



## Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# August 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.

## August at a Glance ????

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Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron Followed by Congregational Meeting
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Friday 13th	7.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Line Dancing
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron—Communion
Tuesday 17th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 21st	3.00pm	Women of the Bible Study & Quilt-A-Long
Sunday 22nd	10.00am 3.00pm	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron Messy Church
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews

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## Messy Church

The Church Council have decided that the planned Messy Church for **July 25th** will be moved to **August 22nd**, and hopefully we will not be in Lockdown.

Please give to Bruce or Jan, large plastic bottles that can be used for bug hotels. Bruce only has one. He wants lots. Thanks to all those people who have said they are saving organic material for the insides. Much obliged.

**And please, if you can help with Messy Church, let Bruce Waldron know. This is the church's mission. We need you, the church, to volunteer, not think "Oh someone else will!" YOU are the "someone else."**

## URGENT re Congregational Meeting August 1st 2021

Currently we are not certain whether we will be able to hold our congregational meeting as planned on **August 1st**.

If necessary, we will postpone the meeting until **August 8th** or failing that as soon as we can meet at the church in person.

There are 2 important matters which will be brought before the meeting.

1 The election of church council members.

The following nominations have been received - Glen Chidzey, Geoff Coots, Graeme Hardy, Peter Morgan, Sandra Neville, Velma Oliver, Lynda Scott, Sharn Waldron.

2 The JNC will be presenting the name of a minister that they have selected for calling to our congregation.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon

Lynda Scott

Congregational secretary

## Continuation of Playgroups at Western Heights

Playgroup has been a part of WHUC for many years, meeting on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30.

There are approximately 6 – 8 families involved. They value having a place to meet, share stories and play with other children and adults. Playgroup has also been a starting point for connecting families to Messy Church.

The Task Group looking at the future direction of the Children and Families Ministry at WHUC would like to hear from anyone interested in being a part of a support team for Playgroup. The idea would be to have 1-2 volunteers at every playgroup session as a connection with the congregation, while the parents would be responsible for running the group.

If you have an interest in Playgroup and would like to volunteer, please speak to Bruce Waldron, 0491663 514 or Velma Oliver 0421 271 946.

Joan Walker.

## ECO—TEAM

Bruce Waldron gave an undertaking to Church Council last week to generate an Eco Group in our church. If you are interested in looking at how we can use our church to help the planet, please have a conversation with Bruce. He'll welcome it.

## Friday Night Fun

Line Dancing

Friday 13th August 2021

7.00—8.30pm

Everyone is welcome

## Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 17th August 2021

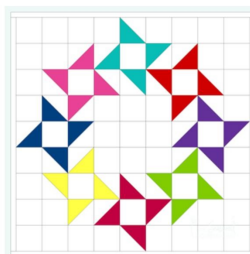
at 6.30pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

Women of the Bible



Study & Quilt-A-Long

Join Us...

Each third Saturday, 3.00—4.40pm

August 21st, September 18th,  
October 16th, November 20th

WHUC 31 Douglass St., Herne Hill

See Joan Walker or Rhonda Dingle

## Church & Music Rosters for September, October, November

The Church and Music Rosters for **September, October and November 2021**, will be drawn up for distribution during the second half of August. Please use the unavailability book by **Sunday, 1 August**, in which to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

\*Please note that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the vestry steward is also the Bible reader. This limits the use of the lectern to only the minister and the vestry steward. If you would like to add your name to any of the following tasks, please let Velma know on 0421 271 946: Vestry Steward & Bible Reader, Greeter, Steward, Morning Tea. (A text message with your name, task/s, and frequency e.g. once a month.) Thanks.

Velma Oliver.

**Baptism of  
Angus Mark  
Harriott  
4th July 2021**



## From The Minister's Desk

I came across this intriguing bit of information during the week, about translating the beatitudes.

You know them of course. From Matthew Chapter 5.

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

We usually think of the word 'Blessed' as meaning that 'God is close to' or 'God is pleased with', something God does for us. But here's what I read during the week, written by Megan McKenna.

*"Blessed" is the translation of the word makarioi, used in the Greek New Testament. However, when I look further back to Jesus' Aramaic, I find that the original word was ashray, from the verb yashar. Ashray does not have this passive quality to it at all. Instead, it means "to set yourself on the right way for the right goal; to turn around, repent." . . .*

*When we understand Jesus' words in Aramaic, its translates more like this:*

*"Get up, go ahead, do something, move in God's way, you who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for you shall be satisfied."*

*"Get up, go ahead, do something, move in God's way, you peacemakers, for you shall be called children of God".*

*To me this reflects Jesus' words and teachings much more accurately. I can hear him saying: "Get your hands dirty to build a human society for human beings; otherwise, others will torture and murder the poor, the voiceless, and the powerless." Christianity is not passive but active, energetic, alive, going beyond despair. . . .*

*"Get up, go ahead, do something, move," Jesus said to his disciples.*

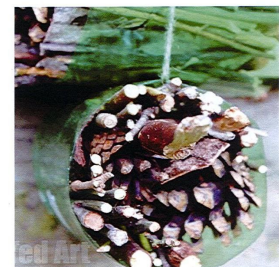


Come along to Messy Church **August 22nd 3pm**

We are making  
**BUG HOTELS**  
for your garden

All ages are welcome

For information contact Rev. Bruce on 0491 663 514



**Karen's release after  
11 years of service  
27th June 2021**



# Contact Details

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## **Leadership Advisory Team:**

**Supply Minister:** Rev. Bruce Waldron  
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Bruce's days off are **Monday** and **Tuesday** so please refrain from contacting him on these days.

**LAT Administrator:** Roger Dingle  
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## **Children & Families Co-ordinator:**

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## **Communications**

**Administrator:** Jan Grigg 5229 5889

## **Pastoral Care Referrals Group**

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## **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.

## **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.

## **Future Monthly Newsletters**

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> 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.