUC building and thank you to the Covid Task Group for approving that. The congregating of so many people after the service was really valuable.

Thank you to all who prepared and adjusted the seating but a special thanks to the ladies in the kitchen. The hospitality of WHUC was really on show.

Thank you to all. Wonderful memories to have.

John Matthews and families.



EZEKIEL 37: 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your

graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

JOHN 15: 26-27; 16: 4B-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many

things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

ACTS 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans

and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."