



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



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 JULY 11 2021

We welcome you to today's service at
Western Heights Uniting Church
Notice Sheet Sunday 11th July, 2021 –10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Jan Davey

Covid Task Group

those with special needs:

Sympathy:

To family and friends of Warren Lamont who died on Tuesday 6th July. A Thanksgiving service for Warren's life will be held at WHUC on Wednesday 14th July at 2.30pm.

Birthdays:

Valdeth Galley 12th

Thomas Brant 13th

Joanna Harriott 14th

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: spreads, tinned fruit, tinned meat, Db blankets, men's t/pants. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

Children think not of what is past, nor what is to come, but enjoy the present time, which few of us do.

Jean De La Bruyere

Diary for This Week

Sunday 11th

10:00am Sunday Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron

Thursday 15th

8:00pm Musicians & Singers Practise

Saturday 17th

3.00pm Women of the Bible Study & Quilt-A-Long

Next Week's Service

Sunday 18th

10:00am Sunday Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron -
Communion

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. Next Playgroup meets on Tuesday, 13 July, from 9.30am – 11.30am. Joan Walker.

Tasks people are doing today.

11th July 2021

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Stewards: Bruce Rookes, Ian Wood

Greeters: Doreen Holroyd, Janet Pavlakis

COVID Cleaning: Velma Oliver

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

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt

PA / Data: Sharn Waldron, Allister Coots

Church Councils Elections 1 August 2021

The following are the elected members of Church Council: Geoff Coots (Treasurer), Graeme Hardy, Joan Hill, Peter Morgan (Correspondence), Sandra Neville, Velma Oliver (Chair & Secretary), Lynda Scott and Jan Taylor. They have all served at least 3 years on CC.

- Church Council elections will be held at a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 1 August, 2021.**
- **Nominations are called for and are due today Sunday, 11 July, 2021.** Nomination forms are available from Jan Grigg.
- **The names of the nominees will be announced and in the pewsheets on Sunday, 18 July, 2021.**
- Church Council members are to be confirmed members of the congregation or members-in-association. The congregation is asked to recognise those “bearing gifts and graces with which God has endowed them for the building up of the Church” (Basis of Union) and fitting them for the responsibilities of the office.
- The term of office will be for 2 years, ending in July, 2023, unless the nominee opts for 1 year.
- A maximum of 10 Church Councillors can be elected.

- Present Church Councillors are eligible for re-election.
- Church Council meets on the evening of 3rd Wednesday of every month except January. Church Councillors are expected to attend all meetings, where possible.

Lynda Scott, Congregational Secretary.

Uniting

The grand opening of the new Op Shop at 23 Pakington Street, Geelong West was held on Wednesday 7th July.

Reconciliation in the Park

Sunday 11th July 10am – 3pm
Johnstone Park Geelong.

Uniting Donations

Thanks to all those who continue to bring donations and place them in the trolley each Sunday....they are greatly appreciated by those in need. Please find below some background info which might be of interest.

- All food and other donations are taken to Uniting Barwon, which is now based at Grovedale Uniting Church
- The food and donations are then distributed to those in need in the Geelong area.
- Current items **in demand** include: Vegetable and olive oil, Milk – full cream long life, laundry powder/liquid, cornflakes, rice bubbles, cocopops, and sugar – 1 kg

- Current items **not in demand** include: noodles, peaches, apricots , pasta, jams, soups

Recent developments

- Some people may remember that we were involved with collecting lots of different toiletries and during a Working Beefilling bags with different items: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shavers, etc and donating over 100 Hygiene Packs to Uniting.
- To the credit of Uniting, they asked those who received the packs for their feedback. The responses suggested that many people didn't like other people deciding for them .. and they would much prefer Uniting to have the various items on the shelves, allowing people to choose what they wanted.
- Will keep people informed of developments

Anyone who is available to assist in taking the supplies to Grovedale, or has any Q's re this important community service .. please see Roger Dingle

Tasks people are doing next week 18th July 2021

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey
Stewards: Glen Chidzey, Geoff Everett
Greeters: Barbara Everett, Velma Oliver
COVID Cleaning: Roger Dingle
Musicians: Tom Morgan, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver, Geoff Coots
Singers: Ashley Payne, Lynda Scott, Catherine Van Zetten
PA / Data: Peter Morgan, Allister Coots



Supply Minister

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Pastoral Care Referrals Group

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Reconciliation in the Park 2021

Take 2!

FREE EVENT - Everyone welcome

Due to the Victorian COVID-19 outbreak lockdown in late May, this is our new event date during NAIDOC Week. We hope you will join us.



SUNDAY 11 JULY

10am – 3pm

**Johnstone Park
Geelong**



***More than a word.
Reconciliation takes action***

Featuring:

- Welcome to Country
 - Local Dancers
 - Local performers
 - Uncle Rob Bundle
 - Dilly bag making
 - Native food plants
 - Wildlife Xposure
 - Kids activities
 - FREE BBQ
- And plenty more....

Coffee van will be on site for buying drinks

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www.geelongonfire.org.au



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MARK 6:14-29

Introduction to the passage. Just before the passage we are going to consider this morning, Mark describes how Jesus has sent his disciples out on a teaching and healing mission throughout the countryside and it was being spectacularly successful, something of a sensation in the public eye. We now continue from verse 14 as Mark describes the tragedy of Herod's execution of John the Baptist.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his

courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

